



Section Five

INDEX OFFENSE ANALYSIS

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CRIME INDEX FOR POPULATION GROUPS – 1999

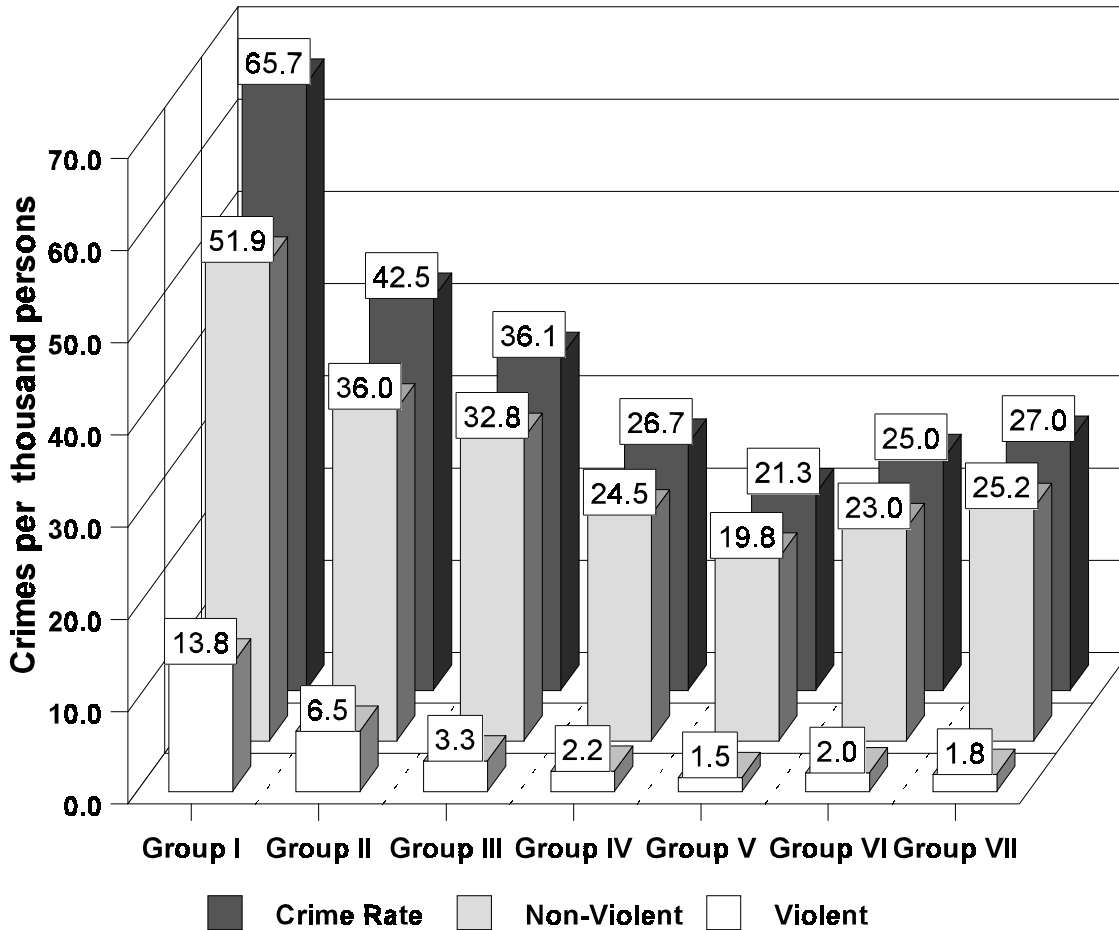
The presentation of crime statistics by population groups was made for the purpose of projecting, for consideration, the relative crime experience of communities of varying populations. Although the individual municipalities within the various groups may be geographically separated, their inclusion into 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—759,125	49,869	107	246	5,240	4,859	8,290	20,030	11,097
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	65.7	0.1	0.3	6.9	6.4	10.9	26.4	14.6
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	17.8							
GROUP II								
21 Municipalities 50,000 - 100,000 Population —1,459,918	62,017	73	379	4,084	4,899	11,230	31,860	9,492
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	42.5	0.1	0.3	2.8	3.4	7.7	21.8	6.5
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	21.4							
GROUP III								
59 Municipalities 25,000-50,000 Population —2,080,773	75,110	52	321	2,826	3,642	12,464	47,770	8,035
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	36.1	k	0.2	1.4	1.8	6.0	23.0	3.9
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	18.0							
GROUP IV								
67 Municipalities 15,000-25,000 Population —1,311,579	35,057	23	185	1,057	1,637	5,887	23,427	2,841
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	26.7	k	0.1	0.8	1.2	4.5	17.9	2.2
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	22.7							
GROUP V								
220 Municipalities 5,000-15,000 Population —2,006,362	42,809	27	202	838	1,917	6,757	29,816	3,252
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	21.3	k	0.1	0.4	1.0	3.4	14.9	1.6
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	24.3							
GROUP VI								
117 Municipalities 2,000-5,000 Population —403,570	10,078	5	62	171	558	2,026	6,713	543
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	25.0	k	0.2	0.4	1.4	5.0	16.6	1.3
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	22.2							
GROUP VII								
78 Municipalities under 2,000 Population —93,684	2,532	-	17	35	117	481	1,747	135
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	27.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	1.2	5.1	18.6	1.4
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	24.8							

k Less than one-tenth of one percent.

COMPARATIVE CRIME RATES FOR POPULATION GROUPS 1999



- 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 1995/1999 Summary Analysis

OFFENSES	URBAN			SUBURBAN			RURAL		
	1995	1999	Percent Change	1995	1999	Percent Change	1995	1999	Percent Change
Murder	352	235	-33	43	44	2	13	8	-38
Rape	1,194	896	-25	554	408	-26	176	108	-39
Robbery	19,826	12,076	-39	2,270	1,859	-18	378	316	-16
Aggravated Assault	17,383	12,795	-26	4,112	3,780	-8	1,276	1,054	-17
Burglary	45,239	29,697	-34	19,112	13,714	-28	5,196	3,724	-28
Larceny-Theft	113,802	86,367	-24	78,198	63,120	-19	14,421	11,876	-18
Motor Vehicle Theft	38,303	27,280	-29	10,602	7,150	-33	1,256	965	-23
Total Crime Index	236,099	169,346	-28	114,891	90,075	-22	22,716	18,051	-21
Violent Crime	38,755	26,002	-33	6,979	6,091	-13	1,843	1,486	-19
Nonviolent Crime	197,344	143,344	-27	107,912	83,984	-22	20,873	16,565	-21

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 28 percent.
- Suburban and Rural communities experienced 22 percent and 21 percent decreases, respectively, in Index offenses.
- Robbery decreased 39 percent in the Urban community, while rape decreased 39 percent in the Rural community, compared to 1995.
- Motor vehicle theft decreased 33 percent in the Suburban community compared to 1995.
- Violent crimes in the Urban community decreased 33 percent, which is significantly more when compared to the Suburban and Rural community decreases.

URBAN NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 1998/1999

Municipalities: 155

Population: 3,606,780

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	1998	1999	Percent Change	1998	1999	Percent Change	1998	1999	Percent Change
Murder	251	235	-6	k	k	-	78.2	81.9	5
Rape	988	896	-9	0.28	0.25	-11	60.9	63.5	4
Robbery	12,832	12,076	-6	3.58	3.35	-6	84.9	84.7	*
Aggravated Assault	13,336	12,795	-4	3.72	3.55	-5	71.5	72.6	2
Burglary	33,692	29,697	-12	9.40	8.23	-12	61.8	63.0	2
Larceny-Theft	91,734	86,367	-6	25.60	23.95	-6	53.6	53.5	*
Motor Vehicle Theft	26,110	27,280	4	7.29	7.56	4	74.3	77.1	4
Total Crime Index	178,943	169,346	-5	49.93	46.95	-6	60.3	61.0	1
Violent Crime	27,407	26,002	-5	7.65	7.21	-6	76.7	77.4	1
Nonviolent Crime	151,536	143,344	-5	42.28	39.74	-6	58.1	58.8	1

k Less than one-tenth of one percent.

* Less than one-half of one percent.

- There were 169,346 offenses reported in municipalities of Urban character during 1999, this represents a decrease of 5 percent compared to 1998.
- Sixty-one 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 5 percent and accounted for 59 percent of the reported nonviolent crime in the state.
- The crime rate in Urban communities decreased 6 percent to 47.0 victims for every 1,000 persons.

SUBURBAN NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 1998/1999

Municipalities: 254

Population: 3,596,117

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	1998	1999	Percent Change	1998	1999	Percent Change	1998	1999	Percent Change
Murder	44	44	0	k	k	-	13.7	15.3	12
Rape	496	408	-18	0.14	0.11	-21	30.6	28.9	-6
Robbery	1,984	1,859	-6	0.56	0.52	-7	13.1	13.0	-1
Aggravated Assault	4,093	3,780	-8	1.16	1.05	-9	21.9	21.4	-2
Burglary	16,555	13,714	-17	4.70	3.81	-19	30.4	29.1	-4
Larceny-Theft	67,043	63,120	-6	19.05	17.55	-8	39.1	39.1	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	8,092	7,150	-12	2.30	1.99	-13	23.0	20.2	-12
Total Crime Index	98,307	90,075	-8	27.93	25.05	-10	33.1	32.5	-2
Violent Crime	6,617	6,091	-8	1.88	1.69	-10	18.5	18.1	-2
Nonviolent Crime	91,690	83,984	-8	26.05	23.35	-10	35.1	34.4	-2

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- Suburban areas Index offenses decreased 8 percent in 1999.
- Thirty-three percent of reported Index crimes occurred in Suburban communities.
- Violent crime decreased 8 percent and represented 18 percent of the state's violent crime total.
- Nonviolent crime decreased 8 percent and accounted for 34 percent of the nonviolent crime in the state.
- The crime rate was calculated at 25.1 victims per 1,000 inhabitants; a decrease of 10 percent compared to 1998.

RURAL NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 1998/1999

Municipalities: 157

Population: 912,114

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	1998	1999	Percent Change	1998	1999	Percent Change	1998	1999	Percent Change
Murder	26	8	-69	k	k	-	8.1	2.8	-65
Rape	139	108	-22	0.16	0.12	-25	8.6	7.6	-12
Robbery	299	316	6	0.34	0.35	3	2.0	2.2	10
Aggravated Assault	1,234	1,054	-15	1.39	1.16	-17	6.6	6.0	-9
Burglary	4,244	3,724	-12	4.77	4.08	-14	7.8	7.9	1
Larceny-Theft	12,490	11,876	-5	14.04	13.02	-7	7.3	7.4	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	956	965	1	1.07	1.06	-1	2.7	2.7	0
Total Crime Index	19,388	18,051	-7	21.79	19.79	-9	6.5	6.5	0
Violent Crime	1,698	1,486	-12	1.91	1.63	-15	4.8	4.4	-8
Nonviolent Crime	17,690	16,565	-6	19.88	18.16	-9	6.8	6.8	0

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- In 1999 there were 18,051 Index crimes reported in Rural municipalities, a 7 percent decrease compared to 1998.
- Seven percent of the state's Index crime occurred in Rural communities.
- Violent crime decreased 12 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 9 percent to 19.8 victims per 1,000 inhabitants.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE OFFENSE DATA – 1999

(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	59	0	59	-	-	-	-	7	51	1	-
ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE	29	3	26	0	0	3	0	1	21	4	0
Newark City	29	3	26	-	-	3	-	1	21	4	-
West Caldwell Borough	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KEAN UNIVERSITY of NEW JERSEY	177	6	171	0	2	2	2	16	130	25	6
Elizabeth City	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hillside Township	19	0	19	-	-	-	-	1	15	3	-
Union Township	158	6	152	-	2	2	2	15	115	22	6
MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE	81	0	81	-	-	-	-	1	79	1	-
MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY	109	3	106	0	0	0	3	7	98	1	0
Long Branch City	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Ocean Township	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Long Branch Borough	108	3	105	-	-	-	3	7	97	1	-
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY	182	6	176	0	0	1	5	17	151	8	0
Clifton City	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Little Falls Township	168	5	163	-	-	1	4	17	138	8	-
Montclair Town	14	1	13	-	-	-	1	-	13	-	-
NJ INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	89	3	86	-	-	-	3	4	79	3	-
ROWAN UNIVERSITY	106	3	103	-	1	-	2	3	98	2	-
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	1,041	19	1,022	0	6	5	8	67	904	51	1
Camden Campus	86	1	85	-	-	1	-	3	79	3	-
New Brunswick Campus	649	12	637	-	6	1	5	58	567	12	-
East Brunswick Township	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edison Township	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Highland Park Borough	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick City	372	9	363	-	4	1	4	34	321	8	-
North Brunswick Township	15	1	14	-	1	-	-	-	14	-	-
Piscataway Township	262	2	260	-	1	-	1	24	232	4	-
Newark Campus	306	6	300	-	-	3	3	6	258	36	1
RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	73	2	71	-	-	1	1	5	64	2	-
THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	124	0	124	-	-	-	-	7	117	-	-
UNIV. OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY	501	5	496	0	0	1	4	2	471	23	0
Camden Campus	46	0	46	-	-	-	-	-	45	1	-
Newark Campus	394	5	389	-	-	1	4	2	365	22	-
Piscataway Campus	61	0	61	-	-	-	-	-	61	-	-
WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY	120	1	119	0	1	0	0	22	93	4	0
Haledon Borough	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Haledon Borough	15	0	15	-	-	-	-	5	9	1	-
Wayne Township	105	1	104	-	1	-	-	17	84	3	-
TOTAL UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	2,691	51	2,640	0	10	13	28	159	2,356	125	36

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