

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.).

1973—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 17,076 robberies were reported by law enforcement agencies in the State of Florida for the year 1973.

35.9 percent of all persons arrested for robbery were White, 63.3 percent were Negro and 0.8 percent were of other races.

Robberies accounted for 36.8 percent of all violent crimes as a group and 4.2 percent of the total crime index.

The largest number of actual offenses of robbery, 6,927 in number, occurred under the Highway category, which represents 40.6 percent of all offenses of robbery reported during the year 1973. The armed robber was responsible for over 64 percent of the reported offenses.

The robbery rate amounted to approximately 217.7 robberies for every 100,000 persons in the state.

A total of 5,104 robberies were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 29.9 percent statewide.

The value of property stolen in actual offenses of robbery totaled \$6,355,622 or 4.3 percent of the total value of property stolen during the year. The highest average loss, amounting to \$9,260, occurred in bank robberies. The lowest average loss, \$212, occurred in gas or service station robberies.

The age group accounting for the highest percent of persons arrested for robbery, 12.5 percent, occurred in the 25-29 age category. Males accounted for 91.8 percent of all persons arrested for robbery.

1974—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 22,261 robberies were reported by law enforcement agencies in the State of Florida for the year 1974.

39.3 percent of all persons arrested for robbery were White, 60.5 percent were Negro and 0.2 percent were of other races.

Robberies accounted for 40.6 percent of all violent crimes as a group and 3.7 percent of the total crime index.

The largest number of actual offenses of robbery, 8,699 in number, occurred under the Highway category, which represents 39.1 percent of all offenses of robbery reported during the year 1974. The armed robber was responsible for over 68 percent of the reported offenses.

The robbery rate amounted to approximately 269.9 robberies for every 100,000 persons in the state.

A total of 6,591 robberies were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 29.6 percent statewide.

The value of property stolen in actual offenses of robbery totaled \$9,412,148 or 4.7 percent of the total value of property stolen during the year. The highest average loss, amounting to \$3,735, occurred in bank robberies. The lowest average loss, \$227, occurred in gas or service station robberies.

The age group accounting for the highest percent of persons arrested for robbery, 11.8 percent, occurred in the 25-29 age category. Males accounted for 93.3 percent of all persons arrested for robbery.

1975—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 20,036 robberies were reported by law enforcement agencies in the State of Florida for the year 1975.

40.0 percent of all persons arrested for robbery were White, 59.7 percent were Negro and 0.4 percent were of other races.

Robberies accounted for 34.7 percent of all violent crimes as a group and 3.1 percent of the total crime index.

The largest number of actual offenses of robbery, 8,962 in number, occurred under the Highway category, which represents 44.7 percent of all offenses of robbery reported during the year 1975. The armed robber was responsible for over 63.6 percent of the reported offenses.

The robbery rate amounted to approximately 236.1 robberies for every 100,000 persons in the state.

A total of 6,694 robberies were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 33.4 percent statewide.

The value of property stolen in actual offenses of robbery totaled \$8,696,977 or 3.8 percent of the total value of property stolen during the year. The highest average loss, amounting to \$3,985, occurred in bank robberies. The lowest average loss, \$237, occurred in gas or service station robberies.

The age group accounting for the highest percent of persons arrested for robbery, 12.9 percent, occurred in the 25-29 category. Males accounted for 92.5 percent of all persons arrested for robbery.

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DISTRIBUTION BY TYPE OF ROBBERY

Classification	Year	Number of Offenses	Percent Change	Total Values	Average Value
Highway (Street, Alley, Etc.)	1971	5,777	—	\$1,069,574	\$ 185
	1972	5,734	-0.7	1,164,193	203
	1973	6,927	20.8	1,492,756	216
	1974	8,699	25.6	2,346,211	270
	1975	8,962	3.0	2,365,542	264
Commercial House	1971	2,576	—	1,455,787	565
	1972	2,680	4.0	1,041,121	388
	1973	2,953	10.2	1,423,711	482
	1974	4,218	42.8	2,581,822	612
	1975	3,221	-23.6	2,604,208	809
Gas, Service Station	1971	838	—	130,574	156
	1972	846	1.0	148,698	176
	1973	770	-9.0	163,280	212
	1974	775	0.6	175,877	227
	1975	927	19.6	219,705	237
Chain Store	1971	1,732	—	585,957	338
	1972	1,766	2.0	815,733	462
	1973	2,811	59.2	855,863	304
	1974	3,836	36.5	1,090,280	284
	1975	2,670	-30.4	740,343	277
Residence	1971	1,118	—	1,104,923	988
	1972	1,123	0.4	813,481	724
	1973	1,393	24.0	1,166,694	838
	1974	1,786	28.2	1,778,426	996
	1975	1,887	5.7	1,634,911	866
Bank	1971	51	—	866,718	16,994
	1972	46	-9.8	297,496	6,467
	1973	44	-4.3	407,436	9,260
	1974	103	134.1	384,720	3,735
	1975	139	35.0	553,984	3,985
Miscellaneous	1971	1,328	—	922,061	694
	1972	1,551	16.8	283,816	183
	1973	2,178	40.4	845,882	388
	1974	2,844	30.6	1,054,812	308
	1975	2,230	-21.6	578,284	259
TOTAL for Florida	1971	13,420	—	\$6,135,594	\$ 457
	1972	13,746	2.4	4,564,538	332
	1973	17,076	24.2	6,355,622	372
	1974	22,261	30.4	9,412,148	423
	1975	20,036	-10.0	8,696,977	434