



Section Five

INDEX OFFENSE ANALYSIS

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CRIME INDEX FOR POPULATION GROUPS – 2000

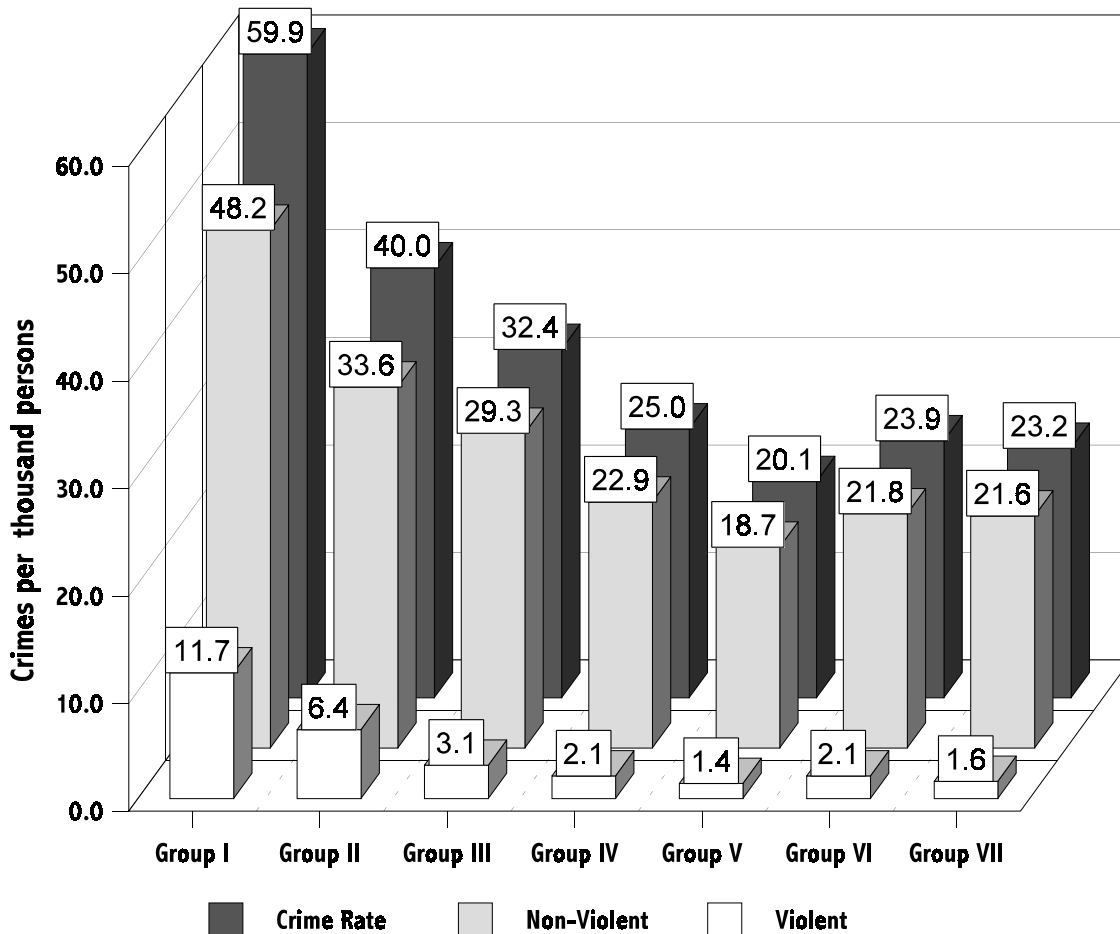
The presentation of crime statistics by population groups was made for the purpose of projecting, for consideration, the relative crime experience of communities of varying populations. Although the individual municipalities within the various groups may be geographically separated, their inclusion into a specific group was predicated by the similarity in population with the other municipalities within the group. Municipalities within the same group may differ widely when all factors are considered, but they do share the common bond of population size. The grouping of communities in this manner allows recognition of variances in the crime volumes, rates and clearances between the established groups.

Set forth below are the established municipal groupings as used in this section:

POPULATION GROUPS	TOTAL CRIME INDEX	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggra- vated Assault	Burglary	Larceny- Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft
GROUP I								
4 Municipalities over 100,000 Population—783,391	46,959	106	223	4,360	4,456	7,474	18,987	11,353
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	59.9	0.1	0.3	5.6	5.7	9.5	24.2	14.5
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	17.3							
GROUP II								
21 Municipalities 50,000 - 100,000 Population —1,495,438	59,824	86	355	4,178	5,023	10,295	30,787	9,100
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	40.0	0.1	0.2	2.8	3.4	6.9	20.6	6.1
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	19.9							
GROUP III								
59 Municipalities 25,000-50,000 Population —2,208,048	71,528	53	344	2,942	3,409	11,859	45,546	7,375
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	32.4	★	0.2	1.3	1.5	5.4	20.6	3.3
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	18.5							
GROUP IV								
67 Municipalities 15,000-25,000 Population —1,377,755	34,403	18	173	1,099	1,605	5,725	23,092	2,691
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	25.0	★	0.1	0.8	1.2	4.2	16.8	2.0
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	22.5							
GROUP V								
220 Municipalities 5,000-15,000 Population —2,050,943	41,255	20	188	767	1,873	6,329	29,045	3,033
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	20.1	★	0.1	0.4	0.9	3.1	14.2	1.5
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	23.3							
GROUP VI								
117 Municipalities 2,000-5,000 Population —402,803	9,647	4	57	180	600	1,898	6,412	496
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	23.9	★	0.1	0.4	1.5	4.7	15.9	1.2
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	21.5							
GROUP VII								
78 Municipalities under 2,000 Population —95,972	2,224	1	12	24	120	354	1,611	102
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	23.2	★	0.1	0.3	1.3	3.7	16.8	1.1
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	21.5							

★ Less than one-tenth of one percent.

COMPARATIVE CRIME RATES FOR POPULATION GROUPS 2000



- Group I - Four municipalities with populations over 100,000.
- Group II - Twenty-one municipalities with populations between 50,000 and 100,000.
- Group III - Fifty-nine municipalities with populations between 25,000 and 50,000.
- Group IV - Sixty-seven municipalities with populations between 15,000 and 25,000.
- Group V - Two hundred twenty municipalities with populations between 5,000 and 15,000.
- Group VI - One hundred seventeen municipalities with populations between 2,000 and 5,000.
- Group VII - Seventy-eight municipalities with populations under 2,000.

URBAN – SUBURBAN – RURAL CRIME 5 YEAR COMPARISON 1996/2000 Summary Analysis

OFFENSES	URBAN			SUBURBAN			RURAL		
	1996	2000	Percent Change	1996	2000	Percent Change	1996	2000	Percent Change
Murder	288	234	-19	38	39	3	11	15	36
Rape	1,286	846	-34	510	423	-17	176	83	-53
Robbery	16,290	11,318	-31	2,186	1,939	-11	383	293	-23
Aggravated Assault	15,920	12,416	-22	4,020	3,691	-8	1,312	979	-25
Burglary	40,360	27,111	-33	18,285	13,487	-26	4,518	3,336	-26
Larceny-Theft	106,255	81,801	-23	74,422	61,820	-17	13,397	11,859	-11
Motor Vehicle Theft	35,331	26,382	-25	9,824	6,837	-30	1,282	931	-27
Total Crime Index	215,730	160,108	-26	109,285	88,236	-19	21,079	17,496	-17
Violent Crime	33,784	24,814	-27	6,754	6,092	-10	1,882	1,370	-27
Nonviolent Crime	181,946	135,294	-26	102,531	82,144	-20	19,197	16,126	-16

The character of some municipalities has changed due to the updating of Urban, Suburban and Rural classifications.

- During the five-year period, Urban communities experienced the largest percentage change in Index offenses, a decrease of 26 percent.
- Suburban and Rural communities experienced 19 percent and 17 percent decreases, respectively, in Index offenses.
- Robbery decreased 31 percent in the Urban community, while rape decreased 53 percent in the Rural community, compared to 1996.
- Motor vehicle theft decreased 30 percent in the Suburban community when compared to 1996.
- Violent crimes in the Urban and Rural communities decreased 27 percent, which is significantly more when compared to the Suburban community decrease of 10 percent.

URBAN NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 1999/2000

Municipalities: 155

Population: 3,782,846

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	1999	2000	Percent Change	1999	2000	Percent Change	1999	2000	Percent Change
Murder	235	234	*	☉	☉	-	81.9	81.3	-1
Rape	896	846	-6	0.25	0.22	-12	63.5	62.6	-1
Robbery	12,076	11,318	-6	3.35	2.99	-11	84.7	83.5	-1
Aggravated Assault	12,795	12,416	-3	3.55	3.28	-8	72.6	72.7	*
Burglary	29,697	27,111	-9	8.23	7.17	-13	63.0	61.7	-2
Larceny-Theft	86,367	81,801	-5	23.95	21.63	-10	53.5	52.6	-2
Motor Vehicle Theft	27,280	26,382	-3	7.56	6.97	-8	77.1	77.3	*
Total Crime Index	169,346	160,108	-5	46.95	42.33	-10	61.0	60.2	-1
Violent Crime	26,002	24,814	-5	7.21	6.56	-9	77.4	76.9	-1
Nonviolent Crime	143,344	135,294	-6	39.74	35.77	-10	58.8	57.9	-2

☉ Less than one-tenth of one percent.

* Less than one-half of one percent.

- There were 160,108 offenses reported in municipalities of Urban character during 2000, this represents a decrease of 5 percent compared to 1999.
- Sixty percent of all Index crimes occurred in Urban areas.
- Violent crime in Urban communities decreased 5 percent and accounted for 77 percent of the state's total violent crime.
- Nonviolent crime decreased 6 percent and accounted for 58 percent of the reported nonviolent crime in the state.
- The crime rate in Urban communities decreased 10 percent to 42.3 victims for every 1,000 persons.

SUBURBAN NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 1999/2000

Municipalities: 254

Population: 3,694,655

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	1999	2000	Percent Change	1999	2000	Percent Change	1999	2000	Percent Change
Murder	44	39	-11	★	★	-	15.3	13.5	-12
Rape	408	423	4	0.11	0.11	0	28.9	31.3	8
Robbery	1,859	1,939	4	0.52	0.53	2	13.0	14.3	10
Aggravated Assault	3,780	3,691	-2	1.05	1.00	-5	21.4	21.6	1
Burglary	13,714	13,487	-2	3.81	3.65	-4	29.1	30.7	5
Larceny-Theft	63,120	61,820	-2	17.55	16.73	-5	39.1	39.8	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	7,150	6,837	-4	1.99	1.85	-7	20.2	20.0	-1
Total Crime Index	90,075	88,236	-2	25.05	23.88	-5	32.5	33.2	2
Violent Crime	6,091	6,092	★	1.69	1.65	-2	18.1	18.9	4
Nonviolent Crime	83,984	82,144	-2	23.35	22.23	-5	34.4	35.2	2

★ Less than one-tenth of one percent.

- Suburban areas Index offenses decreased 2 percent in 2000.
- Thirty-three percent of reported Index crimes occurred in Suburban communities.
- Violent crime increased by less than one-tenth of one percent and represented 19 percent of the state's violent crime total.
- Nonviolent crime decreased 2 percent and accounted for 35 percent of the nonviolent crime in the state.
- The crime rate was calculated at 23.9 victims per 1,000 inhabitants; a decrease of 5 percent compared to 1999.

RURAL NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 1999/2000

Municipalities: 157

Population: 936,849

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	1999	2000	Percent Change	1999	2000	Percent Change	1999	2000	Percent Change
Murder	8	15	&	★	★	&	2.8	5.2	86
Rape	108	83	-23	0.12	★	&	7.6	6.1	-20
Robbery	316	293	-7	0.35	0.31	-11	2.2	2.2	0
Aggravated Assault	1,054	979	-7	1.16	1.05	-9	6.0	5.7	-5
Burglary	3,724	3,336	-10	4.08	3.56	-13	7.9	7.6	-4
Larceny-Theft	11,876	11,859	*	13.02	12.66	-3	7.4	7.6	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	965	931	-4	1.06	0.99	-7	2.7	2.7	0
Total Crime Index	18,051	17,496	-3	19.79	18.68	-6	6.5	6.6	2
Violent Crime	1,486	1,370	-8	1.63	1.46	-10	4.4	4.2	-5
Nonviolent Crime	16,565	16,126	-3	18.16	17.21	-5	6.8	6.9	1

★ Less than one-tenth of one percent.

* Less than one-half of one percent.

& Percent change not calculated due to small volume.

- In 2000 there were 17,496 Index crimes reported in Rural municipalities, a 3 percent decrease compared to 1999.
- Seven percent of the state's Index crime occurred in Rural communities.
- Violent crime decreased 8 percent and accounted for 4 percent of the state's total violent crime.
- Nonviolent crime in Rural communities accounted for 7 percent of the nonviolent crime in the state.
- The crime rate in Rural communities decreased 6 percent to 18.7 victims per 1,000 inhabitants.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE OFFENSE DATA – 2000

(All Offenses are Recorded in the Municipality of Occurrence)

University or College	Total Crime Index	Violent Crime	Non-Violent Crime	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson <input type="checkbox"/>
BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	42	0	42	-	-	-	-	6	36	-	-
ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE	60	3	57	0	0	3	0	8	46	3	0
Newark City	59	3	56	-	-	3	-	8	45	3	-
West Caldwell Borough	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
KEAN UNIVERSITY of NEW JERSEY	146	4	142	0	2	1	1	5	127	10	1
Elizabeth City	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hillside Township	17	1	16	-	-	1	-	2	13	1	1
Union Township	129	3	126	-	2	-	1	3	114	9	-
MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE	69	1	68	-	-	-	1	2	66	-	-
MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY	100	5	95	0	2	0	3	4	91	0	0
Long Branch City	1	1	0	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Ocean Township	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Long Branch Borough	99	4	95	-	2	-	2	4	91	-	-
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY	173	6	167	0	0	2	4	9	152	6	1
Clifton City	1	1	0	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Little Falls Township	126	5	121	-	-	1	4	6	109	6	1
Montclair Town	46	0	46	-	-	-	-	3	43	-	-
NJ INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	206	13	193	-	-	5	8	2	151	40	-
ROWAN UNIVERSITY	111	4	107	-	2	2	-	1	103	3	-
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	952	17	935	0	5	4	8	94	787	54	1
Camden Campus	91	2	89	-	-	-	2	4	77	8	-
New Brunswick Campus	660	12	648	0	5	2	5	79	548	21	0
East Brunswick Township	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edison Township	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Highland Park Borough	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick City	369	7	362	-	1	1	5	42	313	7	-
North Brunswick Township	16	1	15	-	1	-	-	4	10	1	-
Piscataway Township	274	4	270	-	3	1	-	33	224	13	-
Newark Campus	201	3	198	-	-	2	1	11	162	25	1
RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	69	3	66	-	-	1	2	2	63	1	-
THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	187	2	185	-	-	2	-	19	162	4	1
UNIV. OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY	478	23	455	0	0	4	19	29	415	11	0
Camden Campus	30	0	30	-	-	-	-	2	28	-	-
Newark Campus	345	22	323	-	-	4	18	24	288	11	-
Piscataway Campus	103	1	102	-	-	-	1	3	99	-	-
WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY	109	3	106	0	1	0	2	34	70	2	0
Haledon Borough	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
North Haledon Borough	12	1	11	-	1	-	-	2	9	-	-
Wayne Township	96	2	94	-	-	-	2	32	60	2	-
TOTAL UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	2,702	84	2,618	0	12	24	48	215	2,269	134	4

● Arson is not tabulated into the crime index offense total.