SECTION IV COUNTY OFFENSE AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA OVERVIEW

			TOTAL CRIME	INDEX	
COUNTY	YEAR	NUMBER OF Offenses	CRIME RATE PER 1,000 INHABITANTS	NUMBER CLEARED	PERCENT CLEARED
	1995	19,943	85.9	4,392	22.0
ATLANTIC	1996	19,018	81.9	4,080	21.5
	Percent Change	-5	-5	-7	-2
	1995	24,016	28.5	5,045	21.0
BERGEN	1996	22,904	27.2	5,108	22.3
	Percent Change	-5	-5	1	6.2
	1995	13,114	32.9	2,911	22.2
BURLINGTON	1996	12,735	31.9	2,810	22.1
	Percent Change	, -3	-3	-3	*
	1995	31,629	62.4	6,521	20.6
CAMDEN	1996	28,738	56.7	5,926	20.6
	Percent Change	-9	-9	-9	0
	1995	6,725	68.8	1,431	21.3
CAPE MAY	1996	6,306	64.5	1,315	20.9
	Percent Change	-6	-6	-8	-2
	1995	9,076	65.4	2,461	27.1
CUMBERLAND	1996	7,844	56.5	2,132	27.2
	Percent Change	, -14	-14	, -13	*
	1995	73,024	95.4	11,536	15.8
ESSEX	1996	64,294	84.0	10,981	17.1
	Percent Change	, -12	-12	, -5	8
	1995	10,615	44.0	2,024	19.1
GLOUCESTER	1996	10,449	43.3	1,965	18.8
	Percent Change	-2	-2	-3	-2
	1995	35,184	63.7	7,335	20.8
HUDSON	1996	32,465	58.8	6,363	19.6
	Percent Change	-8	-8	-13	-6
	1995	1,746	15.2	402	23.0
HUNTERDON	1996	1,630	14.1	353	21.7
	Percent Change	, -7	-7	-12	-6
	1995	14,923	45.3	2,999	20.1
MERCER	1996	14,462	43.9	3,529	24.4
	Percent Change	-3	-3	18	21

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		TOTAL CRIME INDEX							
COUNTY	YEAR	NUMBER OF Offenses	CRIME RATE PER 1,000 INHABITANTS	NUMBER CLEARED	PERCENT CLEARED				
	1995	25,445	36.7	4,700	18.5				
MIDDLESEX	1996	23,715	34.2	4,372	18.4				
	Percent Change	-7	-7	-7	-1				
	1995	19,090	33.0	4,664	24.4				
MONMOUTH	1996	18,359	31.7	4,652	25.3				
	Percent Change	-4	-4	*	4				
	1995	9,901	22.6	2,164	21.9				
MORRIS	1996	9,218	21.0	2,268	24.6				
	Percent Change	, -7	-7	, 5	12				
	1995	16,449	36.0	4,188	25.5				
OCEAN	1996	15,881	34.8	3,647	23.0				
	Percent Change	-3	-3	, -13	-10				
	1995	22,591	48.9	3,912	17.3				
PASSAIC	1996	20,652	44.7	3,810	18.4				
	Percent Change	-9	-9	-3	6				
	1995	2,347	36.2	608	25.9				
SALEM	1996	2,076	32.0	569	27.4				
	Percent Change	, -12	-12	-6	6				
	1995	7,472	28.7	1,390	18.6				
SOMERSET	1996	6,935	26.6	1,252	18.1				
	Percent Change	-7	-7	-10	-3				
	1995	2,469	17.9	535	21.7				
SUSSEX	1996	2,157	15.6	535	24.8				
	Percent Change	-13	-13	0	14				
	1995	26,092	52.6	3,365	12.9				
UNION	1996	24,290	48.9	3,5 47	14.6				
	Percent Change	-7	-7	5	13				
	1995	1,855	19.4	476	25.7				
WARREN	1996	1,855	20.6	533	27.1				
	Percent Change	6	6	12	5				
	1995	373,706	47.3	73,059	19.6				
STATE TOTAL	1996	3/3,700 346,094	47.3 43.8	69,747	20.2				
SIMIL IVIAL	Percent Change	-7	-7	- 5	3				
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^{*} Percent change less than one-half of one percent.
& Percent changes not calculated due to small volume.

INDEX OFFENSES										
MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	BURGLARY	LARCENY- THEFT	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT				
13	96	862	1,254	4,570	16,274	2,376				
7	73	831	1,144	4,239	14,875	2,546				
&	-24	-4	-9	-7	-9	7				
14	103	475	847	3,170	13,440	1,041				
7	132	478	861	2,985	12,907	989				
*	28	1	2	-6	-4	-5				
4	50	139	365	1,445	7,227	671				
2	78	155	348	1,452	6,538	645				
&	56	12	-5	*	-10	-4				
8	78	303	644	3,021	11,663	732				
8	89	264	699	2,943	11,103	775				
-	14	-13	9	-3	-5	6				
18	90	1,420	1,356	4,102	12,026	3,579				
12	105	1,360	1,398	3,808	10,763	3,206				
-33	17	-4	3	-7	-11	-10				
2	22	79	159	486	1,491	108				
1	16	53	185	375	1,334	112				
&	-27	-33	16	-23	-11	4				
1	21	145	142	1,468	5,154	541				
3	24	163	124	1,182	4,949	490				
&	14	12	-13	-19	-4	-9				
1	12	12	134	579	1,623	108				
3	14	13	122	480	1,415	110				
&	17	&	-9	-17	-13	2				
26	116	1,797	1,093	4,953	13,774	4,333				
27	113	1,526	950	4,465	13,179	4,030				
4	-3	-15	-13	-10	-4	-7				
-	5	20	65	417	1,253	95				
1	12	21	75	416	1,355	86				
&	&	5	15	*	8	-9				
408	1,924	22,474	22,771	69,547	206,421	50,161				
337	1,972	18,859	21,252	63,163	194,074	46,437				
-17	2	-16	-7	-9	-6	-7				

VIOLENT AND NONVIOLENT CRIME BY COUNTY 1995/1996

		NU	MBER	RATE PER 1,0	00 INHABITANTS
COUNTY	YEAR	VIOLENT CRIME	NONVIOLENT CRIME	VIOLENT CRIME	NONVIOLENT CRIME
ATLANTIC	1995	1,859	18,084	8.0	77.9
	1996	1,798	17,220	7.7	74.2
BERGEN	Percent Change	-3	-5	-4	-5
	1995	1,392	22,624	1.7	27.4
	1996	1,378	21,526	1.6	25.6
	Percent Change	-1 1,170	-5 11,944	-6 2.9	-7 30.2
BURLINGTON	1995 1996 Percent Change	1,010 -14	11,725 -2	2.9 2.5 -14	29.4 -3
CAMDEN	1995	4,735	26,894	9.3	53.5
	1996	4,024	24,714	7.9	48.8
	Percent Change	-15	-8	-15	-9
CAPE MAY	1995	426	6,299	4.4	66.2
	1996	412	5,894	4.2	60.3
	Percent Change	-3	-6	-5	-9
CUMBERLAND	1995	1,338	7,738	9.6	56.1
	1996	1,100	6,744	7.9	48.6
	Percent Change	-18	-13	-18	-13
ESSEX	1995	16,181	56,843	21.1	73.0
	1 996	13,512	50,782	17.7	66.4
	Percent Change	-16	-11	-16	-9
GLOUCESTER	1995	678	9,937	2.8	43.2
	1996	615	9,834	2.5	40.7
	Percent Change	-9	-1	-11	-6
HUDSON	1995	5,953	29,231	10.8	52.8
	1996	5,262	27,203	9.5	49.2
	Percent Change	-12	-7	-12	-7
HUNTERDON	1995	83	1,663	0.7	15.4
	1996	95	1,535	0.8	13.3
	Percent Change	14	-8	14	-14
MERCER	1995	1,771	13,152	5.4	40.4
	1996	1,717	12,745	5.2	38.7
	Percent Change	-3	-3	-4	-4

VIOLENT AND NONVIOLENT CRIME BY COUNTY 1995/1996

		NUMBER		RATE PER 1,0	OO INHABITANTS	
COUNTY	YEAR	VIOLENT CRIME	NONVIOLENT CRIME	VIOLENT CRIME	NONVIOLENT CRIME	
MIDDLESEX	1995	2,225	23,220	3.2	33.5	
	1996	2,055	21,660	3.0	31.3	
	Percent Change	-8	-7	-6	-7	
MONMOUTH	1995	1,439	17,651	2.5	30.5	
	1996	1,478	16,881	2.6	29.2	
	Percent Change	3	-4	4	-4	
MORRIS	1995	558	9,343	1.3	21.3	
	1996	583	8,635	1.3	19.7	
	Percent Change	4	-8	0	-8	
OCEAN	1995	1,033	15,416	2.3	33.8	
	1996	1,060	14,821	2.3	32.5	
	Percent Change	3	-4	0	-4	
PASSAIC	1995	2,884	19,707	6.2	42.7	
	1996	2,875	17,777	6.2	38.5	
	Percent Change	*	-10	0	-10	
SALEM	1995	262	2,085	4.0	32.2	
	1996	255	1,821	3.9	28.1	
	Percent Change	-3	-13	-3	-13	
SOMERSET	1995	309	7,163	1.2	27.5	
	1996	314	6,621	1.2	25.4	
	Percent Change	2	-8	0	-8	
SUSSEX	1995	159	2,310	1.2	16.7	
	1996	152	2,005	1.1	14.5	
	Percent Change	-4	-13	-8	-13	
UNION	1995	3,032	23,060	6.1	46.5	
	1996	2,616	21,674	5.3	43.7	
	Percent Change	-14	-6	-13	-6	
WARREN	1995	90	1,765	0.9	18.5	
	1996	109	1,857	1.1	19.5	
	Percent Change	21	5	22	5	
STATE TOTAL	1995	47,577	326,129	6.0	41.3	
	1996	42,420	303,674	5.4	38.4	
	Percent Change	-11	-7	-10	-7	

^{*} Percent change less than one-half of one percent.

ANALYSIS OF ROBBERY, BURGLARY, AND LARCENY BY COUNTY - 1996

OFFENSES	Atlantic	Bergen	Burling- ton	Camden	Cape May	Cumber- land	Essex	Glou- cester	Hudson
ROBBERY									
Highway	350	213	115	1,420	56	205	5,236	83	1,802
Commercial House	101	27	30	89	3	23	376	16	146
Gas, Service Station	24	39	46	92	2	12	84	36	49
Convenience Store	46	34	26	73	6	19	82	20	102
Residence	60	35	27	123	22	43	577	13	237
Bank	10	12	19	13	2	1	14	12	17
Miscellaneous	92	143	105	83	15	38	305	40	225
TOTAL ROBBERY OFFENSES	683	503	368	1,893	106	341	6,674	220	2,578
BURGLARY									
Residence Night	493	645	619	1,351	272	570	2,063	407	1,211
Day	485	981	633	1,603	345	520	4,409	538	3,007
Unknown	679	456	464	864	379	235	1,708	273	385
Nonresidence Night	427	607	561	1,294	144	266	1,679	328	818
Day	204	162	122	588	81	146	591	196	577
Unknown	321	253	311	467	126	115	1,317	147	201
TOTAL BURGLARY OFFENSES	2,609	3,104	2,710	6,167	1,347	1,852	11,767	1,889	6,199
LARCENY									
Pocket-picking	2,017	376	60	118	12	12	391	51	174
Purse Snatching	227	148	51	97	13	10	521	27	116
Shoplifting	1,531	2,802	1,260	2,288	460	830	3,242	983	1,359
From Motor Vehicle	1,649	3,594	1,793	3,481	695	779	6,313	2,083	4,516
Motor Vehicle Parts &	423	1,536	411	709	150	475	2,627	410	2,314
Bicycles	737	1,184	895	1,536	1,239	415	901	894	633
From Buildings	5,136	2,999	1,483	1,649	574	782	5,251	1,099	2,804
From Coin Operated Machine	80	45	64	61	47	51	116	66	45
All Other	2,019	2,977	1,679	4,827	1,173	1,044	5,155	1,548	2,245
TOTAL LARCENY OFFENSES	13,819	15,661	7,696	14,766	4,363	4,398	24,517	7,161	14,206

ANALYSIS OF ROBBERY, BURGLARY, AND LARCENY BY COUNTY - 1996

Hunter- don	Mercer	Middle- sex	Mon- mouth	Morris	Ocean	Passaic	Salem	Somer- set	Sussex	Union	Warren	STATE TOTALS
2	424	414	314	67	69	1,068	24	54	1	1,146	7	13,070
5	39	39	29	14	21	28	3	8	2	66	1	1,066
3	25	51	21	10	12	24	-	25	3	41	6	605
-	10	41	25	11	26	35	4	8	1	43	2	614
1	48	45	37	16	27	88	7	11	2	119	-	1,538
-	14	28	15	3	2	4	-	1	1	18	1	187
3	55	213	37	34	107	113	15	56	3	93	4	1,779
14	615	831	478	155	264	1,360	53	163	13	1,526	21	18,859
45	869	755	749	202	598	545	121	196	79	831	99	12,720
74	791	1,155	711	286	635	1,777	56	342	127	1,662	81	20,218
62	208	674	603	325	787	378	94	217	134	631	114	9,670
114	600	708	611	334	520	656	81	219	81	815	67	10,930
13	193	151	79	70	93	203	5	49	12	216	13	3,764
49	156	796	232	235	310	249	18	159	47	310	42	5,861
357	2,817	4,239	2,985	1,452	2,943	3,808	375	1,182	480	4,465	416	63,163
3	78	168	94	63	41	127	1	32	2	110	3	3,933
2	66	172	73	32	79	184	12	47	3	169	9	2,058
115	1,317	2,241	1,985	1,149	1,364	1,639	185	825	132	1,928	177	27,812
161	1,950	3,488	2,840	1,044	2,644	2,690	200	1,133	310	3,648	412	45,423
100	550	1,335	643	538	453	1,701	97	380	105	1,222	80	16,259
48	745	1,204	1,943	392	1,409	650	184	507	91	1,105	84	16,796
248	1,993	2,698	2,450	1,419	1,163	1,189	322	733	367	1,765	219	36,343
10	20	54	109	55	59	29	3	17	25	71	13	1,040
406	1,257	3,515	2,770	1,846	3,891	2,554	330	1,275	380	3,161	358	44,410
1,093	7,976	14,875	12,907	6,538	11,103	10,763	1,334	4,949	1,415	13,179	1,355	194,074

VALUES OF PROPERTY STOLEN/RECOVERED BY COUNTY—1996

COUNTY	TOTAL	Currency, Notes, etc.	Jewelry and Precious	Furs	Clothing	Locally Stolen Motor	Miscellaneous
ATLANTIC							
Stolen \$	19,347,200	5,200,367	2,945,929	29,043	324,993	6,324,637	4,522,231
Recovered \$	4,398,205	467,079	68,349	-	78,218	3,355,979	428,580
Percent Recovered	22.7	9.0	2.3	0.0	24.1	53.1	9.5
BERGEN							
Stolen \$	60,304,255	3,569,725	5,315,809	893,955	1,674,471	31,681,782	17,168,513
Recovered \$	26,254,436	136,819	201,314	9,000	512,569	17,759,218	7,635,516
Percent Recovered	43.5	3.8	3.8	1.0	30.6	56.1	44.5
BURLINGTON							
Stolen \$	18,846,685	1,164,946	2,014,605	21,000	198,200	10,033,941	5,413,993
Recovered \$	7,912,740	61,361	125,660	-	32,016	6,372,834	1,320,869
Percent Recovered	42.0	5.3	6.2	0.0	16.2	63.5	24.4
CAMDEN							
Stolen \$	31,738,908	1,933,809	2,276,557	21,710	409,089	19,559,750	7,537,993
Recovered \$	15,725,240	46,697	84,906	48	134,632	14,850,149	608,808
Percent Recovered	49.5	2.4	3.7	0.2	32.9	75.9	8.1
CAPE MAY							
Stolen \$	4,606,331	660,495	470,980	300	29,002	1,641,276	1,804,278
Recovered \$	1,374,929	66,278	57,959	-	4,627	1,029,129	216,936
Percent Recovered	29.8	10.0	12.3	0.0	16.0	62.7	12.0
CUMBERLAND							
Stolen \$	5,628,726	651,820	378,358	2,200	89,217	2,794,924	1,712,207
Recovered \$	2,092,506	95,480	36,086	-	26,966	1,789,693	144,281
Percent Recovered	37.2	14.6	9.5	0.0	30.2	64.0	8.4
ESSEX							
Stolen \$	129,800,214	4,285,514	7,703,672	174,335	1,418,343	99,376,350	16,842,000
Recovered \$	76,224,386	119,582	141,637	-	729,681	74,293,268	940,218
Percent Recovered	58.7	2.8	1.8	0.0	51.4	74.8	5.6
GLOUCESTER							
Stolen \$	12,073,838	637,361	905,872	3,000	235,263	6,168,027	4,124,315
Recovered \$	4,790,151	38,901	43,292	· _	32,751	4,101,892	573,315
Percent Recovered	39.7	6.1	4.8	0.0	13.9	66.5	13.9
HUDSON							
Stolen \$	76,867,809	5,070,079	2,973,289	35,653	2,420,660	54,504,417	11,863,711
Recovered \$	23,681,023	49,737	67,535	128	287,893	22,820,050	455,680
Percent Recovered	30.8	1.0	2.3	0.4	11.9	41.9	3.8
HUNTERDON							
Stolen \$	1,899,626	223,088	204,216	5,900	43,512	755,236	667,674
Recovered \$	449,747	23,283	4,024	-	5,940	373,394	43,106
Percent Recovered	23.7	10.4	2.0	0.0	13.7	49.4	6.5
MERCER							
Stolen \$	19,940,107	1,048,794	1,251,326	2,900	262,505	12,567,942	4,806,640
Recovered \$	7,879,229	98,041	68,031	-	82,066	7,040,036	591,055
Percent Recovered	39.5	9.3	5.4	0.0	31.3	56.0	12.3

VALUES OF PROPERTY STOLEN/RECOVERED BY COUNTY—1996

COUNTY	TOTAL	Currency, Notes, etc.	Jewelry and Precious	Furs	Clothing	Locally Stolen Motor	Miscellaneous
MIDDLESEX							
Stolen \$	47,347,214	2,740,606	3,364,929	13,299	736,865	28,951,092	11,540,423
Recovered \$	18,157,757	196,374	49,668	-	148,254	16,813,007	950,454
Percent Recovered	38.4	7.2	1.5	0.0	20.1	58.1	8.2
MONMOUTH							
Stolen \$	20,402,203	2,409,287	2,160,168	26,300	316,475	8,081,229	7,408,744
Recovered \$	5,642,181	125,311	163,719	6,000	131,502	4,688,567	527,082
Percent Recovered	27.7	5.2	7.6	22.8	41.6	58.0	7.1
MORRIS							
Stolen \$	14,017,978	1,400,708		31,009	393,335	6,625,750	4,066,452
Recovered \$	4,140,366	47,317	-	312	123,827	3,479,662	381,244
Percent Recovered	29.5	3.4	7.2	1.0	31.5	52.5	9.4
OCEAN							
Stolen \$	12,856,203	1,185,469		8,223	143,741	4,434,416	5,190,182
Recovered \$	3,530,840	53,787	104,994	2,523	33,242	2,822,675	513,619
Percent Recovered	27.5	4.5	5.5	30.7	23.1	63.7	9.9
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Stolen \$	31,738,922	1,562,005		437,405	180,681	22,587,786	5,496,314
Recovered \$	18,253,481	192,638	74,778	-	141,131	17,472,703	372,231
Percent Recovered	57.5	12.3	5.1	0.0	78.1	77.4	6.8
SALEM Stolen \$	1,617,782	169,363	142,058	2,000	6,173	626,493	671,695
Recovered \$	442,678	2,733	142,036	2,000	1,036	392,630	34,297
Percent Recovered	27.4	1.6	8.4	0.0	16.8	592,630 62.7	5.1
SOMERSET	۷,٠٦	1.0	0.4	0.0	10.0	02.7	5.1
Stolen \$	11,482,295	899,200	1,099,373	22,400	224,376	5,341,088	3,895,858
Recovered \$	3,934,762	22,211	37,738	3,000	68,020	3,411,220	392,573
Percent Recovered	34.3	2.5	3.4	13.4	30.3	63.9	10.1
SUSSEX							
Stolen \$	2,356,868	336,566	288,411	1,000	9,138	903,988	817,765
Recovered \$	507,884	57,122	44,377	-	2,324	346,591	57,470
Percent Recovered	21.5	17.0	15.4	0.0	25.4	38.3	7.0
UNION							
Stolen \$	48,005,082	1,670,137	3,284,961	95,108	1,047,759	33,013,474	8,893,643
Recovered \$	25,129,125	16,593	180,309	95	194,918	23,996,155	741,055
Percent Recovered	52.3	1.0	5.5	0.1	18.6	72.7	8.3
WARREN							
Stolen \$	1,812,531	210,464	204,334	14	10,167	647,493	740,059
Recovered \$	209,231	7,112	3,907	-	4,665	150,200	43,347
Percent Recovered	11.5	3.4	1.9	0.0	45.9	23.2	5.9
STATE TOTAL							
Stolen \$	572,690,777	37,029,803	, ,	1,826,754	10,173,965	356,621,091	125,184,690
Recovered \$	250,730,897	1,924,456		21,106	2,776,278	227,359,052	16,971,736
Percent Recovered	43.8	5.2	4.0	1.2	27.3	63.8	13.6

ATLANTIC COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- A total of 19,018 Crime Index offenses were reported to the police of Atlantic County during 1996, a 5 percent decrease compared to 1995.
- Violent crimes decreased 3 percent and the nonviolent crime category decreased 5 percent.
- The crime rate for Atlantic County was recorded at 81.9 victims for every 1,000 inhabitants, a decrease of 5 percent compared to the previous year.
- Murder decreased 33 percent (from 21 in 1995 to 14 in 1996) while rape increased 4 percent.
- Total value of property stolen in Atlantic County amounted to \$ 19.3 million, of which, 23 percent was recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- There were 22,473 persons arrested during the year, an increase of 7 percent when compared to 1995.
- Adult arrests increased 11 percent and juvenile arrests decreased 10 percent, compared to 1995.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 22 percent; juveniles were responsible for 20 percent of those cases cleared.

BERGEN COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- A total of 22,904 Crime Index offenses were reported to the police of Bergen County during 1996, a 5 percent decrease compared to 1995.
- Violent crimes decreased 1 percent and the nonviolent crime category decreased 5 percent.
- The crime rate per 1,000 inhabitants was 27.2 a decrease of 5 percent.
- Robbery increased 12 percent (from 448 in 1995 to 503 in 1996) while burglary decreased 13 percent.
- The dollar loss from the commission of Index crimes totaled \$60.3 million, with 44 percent being recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Total arrests for 1996 were 28,327 persons, a 3 percent decrease compared to the previous year.
- Adult arrests decreased 2 percent and juvenile arrests reflected a 4 percent decrease.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 22 percent; juveniles were responsible for 21 percent of those cases cleared.

BURLINGTON COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- Law enforcement agencies reported 12,735 Index offenses during the year, a decrease of 3 percent.
- Violent crime decreased 14 percent and the nonviolent crime group decreased 2 percent.
- The crime rate per 1,000 population, decreased from 32.9 in 1995 to 31.9 in 1996, a decrease of 3 percent.
- Rape decreased 29 percent, while burglary increased 2 percent.
- Property stolen as a result of Index crimes amounted to \$18.8 million, of which, 42 percent was recovered.

- There were 18,841 persons arrested during the year, a 3 percent increase when compared to 1995.
- Adult arrests increased 6 percent, while juvenile arrests decreased 7 percent.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 22 percent; juveniles were responsible for 25 percent of those cases cleared.

CAMDEN COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- Law enforcement agencies reported 28,738 Index offenses in 1996, a decrease of 9 percent compared to 1995.
- Violent crime decreased 15 percent while the nonviolent crime group decreased 8 percent when compared to 1995.
- The crime rate for Camden County was recorded at 56.7 victims for every 1,000 inhabitants, a decrease of 9 percent compared to the previous year.
- Murder decreased 45 percent (from 65 in 1995 to 36 in 1996) while aggravated assault and robbery decreased 15 percent.
- Total value of property stolen in Camden County amounted to \$31.7 million, of which, 50 percent was recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- There were 32,084 persons arrested during the year, a decrease of less than one-half of one percent when compared to 1995.
- Adult arrests increased less than one-tenth of one percent and juvenile arrests decreased 1 percent, compared to 1995.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 21 percent; juveniles were responsible for 27 percent of those cases cleared.

CAPE MAY COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- During the year 6,306 Crime Index offenses were reported in this county, resulting in a 6 percent decrease compared to 1995.
- There were 64.5 victims for every 1,000 inhabitants during 1996, a decrease of 6 percent compared to 1995.
- Robbery decreased 26 percent while aggravated assault increased 16 percent.
- The value of property stolen during 1996 was \$4.6 million, with a 30 percent recovery rate.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Total arrests for 1996 were recorded at 13,898 persons, a 10 percent increase when compared to 1995.
- Adult arrests increased 11 percent and juvenile arrests increased 2 percent, compared to 1995.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 21 percent; juveniles were responsible for 27 percent of those cases cleared.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- There were 7,844 Index crimes reported to law enforcement agencies of the county during 1996, a decrease of 14 percent when compared to 1995.
- Violent crime decreased 18 percent and nonviolent crime reflected a 13 percent decrease.
- For every 1,000 inhabitants 56.5 were victims of Index crimes.
- All Index crimes decreased.
- The value of property stolen during 1996 amounted to \$5.6 million, of which 37 percent was recovered.

- During 1996 police in Cumberland County arrested 14,200 persons, a 6 percent increase compared to the previous year.
- Adult arrests increased 8 percent and juvenile arrests reflected a decrease of less than one-half of one percent.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 27 percent; juveniles were responsible for 25 percent of those cases cleared.

ESSEX COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- Agencies reported 64,294 Index offenses in this highly urbanized county in 1996, a 12 percent decrease when compared to 1995.
- Violent crimes decreased 16 percent and the nonviolent crime category decreased 11 percent.
- The crime rate per 1,000 inhabitants was 84.0 a decrease of 12 percent.
- Murder decreased 12 percent (from 144 in 1995 to 127 in 1996) while robbery decreased 25 percent.
- The dollar loss from the commission of Index crimes totaled \$129.8 million, with 59 percent being recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Total arrests for 1996 were 49,666 persons, an 8 percent decrease compared to the previous year.
- Adult arrests decreased 8 percent and juvenile arrests reflected a 7 percent decrease.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 17 percent; juveniles were responsible for 14 percent of those cases cleared.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- There were 10,449 Index offenses reported during the calendar year 1996, a decrease of 2 percent compared with 1995.
- Violent crime decreased 9 percent and the nonviolent crime group decreased 1 percent.
- The crime rate for Gloucester County was recorded at 43.3 victims per 1,000 population, a 2 percent decrease over 1995.
- Robbery increased 20 percent, while rape decreased by 40 percent.
- The value of property stolen, as a result of Index crimes, amounted to \$12.0 million, of which 40 percent was recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- In 1996, there were 12,764 persons arrested representing an 8 percent increase compared to 1995.
- Adult arrests increased 7 percent and juvenile arrests increased 11 percent.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 19 percent; juveniles accounted for 29 percent of those cases cleared.

HUDSON COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- In comparison to 1995, law enforcement agencies reported 32,465 Index offenses which represents a decrease of 8 percent.
- Violent crime decreased 12 percent and nonviolent crime decreased 7 percent.
- The crime rate was 58.8 victims for every 1,000 persons.
- Stolen property, from the commission of Index crimes, amounted to \$76.9 million, with 31 percent being recovered.

- Law enforcement agencies within the county arrested 34,406 persons during the calendar year 1996, an 8 percent decrease compared to the previous year.
- Adult arrests decreased 8 percent and juvenile arrests increased 11 percent.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 20 percent; juveniles were responsible for 24 percent.

HUNTERDON COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- Index crimes in the county totaled 1,630 in 1996, a decrease of 7 percent when compared to 1995.
- Violent crime increased 14 percent and the nonviolent crime group decreased 8 percent.
- The crime rate for Hunterdon County was recorded at 14.1 victims per 1,000 population, a 7 percent decrease over 1995.
- Motor vehicle theft and aggravated assault increased 10 percent, while burglary decreased by 11 percent.
- The value of property stolen, from Index crimes, amounted to \$1.9 million, of which 24 percent was recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- In 1996, there were 2,678 persons arrested representing a 12 percent increase compared to 1995.
- Adult arrests increased 16 percent and juvenile arrests increased 1 percent.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 22 percent; juveniles accounted for 33 percent of those cases cleared.

MERCER COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- A total of 14,462 Index offenses were reported for 1996. This represents a 3 percent decrease when compared to 1995.
- Violent crime registered a 3 percent decrease and nonviolent crime decreased 3 percent.
- Mercer County's crime rate was 43.9 victims for every 1,000 inhabitants, a 3 percent decrease over 1995.
- During the commission of Index crimes, a total of \$19.9 million in cash and/or property was stolen. Forty percent was recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Police arrested 27,651 persons for Index crimes, a 10 percent decrease compared to 1995.
- Adult and juvenile arrests decreased 10 percent.
- The total clearance rate for Index crimes was 24 percent; juveniles accounted for 28 percent of those clearances.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- Middlesex County law enforcement agencies reported 23,715 Index offenses during 1996, a 7 percent decrease when compared to 1995.
- Violent crime decreased 8 percent and nonviolent crime decreased 7 percent.
- Motor vehicle theft increased 7 percent, while rape decreased 24 percent when compared to the previous year.
- Total stolen property values amounted to \$47.3 million during the year; of this total, 38 percent was recovered.

- During 1996 police in Middlesex County arrested 28,234 persons, a 2 percent decrease compared to the previous year.
- Adult arrests increased 1 percent and juvenile arrests reflected a 14 percent decrease.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 18 percent; juveniles were responsible for 26 percent of those cases cleared.

MONMOUTH COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- During 1996, there were 18,359 Index crimes reported, representing a 4 percent decrease compared to 1995.
- The category of violent crime showed an increase of 3 percent and the category of nonviolent crime showed a decrease of 4 percent.
- A victimization rate of 31.7 persons per 1,000 inhabitants reflected a 4 percent decrease over 1995.
- Rape increased 28 percent (from 103 in 1995 to 132 in 1996), while burglary decreased 6 percent.
- Total stolen property values amounted to \$20.4 million during the year; of this total, 28 percent was recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Total arrests for 1996 were 31,779 persons, an increase of less than one-half of one percent compared to 1995.
- Adult arrests increased 1 percent and juvenile arrests reflected a 1 percent decrease.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 25 percent; juveniles were responsible for 29 percent of those cases cleared.

MORRIS COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- Agencies reported 9,218 Index offenses in 1996, a 7 percent decrease when compared to 1995.
- Violent crimes increased 4 percent and the nonviolent crime category decreased 8 percent.
- The crime rate per 1,000 inhabitants was 21.0 percent, a decrease of 7 percent.
- Rape increased 56 percent (from 50 in 1995 to 78 in 1996) while larceny-theft decreased 10 percent.
- The dollar loss from the commission of Index crimes totaled \$14.0 million, with 30 percent being recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Total arrests for 1996 were 14,087 persons, a decrease of less than one-half of one percent compared to the previous year.
- Adult arrests increased 1 percent and juvenile arrests reflected a 4 percent decrease.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 25 percent; juveniles were responsible for 30 percent of those cases cleared.

OCEAN COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- There were 15,881 Index crimes reported to law enforcement agencies of the county during 1996. This represents a decrease of 3 percent when compared to 1995.
- Violent crime increased 3 percent and nonviolent crime reflected a decrease of 4 percent.
- For every 1,000 inhabitants 34.8 were victims of Index crimes.
- Robbery decreased 13 percent, while rape increased 14 percent.
- The value of property stolen during 1996 amounted to \$12.9 million, of which 28 percent was recovered.

- Agencies within Ocean County arrested 19,890 persons, a 1 percent increase compared to the previous year.
- Adult arrests increased 3 percent and juvenile arrests reflected a 3 percent decrease.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 23 percent; juveniles were responsible for 37 percent of those cases cleared.

PASSAIC COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- A total of 20,652 Crime Index offenses were reported to the police of Passaic County during 1996, a 9 percent decrease compared to 1995.
- Violent crimes decreased less than one-half of one percent and the nonviolent crime category decreased 10 percent.
- The crime rate was recorded at 44.7 victims for every 1,000 inhabitants, a decrease of 9 percent compared to the previous year.
- Murder decreased 33 percent (from 18 in 1995 to 12 in 1996) while rape increased 17 percent.
- Total value of property stolen in Passaic County amounted to \$31.7 million, of which, 58 percent was recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- There were 27,626 persons arrested during the year, an increase of 2 percent when compared to 1995.
- Adult arrests increased 3 percent and juvenile arrests decreased less than one-half of one percent, compared to 1995.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 18 percent; juveniles were responsible for 27 percent of those cases cleared.

SALEM COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- During 1996 there were 2,076 Index crimes reported to law enforcement agencies of the county, representing a 12 percent decrease compared to the previous year.
- Violent crime decreased 3 percent while nonviolent crime recorded a 13 percent decrease for the year.
- For every 1,000 persons 32.0 were victims of Index offenses, a 12 percent decrease compared to 1995.
- Robbery decreased 33 percent, while aggravated assault increased 16 percent.
- The dollar loss of stolen property amounted to \$1.6 million; the recovery rate was 27 percent.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Police arrested 5,776 persons for criminal offenses during the calendar year 1996, a 19 percent increase over 1995.
- Adult arrests increased 23 percent and juvenile arrests increased 1 percent.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 27 percent; juveniles were responsible for 31 percent of those cases cleared.

SOMERSET COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- Agencies reported 6,935 Index offenses in 1996, a 7 percent decrease when compared to 1995.
- Violent crimes increased 2 percent and the nonviolent crime category decreased 8 percent.
- The crime rate per 1,000 inhabitants was 26.6 a decrease of 7 percent.
- Burglary decreased 19 percent while rape increased 14 percent.
- The dollar loss from the commission of Index crimes totaled \$11.5 million, with 34 percent being recovered.

- Total arrests for 1996 were 8,368 persons, a 2 percent increase compared to the previous year.
- Adult arrests increased 1 percent and juvenile arrests reflected a 4 percent increase.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 18 percent; juveniles were responsible for 33 percent of those cases cleared.

SUSSEX COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- Law enforcement agencies reported 2,157 Index offenses during the year, a decrease of 13 percent.
- Violent crime decreased 4 percent and the nonviolent crime group decreased 13 percent.
- For every 1,000 inhabitants, 15.6 were victims of crime.
- Burglary decreased 17 percent, while rape increased 17 percent.
- Property stolen as a result of Index crimes amounted to \$2.4 million, of which, 22 percent was recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- There were 4,074 persons arrested during the year, a 1 percent increase when compared to 1995.
- Adult arrests increased 3 percent, while juvenile arrests decreased 7 percent.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 25 percent; juveniles were responsible for 33 percent of those cases cleared.

UNION COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- During 1996 there were 24,290 Index crimes reported, representing a 7 percent decrease compared to 1995.
- The category of violent crime showed a decrease of 14 percent and the category of nonviolent crime showed a decrease of 6 percent.
- A victimization rate of 48.9 persons per 1,000 inhabitants reflected a 7 percent decrease over 1995.
- Robbery decreased 15 percent from 1,797 in 1995 to 1,526 in 1996.
- Total stolen property values amounted to \$48.0 million during the year; of this total, 52 percent was recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Total arrests for 1996 were 23,827 persons, a 4 percent decrease compared to the previous year.
- Adult arrests decreased 5 percent and juvenile arrests reflected a 2 percent decrease.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 15 percent; juveniles were responsible for 23 percent of those cases cleared.

WARREN COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- Agencies reported 1,966 Index offenses in 1996, a 6 percent increase when compared to 1995.
- Violent crimes increased 21 percent and the nonviolent crime category increased 5 percent.
- The crime rate per 1,000 inhabitants was 20.6 an increase of 6 percent.
- Aggravated assault increased 15 percent (from 65 in 1995 to 75 in 1996) while motor vehicle theft decreased 9 percent.
- The dollar loss from the commission of Index crimes totaled \$1.8 million, with 12 percent being recovered.

- Total arrests for 1996 were 4,004 persons, a 2 percent decrease compared to the previous year.
- Adult arrests decreased 4 percent and juvenile arrests reflected a 7 percent increase.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 27 percent; juveniles were responsible for 24 percent of those cases cleared.