



Section Five

INDEX OFFENSE ANALYSIS

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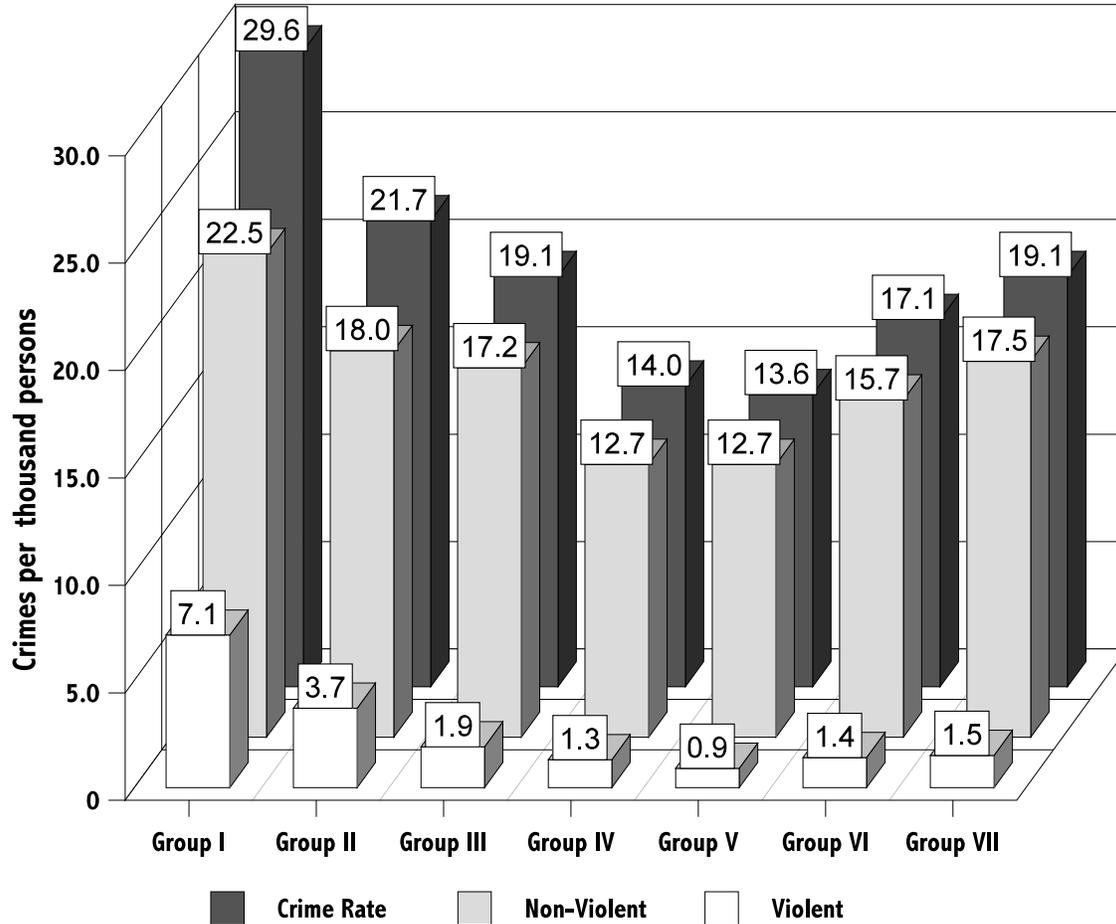
CRIME INDEX FOR POPULATION GROUPS – 2015

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								
6 Municipalities over 100,000	30,294	162	290	3,752	3,029	4,929	13,180	4,952
Population — 1,023,900								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	29.6	0.2	0.3	3.7	3.0	4.8	12.9	4.8
GROUP II								
30 Municipalities 50,001 - 100,000	43,056	109	403	2,878	3,940	7,102	25,612	3,012
Population — 1,982,617								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	21.7	0.1	0.2	1.5	2.0	3.6	12.9	1.5
GROUP III								
64 Municipalities 25,001-50,000	42,573	50	290	1,751	2,153	6,510	29,962	1,857
Population — 2,233,133								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	19.1	0.0	0.1	0.8	1.0	2.9	13.4	0.8
GROUP IV								
68 Municipalities 15,001-25,000	18,775	19	126	666	884	2,963	13,308	809
Population — 1,343,504								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	14.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.7	2.2	9.9	0.6
GROUP V								
206 Municipalities 5,001-15,000	25,497	23	177	538	978	4,625	18,261	895
Population — 1,873,528								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	13.6	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.5	2.5	9.7	0.5
GROUP VI								
110 Municipalities 2,000-5,000	6,623	5	52	123	356	1,385	4,504	202
Population — 388,410								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	17.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.9	3.6	11.6	0.5
GROUP VII								
81 Municipalities under 2,000	1,789	1	24	35	85	376	1,232	36
Population — 93,752								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	19.1	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.9	4.0	13.1	0.4

COMPARATIVE CRIME RATES FOR POPULATION GROUPS 2015



- Group I - Six municipalities with populations over 100,000.
- Group II - Thirty municipalities with populations between 50,001 and 100,000.
- Group III - Sixty-four municipalities with populations between 25,001 and 50,000.
- Group IV - Sixty-eight municipalities with populations between 15,001 and 25,000.
- Group V - Two hundred six municipalities with populations between 5,001 and 15,000.
- Group VI - One hundred ten municipalities with populations between 2,000 and 5,000.
- Group VII - Eighty-one municipalities with populations under 2,000.

URBAN – SUBURBAN – RURAL CRIME 5 YEAR COMPARISON 2011/2015 Summary Analysis

OFFENSES	URBAN			SUBURBAN			RURAL		
	2011	2015	Percent Change	2011	2015	Percent Change	2011	2015	Percent Change
Murder	323	313	-3	47	44	-6	10	12	20
Rape	597	849	42	291	356	22	103	157	52
Robbery	10,226	8,128	-21	1,675	1,346	-20	315	269	-15
Aggravated Assault	9,910	8,455	-15	2,782	2,259	-19	894	711	-20
Burglary	24,640	15,644	-37	14,361	9,485	-34	4,207	2,761	-34
Larceny-Theft	62,245	54,052	-13	54,815	42,583	-22	12,209	9,424	-23
Motor Vehicle Theft	13,919	9,356	-33	2,946	2,044	-31	558	363	-35
Total Crime Index	121,860	96,797	-21	76,917	58,117	-24	18,296	13,697	-25
Violent Crime	21,056	17,745	-16	4,795	4,005	-16	1,322	1,149	-13
Nonviolent Crime	100,804	79,052	-22	72,122	54,112	-25	16,974	12,548	-26

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

- Comparing 2015 to 2011, Rural communities experienced the largest percentage change in Index offenses, a decrease of 25 percent.
- Index crimes in Suburban communities decreased 24 percent, while Rural communities decreased 25 percent.
- Comparing 2015 to 2011, Urban and Suburban communities experienced the largest percentage change in violent crimes, a decrease of 16 percent.
- Urban and Suburban communities experienced a 16 percent decrease in violent crimes, and Rural communities experienced a 13 percent decrease.
- Comparing 2015 to 2011, Rural communities experienced the largest percentage change in nonviolent crimes, a decrease of 26 percent.

URBAN NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 2014/2015

Municipalities: 155

Population: 3,943,704

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2014	2015	Percent Change	2014	2015	Percent Change	2014	2015	Percent Change
Murder	297	313	5	0.08	0.08	0	83.8	84.8	1
Rape	555	849	53	0.14	0.22	57	58.4	62.3	7
Robbery	8,762	8,128	-7	2.24	2.06	-8	83.5	83.4	*
Aggravated Assault	8,242	8,455	2	2.10	2.14	2	73.5	74.0	1
Burglary	17,275	15,644	-9	4.41	3.97	-10	54.4	56.1	3
Larceny-Theft	56,404	54,052	-4	14.40	13.71	-5	50.5	51.0	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	9,360	9,356	*	2.39	2.37	-1	79.9	79.5	-1
Total Crime Index	100,895	96,797	-4	26.48	24.54	-7	56.7	57.4	1
Violent Crime	17,856	17,745	-1	4.69	4.50	-4	77.6	77.5	*
Nonviolent Crime	83,039	79,052	-5	21.80	21.06	-3	53.6	54.3	1

* Less than one-half of one percent.

- There were 96,797 offenses reported in municipalities of Urban character during 2015, this represents a decrease of 4 percent compared to 2014.
- Fifty-seven percent of all Index crimes occurred in Urban areas.
- Violent crime in Urban communities decreased 1 percent and accounted for 78 percent of the state's total violent crime.
- Nonviolent crime in Urban communities decreased 5 percent and accounted for 54 percent of the state's total nonviolent crime.
- The crime rate in Urban communities decreased 7 percent to 24.54 victims for every 1,000 persons.

SUBURBAN NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 2014/2015

Municipalities: 253

Population: 3,950,664

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2014	2015	Percent Change	2014	2015	Percent Change	2014	2015	Percent Change
Murder	34	44	29	0.01	0.01	0	10.1	11.9	18
Rape	275	356	29	0.07	0.09	29	28.9	26.1	-10
Robbery	1,471	1,346	-8	0.37	0.34	-8	14.0	13.8	-1
Aggravated Assault	2,253	2,259	*	0.57	0.57	0	20.1	19.8	-1
Burglary	11,151	9,485	-15	2.83	2.40	-15	35.1	34.0	-3
Larceny-Theft	44,959	42,583	-5	11.42	10.78	-6	40.3	40.2	*
Motor Vehicle Theft	1,944	2,044	5	0.49	0.52	6	16.6	17.4	5
Total Crime Index	62,087	58,117	-6	16.01	14.71	-8	34.9	34.5	*
Violent Crime	4,033	4,005	-1	1.04	1.01	-3	17.5	17.5	0
Nonviolent Crime	58,054	54,112	-7	14.97	13.70	-8	37.4	37.1	*

*Less than one-half of one percent.

- Suburban Index offenses decreased 6 percent in 2015.
- Thirty-five percent of reported Index crimes occurred in Suburban communities.
- Violent crime decreased 1 percent and represented 18 percent of the state's violent crime total.
- Nonviolent crime decreased 7 percent and accounted for 37 percent of the nonviolent crime in the state.
- The crime rate was calculated at 14.71 victims per 1,000 inhabitants; a decrease of 8 percent compared to 2014.

RURAL NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 2014/2015

Municipalities: 157

Population: 1,044,476

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2014	2015	Percent Change	2014	2015	Percent Change	2014	2015	Percent Change
Murder	23	12	-48	0.02	0.01	-50	6.5	3.3	-49
Rape	120	157	31	0.11	0.15	36	12.6	11.5	-9
Robbery	259	269	4	0.25	0.26	4	2.4	2.8	17
Aggravated Assault	713	711	*	0.68	0.68	0	6.4	6.2	-3
Burglary	3,314	2,761	-17	3.17	2.64	-17	10.4	9.9	-5
Larceny-Theft	10,257	9,424	-8	9.82	9.02	-8	9.2	8.9	-3
Motor Vehicle Theft	398	363	-9	0.38	0.35	-8	3.4	3.1	-9
Total Crime Index	15,084	13,697	-9	14.56	13.11	-10	8.4	8.1	-4
Violent Crime	1,115	1,149	3	1.08	1.10	2	4.8	5.0	4
Nonviolent Crime	13,969	12,548	-10	13.49	12.01	-11	9.0	8.6	-4

* Less than one-half of one percent.

- In 2015 there were 13,697 Index crimes reported in Rural municipalities, a 9 percent decrease compared to 2014.
- Eight percent of the state's Index crime occurred in Rural communities.
- Violent crime increased 3 percent and accounted for 5 percent of the state's total violent crime.
- Nonviolent crime in Rural communities accounted for 8.6 percent of the nonviolent crime in the state.
- The crime rate in Rural communities decreased 10 percent to 13.11 victims per 1,000 inhabitants.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE OFFENSE DATA – 2015

(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	27	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	26	1	0
ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE	89	3	86	0	0	1	2	2	82	2	0
Newark City	89	3	86	0	0	1	2	2	82	2	0
West Caldwell Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KEAN UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY	107	3	104	0	1	0	2	3	97	4	0
Elizabeth City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hillside Township	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Union Township	102	3	99	0	1	0	2	3	92	4	0
MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE	30	1	29	0	0	0	1	0	29	0	0
MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY	31	1	30	0	1	0	0	1	29	0	0
Long Branch City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ocean Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Long Branch Borough	31	1	30	0	1	0	0	1	29	0	0
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY	119	2	117	0	1	0	1	10	107	0	0
Clifton City	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Little Falls Township	102	2	100	0	1	0	1	10	90	0	0
Montclair Town	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0
NJ INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	119	15	104	0	1	10	4	2	91	11	0
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY	383	1	382	0	0	0	1	18	354	10	0
STOCKTON UNIVERSITY	32	1	31	0	1	0	0	1	29	1	0
ROWAN UNIVERSITY	145	8	137	0	4	0	4	17	120	0	0
Camden City	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Glassboro Boro	136	8	128	0	4	0	4	17	111	0	0
Harrison Twp.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mantua Twp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stratford Boro	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY+	912	64	848	0	12	33	19	57	785	6	1
Camden Campus+	67	2	65	0	0	2	0	2	63	0	0
New Brunswick Campus+	560	33	527	0	10	7	16	55	469	3	1
East Brunswick Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edison Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Highland Park Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Brunswick City	340	21	319	0	5	6	10	37	280	2	0
North Brunswick Township	9	1	8	0	1	0	0	1	7	0	0
Piscataway Township	211	11	200	0	4	1	6	17	182	1	1
Newark Campus+	285	29	256	0	2	24	3	0	253	3	0
STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	35	1	34	0	0	0	1	2	32	0	0
THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	87	3	84	0	3	0	0	3	76	5	1
WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY	59	0	59	0	0	0	0	1	57	1	0
Haledon Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Haledon Borough	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
Wayne Township	52	0	52	0	0	0	0	1	50	1	0
TOTAL UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	2,175	103	2,072	0	24	44	35	117	1,914	41	2

* Arson is not included in the crime index offense total.

+ Rutgers University total is comprised of the data from the three campuses.