

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.).

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 black 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 black 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 robber 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.

1980 — SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 34,015 robberies was reported by law enforcement agencies in the State of Florida for the year 1980.

Robberies accounted for 36.2 percent of all violent crimes as a group and 4.2 percent of the total crime index.

The robbery rate amounted to approximately 355.1 robberies for every 100,000 persons in the state.

There were 7,507 robberies cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 22.1 percent statewide.

The age group 25-29 accounted for 14.4 percent of persons arrested for robbery. Males accounted for 92.7 percent of all persons arrested for robbery.

Of all persons arrested for robbery, 43.3 percent were white, 56.6 percent were black and 0.1 percent were of other races.

The largest number of actual offenses of robbery, 17,779 in number, occurred under the Highway category, which represents 52.3 percent of all offenses of robbery reported during 1980. The armed robber was responsible for over 55.1 percent of the reported offenses.

The value of property stolen in actual offenses of robbery totaled \$26,480,024 or 5.0 percent of the total value of property stolen during the year. The highest average loss, amounting to \$4,511 occurred in bank robberies. The lowest average loss, \$203, occurred in convenience store robberies.

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ROBBERY LOCATION BY WEAPON USED 1980

Classification	Firearm	Knife	Other Dangerous Weapons	Strong Arm	Total Robberies
Highway (Street, Alley, etc.)	4,369	1,832	1,006	10,572	17,779
Convenience Store	2,762	434	126	387	3,709
Gas, Service Station	932	84	47	141	1,204
Liquor/Beer Sales	271	29	26	123	449
Banks	207	6	79	41	333
Supermarkets	267	21	10	76	374
Other Commercial	2,140	239	100	583	3,062
Drug Store	169	2	3	32	206
Residence	1,164	356	153	1,079	2,752
Miscellaneous	1,284	412	220	2,231	4,147
TOTAL for Florida	13,565	3,415	1,770	15,265	34,015

DISTRIBUTION BY TYPE OF ROBBERY 1980

Classification	Number of Offenses	Percent Distribution*	Total Value Stolen	Average Value
Highway (Street, Alley, Etc.)	17,779	52.3%	\$ 9,477,214	\$ 533
Convenience Store	3,709	10.9	752,459	203
Gas, Service Station	1,204	3.5	475,467	395
Liquor Beer Sales	449	1.3	258,896	577
Banks	333	1.0	1,502,175	4,511
Supermarkets	374	1.1	544,260	1,455
Other Commercial	3,062	9.0	5,457,701	1,782
Drug Store	206	0.6	271,546	1,318
Residence	2,752	8.1	4,856,847	1,765
Miscellaneous	4,147	12.2	2,883,459	695
TOTAL for Florida	34,015	100.0%	\$26,480,024	\$ 778

ROBBERY TREND 1976-1980

Year	Number of Offenses	Percent Change Over Previous Year	Total Value Stolen	Average Value
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
1980	34,015	+53.9%	26,480,024	778

*Percent distribution may not total 100.0 due to rounding.