

ROBBERY

Robbery is the felonious and forcible taking of the property of another, against his will, by violence or putting the person in fear. For a crime of robbery to take place, the victim must be present. Robbery is further separated into two categories: (1) Armed Robbery - any weapon. Any object which is so employed as to constitute force or threat of force is considered a weapon; and (2) Strong-arm - no weapon (includes muggings, and similar offenses where no weapon is used and strong-arm tactics are employed to deprive the victim of his property. This is limited to hands, feet, arms, fists, etc.).

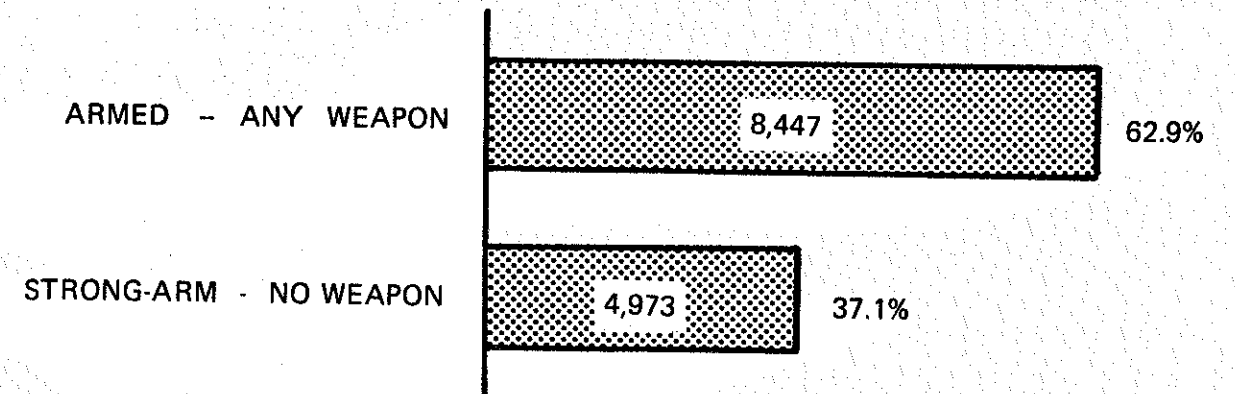
As a general rule, robbery differs from larceny in that it is aggravated by the element of force or the threat of force. An attempt to commit a robbery, either armed or strong-arm, is counted as if the actual crime had been committed.

1971 SUMMARY ANALYSIS

- A total of 13,420 robberies were reported by law enforcement agencies in the State of Florida for the period January through December 1971.
- Robberies accounted for 34.8 percent of all violent crimes as a group and 4.7 percent of the total crime index.
- The robbery rate amounted to approximately 190.6 robberies for every 100,000 persons in the state.
- A total of 3,803 robberies were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 28.3 percent statewide.
- The age group accounting for the highest percent of persons arrested for robbery, 13.2 percent, occurred in the 25 to 29 age category. Males accounted for 94.7 percent of all persons arrested for robbery.
- 31.1 percent of all persons arrested for robbery were White, 68.3 percent were Negro and 0.6 percent were of other races.
- The largest number of actual offenses of robbery, 5,777 in number, occurred under the Highway category, which represents 43.0 percent of all offenses of robbery reported in 1971.
- The highest average loss, amounting to \$16,994, occurred in bank robberies. The lowest average loss, \$156, occurred at gas or service stations.

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Classification	Number of Offenses	Percent Distribution	Total Values	Average Value
Highway (Street, Alley, Etc.)	5,777	43.0	\$1,069,574	\$ 185
Commercial House	2,576	19.2	\$1,455,787	\$ 565
Gas, Service Station	838	6.2	\$ 130,574	\$ 156
Chain Store	1,732	12.9	\$ 585,957	\$ 338
Residence	1,118	8.3	\$1,104,923	\$ 988
Bank	51	0.4	\$ 866,718	\$16,994
Miscellaneous	1,328	9.9	\$ 922,061	\$ 696
TOTAL for Florida	13,420	100.0	\$6,135,594	\$ 457