

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.).

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 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 25-29 accounted for 12.9 percent of persons arrested for robbery. Males accounted for 92.5 percent of all persons arrested for robbery.

1976—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 15,684 robberies were reported by law enforcement agencies in the State of Florida for the year 1976.

42.4 percent of all persons arrested for robbery were white, 56.5 percent were Negro and 1.1 percent were of other races.

Robberies accounted for 28.8 percent of all violent crimes as a group and 2.7 percent of the total crime index.

The largest number of actual offenses of robbery, 6,486 in number, occurred under the Highway category, which represents 41.4 percent of all offenses of robbery reported during 1976. The armed robber was responsible for over 58.3 percent of the reported offenses.

The robbery rate amounted to approximately 183.4 robberies for every 100,000 persons in the state.

A total of 4,595 robberies were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 29.3 percent statewide.

The value of property stolen in actual offenses of robbery totaled \$5,940,534 or 3.1 percent of the total value of property stolen during the year. The highest average loss, amounting to \$3,562 occurred in bank robberies. The lowest average loss, \$156, occurred in convenience store robberies.

The age group 25-29 accounted for 13.5 percent of persons arrested for robbery. Males accounted for 91.8 percent of all persons arrested for robbery.

1977—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 15,881 robberies were reported by law enforcement agencies in the State of Florida for the year 1977.

45.1 percent of all persons arrested for robbery were white, 53.8 percent were Negro and 1.1 percent were of other races.

Robberies accounted for 27.4 percent of all violent crimes as a group and 2.8 percent of the total crime index.

The largest number of actual offenses of robbery, 6,310 in number, occurred under the Highway category, which represents 39.7 percent of all offenses of robbery reported during 1977. The armed robber was responsible for over 56.3 percent of the reported offenses.

The robbery rate amounted to approximately 182.2 robberies for every 100,000 persons in the state.

A total of 5,365 robberies were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 33.8 percent statewide.

The value of property stolen in actual offenses of robbery totaled \$6,434,188 or 3.3 percent of the total value of property stolen during the year. The highest average loss, amounting to \$4,436, occurred in bank robberies. The lowest average loss, \$158, occurred in convenience store robberies.

The age group 25-29 accounted for 14.4 percent of persons arrested for robbery. Males accounted for 91.7 percent of all persons arrested for robbery.

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ROBBERY LOCATION BY WEAPON USED 1977

Classification	Firearm	Knife	Other Dangerous Weapons	Strong Arm	Total Robberies
Highway (Street, Alley, Etc.)	1,333	645	420	3,912	6,310
Convenience Store	1,687	246	85	202	2,220
Gas, Service Station	664	73	45	122	904
Liquor/Beer Sales	143	25	13	82	263
Banks	91	1	16	27	135
Supermarkets	127	10	3	38	178
Other Commercial	975	118	74	405	1,572
Drug Store	93	13	1	12	119
Residence	651	241	116	680	1,688
Miscellaneous	612	269	155	1,456	2,492
TOTAL for Florida	6,376	1,641	928	6,936	15,881

DISTRIBUTION BY TYPE OF ROBBERY 1977

Classification	Number of Offenses	Percent Distribution*	Total Value	Average Value
Highway (Street, Alley, Etc.)	6,310	39.7%	\$1,617,632	\$ 256
Convenience Store	2,220	14.0	350,123	158
Gas, Service Station	904	5.7	195,851	217
Liquor/Beer Sales	263	1.7	95,579	363
Banks	135	0.9	598,927	4,436
Supermarkets	178	1.1	144,080	809
Other Commercial	1,572	9.9	1,167,095	742
Drug Store	119	0.7	43,433	365
Residence	1,688	10.6	1,278,760	758
Miscellaneous	2,492	15.7	942,708	378
TOTAL for Florida	15,881	100.0%	\$6,434,188	\$ 405

ROBBERY TREND 1973-1977

Year	Number of Offenses	Percent Change Over Previous Year	Total Value	Average Value
1973	17,076	—	\$6,355,622	\$372
1974	22,261	+30.4%	9,412,148	423
1975	20,036	-10.0%	8,696,977	434
1976	15,684	-21.7%	5,940,534	379
1977	15,881	+1.3%	6,434,188	405

*Percent distribution may not total 100.0 due to rounding.

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