

FORCIBLE RAPE

Forcible rape is the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. For the purposes of Uniform Crime Reports rape is divided into two categories: (1) rape by force; and (2) attempted rapes. Carnal abuse without force (statutory rape), and other sex offenses are not counted.

1977—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 3,342 forcible rapes (including attempts) was reported by law enforcement agencies in Florida for the year 1977. Of all rapes, 2,532 were by force and 810 were attempted rapes.

Forcible rapes accounted for 5.8 percent of all violent crimes and 0.6 percent of all index offenses reported.

The forcible rape rate for the year 1977 amounted to 38.3 rapes for every 100,000 persons in the state.

There were 1,851 forcible rapes cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, amounting to a 55.4 percent clearance rate statewide.

Of the reported arrests for forcible rape during the year 1977, 54.7 percent were of persons under the age of 25.

Of all persons arrested for forcible rape during the year 1977, 48.2 percent were white, 50.9 percent were Negro and 0.9 percent were of other races.

1978—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 3,960 forcible rapes (including attempts) was reported by law enforcement agencies in Florida for the year 1978. Of all rapes, 3,024 were by force and 936 were attempted rapes.

Forcible rapes accounted for 6.0 percent of all violent crimes and 0.7 percent of all index offenses reported.

The forcible rape rate for the year 1978 amounted to 44.2 rapes for every 100,000 persons in the state.

There were 2,079 forcible rapes cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, amounting to a 52.5 percent clearance rate statewide.

Of the reported arrests for forcible rape during the year 1978, 51.0 percent were of persons under the age of 25.

Of all persons arrested for forcible rape during the year 1978, 52.5 percent were white, 47.1 percent were Negro and 0.3 percent were of other races.

1979—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 4,573 forcible rapes (including attempts) was reported by law enforcement agencies in Florida for the year 1979. Of all rapes, 3,541 were by force and 1,032 were attempted rapes.

Forcible rapes accounted for 10.4 percent of all violent crimes and 0.7 percent of all index offenses reported.

The forcible rape rate for the year 1979 amounted to 49.5 rapes for every 100,000 persons in the state.

There were 2,350 forcible rapes cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, amounting to a 51.4 percent clearance rate statewide.

Of the reported arrests for forcible rape during the year 1979, 52.8 percent were of persons under the age of 25.

Of all persons arrested for forcible rape during the year 1979, 53.8 percent were white, 45.8 percent were Negro and 0.4 percent were of other races.

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FORCIBLE RAPE ANALYSIS 1975-1979

Year		By Force	Attempted	Total Rapes
1975	Number (Percent*) Percent Change Over Previous Year	2,158(72.3%) —	827(27.7%) —	2,985(100.0%) —
1976	Number (Percent*) Percent Change Over Previous Year	2,255(73.9%) +4.5%	796(26.1%) -3.7%	3,051(100.0%) +2.2%
1977	Number (Percent*) Percent Change Over Previous Year	2,532(75.8%) +12.3%	810(24.2%) +1.8%	3,342(100.0%) +9.5%
1978	Number (Percent*) Percent Change Over Previous Year	3,024(76.4%) +19.4%	936(23.6%) +15.6%	3,960(100.0%) +18.5%
1979	Number (Percent*) Percent Change Over Previous Year	3,541(77.4%) +17.1%	1,032(22.6%) +10.3%	4,573(100.0%) +15.5%

DISTRIBUTION OF ARRESTS BY AGE GROUPS 1975-1979

Year		Under 18	18-24	25-34	35-44	45 & Over	Totals
1975	Arrest Percent*	200 17.6%	417 36.8%	324 28.6%	123 10.8%	70 6.2%	1,134 100.0%
1976	Arrest Percent*	201 18.1%	389 35.0%	341 30.7%	117 10.5%	63 5.7%	1,111 100.0%
1977	Arrest Percent*	219 19.6%	392 35.1%	307 27.5%	127 11.4%	73 6.5%	1,118 100.0%
1978	Arrest Percent*	254 20.8%	368 30.2%	363 29.8%	140 11.5%	95 7.8%	1,220 100.0%
1979	Arrest Percent*	285 19.0%	506 33.8%	419 28.0%	173 11.6%	114 7.6%	1,497 100.0%

*Percent distribution may not total 100.0 due to rounding.

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