



Section Five

INDEX OFFENSE ANALYSIS

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CRIME INDEX FOR POPULATION GROUPS – 2001

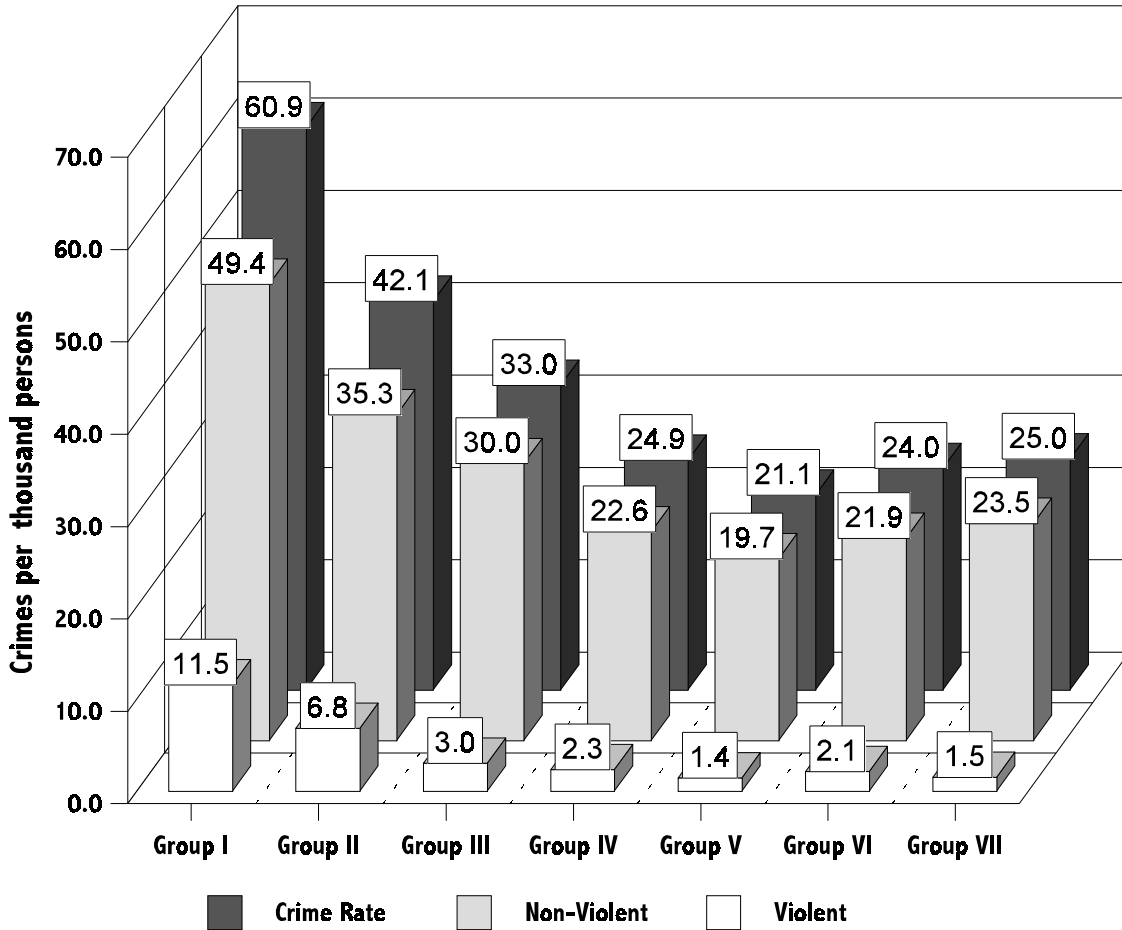
The presentation of crime statistics by population groups was made for the purpose of projecting, for consideration, the relative crime experience of communities of varying populations. Although the individual municipalities within the various groups may be geographically separated, their inclusion into 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	47,719	138	220	4,426	4,233	7,831	18,643	12,228
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	60.9	0.2	0.3	5.7	5.4	10.0	23.8	15.6
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	15.1							
GROUP II								
21 Municipalities 50,000 - 100,000 Population —1,495,438	62,910	87	323	4,551	5,217	11,149	31,669	9,914
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	42.1	0.1	0.2	3.0	3.5	7.5	21.2	6.6
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	18.3							
GROUP III								
59 Municipalities 25,000-50,000 Population —2,208,048	72,928	45	300	2,915	3,437	12,598	45,346	8,287
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	33.0	—	0.1	1.3	1.6	5.7	20.5	3.8
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	18.4							
GROUP IV								
67 Municipalities 15,000-25,000 Population —1,377,755	34,307	30	162	1,179	1,776	5,884	22,163	3,113
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	24.9	—	0.1	0.9	1.3	4.3	16.1	2.3
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	21.6							
GROUP V								
220 Municipalities 5,000-15,000 Population —2,050,943	43,262	30	205	831	1,882	7,051	29,805	3,458
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	21.1	—	0.1	0.4	0.9	3.4	14.5	1.7
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	21.5							
GROUP VI								
117 Municipalities 2,000-5,000 Population —402,803	9,676	8	54	185	584	1,850	6,454	541
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	24.0	—	0.1	0.5	1.5	4.6	16.0	1.3
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	23.3							
GROUP VII								
78 Municipalities under 2,000 Population —95,972	2,399	3	13	25	98	405	1,745	110
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	25.0	—	0.1	0.3	1.0	4.2	18.2	1.1
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	23.4							

— Less than one-tenth of one percent.

COMPARATIVE CRIME RATES FOR POPULATION GROUPS 2001



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

URBAN – SUBURBAN – RURAL CRIME 5 YEAR COMPARISON 1997/2001 Summary Analysis

OFFENSES	URBAN			SUBURBAN			RURAL		
	1997	2001	Percent Change	1997	2001	Percent Change	1997	2001	Percent Change
Murder	275	286	4	45	37	-18	14	18	29
Rape	1,137	769	-32	466	396	-15	127	112	-12
Robbery	14,569	11,874	-19	2,018	1,947	-4	366	291	-20
Aggravated Assault	15,188	12,530	-18	4,183	3,680	-12	1,264	1,017	-20
Burglary	38,252	28,621	-25	18,358	14,530	-21	4,331	3,617	-16
Larceny-Theft	101,194	81,909	-19	71,450	61,168	-14	12,498	12,748	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	31,157	29,235	-6	8,980	7,439	-17	1,040	977	-6
Total Crime Index	201,772	165,224	-18	105,500	89,197	-15	19,640	18,780	-4
Violent Crime	31,169	25,459	-18	6,712	6,060	-10	1,771	1,438	-19
Nonviolent Crime	170,603	139,765	-18	98,788	83,137	-16	17,869	17,342	-3

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

- Comparing 2001 to 1997, Urban communities experienced the largest percentage change in Index offenses, a decrease of 18 percent.
- Suburban and Rural communities experienced 15 percent and 4 percent decreases, respectively, comparing 2001 to 1997.
- Comparing 2001 to 1997, Rural communities experienced the largest percentage change in violent crimes, a decrease of 19 percent.
- Urban and Suburban communities experienced 18 percent and 10 percent decreases in violent crime respectively, comparing 2001 to 1997.
- Comparing 2001 to 1997, Urban communities experienced the largest percentage change in nonviolent crimes, a decrease of 18 percent.
- Suburban and Rural communities experienced 16 percent and 3 percent decreases in nonviolent crimes respectively, comparing 2001 to 1997.

URBAN NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 2000/2001

Municipalities: 155

Population: 3,782,846

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2000	2001	Percent Change	2000	2001	Percent Change	2000	2001	Percent Change
Murder	234	286	22	—	—	-	81.3	83.9	3
Rape	846	769	-9	0.22	0.20	-9	62.6	60.2	-4
Robbery	11,318	11,874	5	2.99	3.14	5	83.5	84.1	1
Aggravated Assault	12,416	12,530	1	3.28	3.31	1	72.7	72.7	0
Burglary	27,111	28,621	6	7.17	7.57	6	61.7	61.2	-1
Larceny-Theft	81,801	81,909	*	21.63	21.65	*	52.6	52.6	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	26,382	29,235	11	6.97	7.73	11	77.3	77.6	*
Total Crime Index	160,108	165,224	3	42.32	43.68	3	60.2	60.5	1
Violent Crime	24,814	25,459	3	6.56	6.73	3	76.9	77.3	1
Nonviolent Crime	135,294	139,765	3	35.77	36.95	3	57.9	58.2	1

— Less than one-tenth of one percent.

* Less than one-half of one percent.

- There were 165,224 offenses reported in municipalities of Urban character during 2001, this represents an increase of 3 percent compared to 2000.
- Sixty percent of all Index crimes occurred in Urban areas.
- Violent crime in Urban communities increased 3 percent and accounted for 77 percent of the state's total violent crime.
- Nonviolent crime in Urban communities increased 3 percent and accounted for 58 percent of the state's total nonviolent crime. crime in the state.
- The crime rate in Urban communities increased 3 percent to 43.7 victims for every 1,000 persons.

SUBURBAN NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 2000/2001

Municipalities: 254

Population: 3,694,655

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2000	2001	Percent Change	2000	2001	Percent Change	2000	2001	Percent Change
Murder	39	37	-5	—	—	-	13.5	10.9	-19
Rape	423	396	-6	0.11	0.11	0	31.3	31.0	-1
Robbery	1,939	1,947	*	0.53	0.53	0	14.3	13.8	-3
Aggravated Assault	3,691	3,680	*	1.00	1.00	0	21.6	21.4	-1
Burglary	13,487	14,530	8	3.65	3.93	8	30.7	31.1	1
Larceny-Theft	61,820	61,168	-1	16.73	16.56	-1	39.8	39.3	-1
Motor Vehicle Theft	6,837	7,439	9	1.85	2.01	9	20.0	19.8	-1
Total Crime Index	88,236	89,197	1	23.88	24.14	1	33.2	32.6	-2
Violent Crime	6,092	6,060	-1	1.65	1.64	-1	18.9	18.4	-3
Nonviolent Crime	82,144	83,137	1	22.23	22.50	1	35.2	34.6	-2

— Less than one-tenth of one percent.

- Suburban areas Index offenses increased 1 percent in 2001.
- Thirty-three percent of reported Index crimes occurred in Suburban communities.
- Violent crime decreased by 1 percent and represented 18 percent of the state's violent crime total.
- Nonviolent crime increased 1 percent and accounted for 35 percent of the nonviolent crime in the state.
- The crime rate was calculated at 24.1 victims per 1,000 inhabitants; an increase of 1 percent compared to 2000.

RURAL NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 2000/2001

Municipalities: 157

Population: 936,849

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2000	2001	Percent Change	2000	2001	Percent Change	2000	2001	Percent Change
Murder	15	18	20	—	—	-	5.2	5.3	2
Rape	83	112	35	—	0.12	&	6.1	8.8	44
Robbery	293	291	-1	0.31	0.31	0	2.2	2.1	-5
Aggravated Assault	979	1,017	4	1.05	1.09	4	5.7	5.9	4
Burglary	3,336	3,617	8	3.56	3.86	8	7.6	7.7	1
Larceny-Theft	11,859	12,748	7	12.66	13.61	8	7.6	8.2	8
Motor Vehicle Theft	931	977	5	0.99	1.04	5	2.7	2.6	-4
Total Crime Index	17,496	18,780	7	18.68	20.05	7	6.6	6.9	5
Violent Crime	1,370	1,438	5	1.46	1.53	5	4.2	4.4	5
Nonviolent Crime	16,126	17,342	8	17.21	18.51	8	6.9	7.2	4

— Less than one-tenth of one percent.

* Less than one-half of one percent.

& Percent change not calculated due to small volume.

- In 2001 there were 18,780 Index crimes reported in Rural municipalities, a 7 percent increase compared to 2000.
- Seven percent of the state's Index crime occurred in Rural communities.
- Violent crime increased 5 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 increased 8 percent to 18.5 victims per 1,000 inhabitants.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE OFFENSE DATA – 2001

(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
BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	43	0	43	-	-	-	-	-	34	9	-
ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE	81	0	81	0	0	0	0	1	71	9	0
Newark City	81	0	81	-	-	-	-	1	71	9	-
West Caldwell Borough	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KEAN UNIVERSITY of NEW JERSEY	219	9	210	0	0	3	6	11	175	24	1
Elizabeth City	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hillside Township	24	0	24	-	-	-	-	1	22	1	-
Union Township	195	9	186	-	-	3	6	10	153	23	1
MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE	57	1	56	-	-	-	1	-	53	3	-
MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY	85	4	81	0	1	0	3	2	76	3	1
Long Branch City	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean Township	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Long Branch Borough	85	4	81	-	1	-	3	2	76	3	1
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY	189	9	180	0	2	0	7	16	129	35	2
Clifton City	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Little Falls Township	143	8	135	-	2	-	6	14	93	28	2
Montclair Town	44	1	43	-	-	-	1	1	35	7	-
NJ INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	222	14	208	0	0	7	7	8	156	44	0
ROWAN UNIVERSITY	112	4	108	-	2	1	1	5	101	2	-
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	1,083	44	1,039	0	7	19	18	183	805	51	6
Camden Campus	93	3	90	-	-	1	2	11	75	4	1
New Brunswick Campus	718	25	693	0	7	7	11	153	516	24	5
East Brunswick Township	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edison Township	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Highland Park Borough	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick City	367	15	352	-	6	3	6	51	293	8	4
North Brunswick Township	11	2	9	-	-	1	1	1	6	2	-
Piscataway Township	340	8	332	-	1	3	4	101	217	14	1
Newark Campus	272	16	256	-	-	11	5	19	214	23	-
RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	86	5	81	-	-	3	2	8	70	3	-
THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	164	2	162	-	-	-	2	19	127	16	1
UNIV. OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY	571	43	528	0	0	20	23	10	453	65	0
Camden Campus	14	1	13	-	-	1	-	1	12	-	-
Newark Campus	473	42	431	-	-	19	23	7	362	62	-
Piscataway Campus	84	0	84	-	-	-	-	2	79	3	-
WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY	134	3	131	0	2	0	1	46	70	15	0
Haledon Borough	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
North Haledon Borough	14	1	13	-	1	-	-	2	8	3	-
Wayne Township	119	2	117	-	1	-	1	43	62	12	-
TOTAL UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	3,046	138	2,908	0	14	53	71	309	2,320	279	11

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