

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.).

1977—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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 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.

1978—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 17,700 robberies was reported by law enforcement agencies in the State of Florida for the year 1978.

Robberies accounted for 26.9 percent of all violent crimes as a group and 2.9 percent of the total crime index.

The robbery rate amounted to approximately 197.4 robberies for every 100,000 persons in the state.

There were 5,365 robberies cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 30.3 percent statewide.

The age group 25-29 accounted for 15.6 percent of persons arrested for robbery. Males accounted for 92.8 percent of all persons arrested for robbery.

Of all persons arrested for robbery, 41.0 percent were white, 58.9 percent were Negro and 0.1 percent were of other races.

The largest number of actual offenses of robbery, 7,548 in number, occurred under the Highway category, which represents 42.6 percent of all offenses of robbery reported during 1978. The armed robber was responsible for over 56.3 percent of the reported offenses.

The value of property stolen in actual offenses of robbery totaled \$11,173,990 or 4.5 percent of the total value of property stolen during the year. The highest average loss, amounting to \$4,518 occurred in bank robberies. The lowest average loss, \$209, occurred in convenience store robberies.

1979—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 22,097 robberies was reported by law enforcement agencies in the State of Florida for the year 1979.

Robberies accounted for 29.9 percent of all violent crimes as a group and 3.2 percent of the total crime index.

The robbery rate amounted to approximately 239.0 robberies for every 100,000 persons in the state.

There were 6,200 robberies cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 28.1 percent statewide.

The age group 25-29 accounted for 13.2 percent of persons arrested for robbery. Males accounted for 92.6 percent of all persons arrested for robbery.

Of all persons arrested for robbery, 44.8 percent were white, 55.0 percent were Negro and 0.2 percent were of other races.

The largest number of actual offenses of robbery, 10,502 in number, occurred under the Highway category, which represents 47.5 percent of all offenses of robbery reported during 1979. The armed robbery was responsible for over 55.7 percent of the reported offenses.

The value of property stolen in actual offenses of robbery totaled \$15,110,522 or 4.4 percent of the total value of property stolen during the year. The highest average loss, amounting to \$5,552 occurred in bank robberies. The lowest average loss, \$172, occurred in convenience store robberies.

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ROBBERY LOCATION BY WEAPON USED 1979

| Classification | Firearm | Knife | Other Dangerous Weapons | Strong Arm | Total Robberies |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Highway (Street, Alley, Etc.) | 2,263 | 1,248 | 721 | 6,270 | 10,502 |
| Convenience Store | 2,113 | 366 | 112 | 330 | 2,921 |
| Gas, Service Station | 524 | 50 | 29 | 112 | 715 |
| Liquor/Beer Sales | 232 | 29 | 17 | 137 | 415 |
| Banks | 127 | 9 | 24 | 32 | 192 |
| Supermarkets | 160 | 20 | 8 | 47 | 235 |
| Other Commercial | 1,339 | 205 | 81 | 403 | 2,028 |
| Drug Store | 174 | 8 | 6 | 30 | 218 |
| Residence | 700 | 268 | 147 | 774 | 1,889 |
| Miscellaneous | 821 | 325 | 192 | 1,644 | 2,982 |
| TOTAL for Florida | 8,453 | 2,528 | 1,337 | 9,779 | 22,097 |

DISTRIBUTION BY TYPE OF ROBBERY 1979

| Classification | Number of Offenses | Percent Distribution* | Total Value Stolen | Average Value |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Highway (Street, Alley, Etc.) | 10,502 | 47.5% | \$3,965,855 | \$ 378 |
| Convenience Store | 2,921 | 13.2 | 502,320 | 172 |
| Gas, Service Station | 715 | 3.2 | 282,834 | 396 |
| Liquor/Beer Sales | 415 | 1.9 | 162,398 | 391 |
| Banks | 192 | 0.9 | 1,066,001 | 5,552 |
| Supermarkets | 235 | 1.1 | 187,512 | 798 |
| Other Commercial | 2,028 | 9.2 | 2,850,845 | 1,406 |
| Drug Store | 218 | 1.0 | 98,738 | 453 |
| Residence | 1,889 | 8.5 | 4,220,338 | 2,234 |
| Miscellaneous | 2,982 | 13.5 | 1,773,681 | 595 |
| TOTAL for Florida | 22,097 | 100.0% | \$15,110,522 | \$ 684 |

ROBBERY TREND 1975-1979

| Year | Number of Offenses | Percent Change Over Previous Year | Total Value Stolen | Average Value |
|------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1975 | 20,036 | — | \$ 8,696,977 | \$ 434 |
| 1976 | 15,684 | -21.7% | 5,940,534 | 379 |
| 1977 | 15,881 | +1.3% | 6,434,188 | 405 |
| 1978 | 17,700 | +11.5% | 11,173,990 | 631 |
| 1979 | 22,097 | +24.8% | 15,110,522 | 684 |

*Percent distribution may not total 100.0 due to rounding.

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