



Section Five

INDEX OFFENSE ANALYSIS

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CRIME INDEX FOR POPULATION GROUPS – 2003

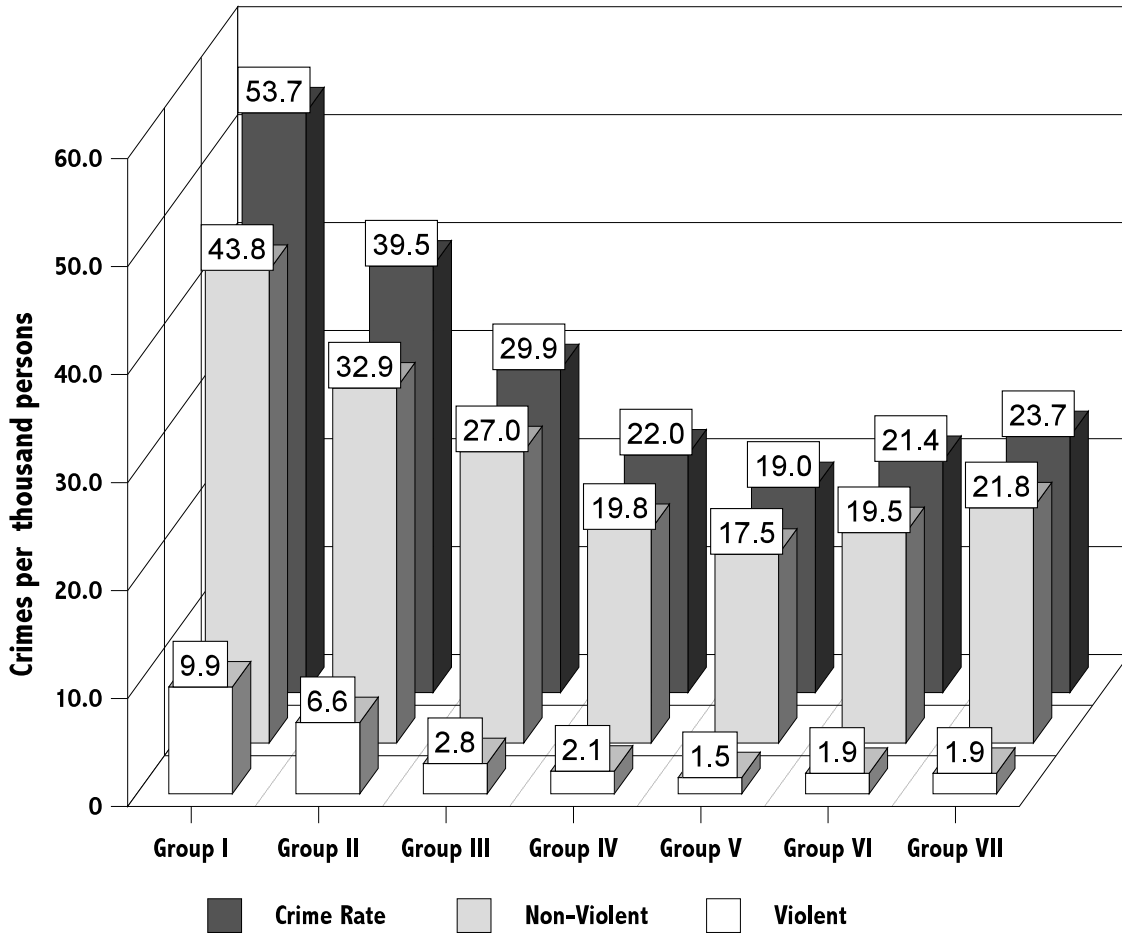
The presentation of crime statistics by population groups was made for the purpose of projecting, for consideration, the relative crime experience of communities of varying populations. Although the individual municipalities within the various groups may be geographically separated, their inclusion into 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	42,483	141	198	4,008	3,432	7,080	16,513	11,111
Population— 791,129								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	53.7	0.2	0.3	5.1	4.3	8.9	20.9	14.0
Percent Index Offenses Cleared								
GROUP II								
21 Municipalities 50,000 - 100,000	59,837	131	311	4,355	5,214	10,126	30,198	9,502
Population — 1,515,434								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	39.5	0.1	0.2	2.9	3.4	6.7	19.9	6.3
Percent Index Offenses Cleared								
GROUP III								
59 Municipalities 25,000-50,000	67,922	64	326	2,821	3,379	11,916	41,618	7,798
Population — 2,268,259								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	29.9	♦	0.1	1.2	1.5	5.3	18.3	3.4
Percent Index Offenses Cleared								
GROUP IV								
67 Municipalities 15,000-25,000	30,849	35	184	1,151	1,715	5,441	19,720	2,603
Population — 1,403,735								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	22.0	♦	0.1	0.8	1.2	3.9	14.0	1.9
Percent Index Offenses Cleared								
GROUP V								
220 Municipalities 5,000-15,000	39,815	26	201	842	2,003	6,661	27,092	2,990
Population — 2,097,650								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	19.0	♦	0.1	0.4	1.0	3.2	12.9	1.4
Percent Index Offenses Cleared								
GROUP VI								
117 Municipalities 2,000-5,000	8,894	8	43	176	561	1,763	5,823	520
Population — 415,033								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	21.4	♦	0.1	0.4	1.4	4.2	14.0	1.3
Percent Index Offenses Cleared								
GROUP VII								
78 Municipalities under 2,000	2,349	1	20	32	138	388	1,639	131
Population — 99,060								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	23.7	♦	0.2	0.3	1.4	3.9	16.6	1.3
Percent Index Offenses Cleared								

♦ Less than one-tenth of one percent.

COMPARATIVE CRIME RATES FOR POPULATION GROUPS 2003



- 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.

Percent Distribution may not add to 100.0 due to rounding.

URBAN – SUBURBAN – RURAL CRIME 5 YEAR COMPARISON 1999/2003 Summary Analysis

OFFENSES	URBAN			SUBURBAN			RURAL		
	1999	2003	Percent Change	1999	2003	Percent Change	1999	2003	Percent Change
Murder	235	336	43	44	49	11	8	21	163
Rape	896	797	-11	408	388	-5	108	98	-9
Robbery	12,076	11,158	-8	1,859	1,919	3	316	308	-3
Aggravated Assault	12,795	11,668	-9	3,780	3,636	-4	1,054	1,138	8
Burglary	29,697	26,137	-12	13,714	13,831	1	3,724	3,407	-9
Larceny-Theft	86,367	74,776	-13	63,120	56,472	-11	11,876	11,355	-4
Motor Vehicle Theft	27,280	27,262	*	7,150	6,359	-11	965	1,034	7
Total Crime Index	169,346	152,134	-10	90,075	82,654	-8	18,051	17,361	-4
Violent Crime	26,002	23,959	-8	6,091	5,992	-2	1,486	1,565	5
Nonviolent Crime	143,344	128,175	-11	83,984	76,662	-9	16,565	15,796	-5

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

- Comparing 2003 to 1999, Urban communities experienced the largest percentage change in Index offenses, a decrease of 10 percent.
- Suburban and Rural communities experienced eight percent and four percent decreases, respectively, comparing 2003 to 1999.
- Comparing 2003 to 1999, Suburban communities experienced the largest percentage change in violent crimes, a decrease of eight percent.
- Suburban communities experienced a two percent decrease, while Rural communities experienced a five percent increase in violent crimes, comparing 2003 to 1999.
- Comparing 2003 to 1999, Suburban communities experienced the largest percentage change in nonviolent crimes, a decrease of 11 percent.
- Suburban and Rural communities experienced nine percent and five percent decreases in nonviolent crimes respectively, comparing 2003 to 1999.

URBAN NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 2002/2003

Municipalities: 155

Population: 3,817,675

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2002	2003	Percent Change	2002	2003	Percent Change	2002	2003	Percent Change
Murder	279	336	20	◇	◇	-	81.8	82.8	1
Rape	817	797	-2	0.22	0.21	-5	60.6	62.1	2
Robbery	11,558	11,158	-3	3.06	2.92	-5	82.6	83.4	1
Aggravated Assault	11,859	11,668	-2	3.14	3.06	-3	71.4	71.0	-1
Burglary	26,579	26,137	-2	7.03	6.85	-3	60.4	60.3	*
Larceny-Theft	77,846	74,776	-4	20.58	19.59	-5	52.3	52.4	*
Motor Vehicle Theft	28,130	27,262	-3	7.44	7.14	-4	78.5	78.7	*
Total Crime Index	157,068	152,134	-3	41.52	40.22	-3	60.2	55.7	-7
Violent Crime	24,513	23,959	-2	6.48	6.33	-2	75.9	72.7	-4
Nonviolent Crime	132,555	128,175	-3	35.04	33.88	-3	57.9	53.4	-8

◇ Less than one-tenth of one percent.

* Less than one-half of one percent.

- There were 152,134 offenses reported in municipalities of Urban character during 2003, this represents a decrease of three percent compared to 2002.
- Fifty-six percent of all Index crimes occurred in Urban areas.
- Violent crime in Urban communities decreased two percent and accounted for 73 percent of the state's total violent crime.
- Nonviolent crime in Urban communities decreased three percent and accounted for 53 percent of the state's total nonviolent crime in the state.
- The crime rate in Urban communities decreased three percent to 40.2 victims for every 1,000 persons.

SUBURBAN NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 2002/2003

Municipalities: 254

Population: 3,793,326

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2002	2003	Percent Change	2002	2003	Percent Change	2002	2003	Percent Change
Murder	39	49	26	◇	◇	-	11.4	12.1	6
Rape	417	388	-7	0.11	0.10	-9	30.9	30.2	-2
Robbery	2,031	1,919	-6	0.55	0.51	-7	14.5	14.3	-1
Aggravated Assault	3,667	3,636	-1	0.99	0.96	-3	22.1	22.1	0
Burglary	13,863	13,831	0	3.75	3.65	-3	31.5	31.9	1
Larceny-Theft	59,084	56,472	-4	15.99	14.89	-7	39.7	39.6	*
Motor Vehicle Theft	6,741	6,359	-6	1.83	1.68	-8	18.8	18.3	-3
Total Crime Index	85,842	82,654	-4	23.23	22.37	-4	32.9	30.3	-8
Violent Crime	6,154	5,992	-3	1.67	1.62	-3	19.1	18.2	-5
Nonviolent Crime	79,688	76,662	-4	21.57	20.75	-4	34.8	31.9	-8

◇ Less than one-tenth of one percent.

* Less than one-half of one percent.

- Suburban areas Index offenses decreased four percent in 2003.
- Thirty percent of reported Index crimes occurred in Suburban communities.
- Violent crime decreased by three percent and represented 18 percent of the state's violent crime total.
- Nonviolent crime decreased eight percent and accounted for 32 percent of the nonviolent crime in the state.
- The crime rate was calculated at 20.8 victims per 1,000 inhabitants; a decrease of four percent compared to 2002.

RURAL NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 2002/2003

Municipalities: 157

Population: 979,299

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2002	2003	Percent Change	2002	2003	Percent Change	2002	2003	Percent Change
Murder	23	21	-9	◇	◇	-	6.7	5.2	-22
Rape	114	98	-14	0.12	0.10	-17	8.5	7.6	-11
Robbery	398	308	-23	0.43	0.31	-28	2.8	2.3	-18
Aggravated Assault	1,084	1,138	5	1.16	1.16	0	6.5	6.9	6
Burglary	3,593	3,407	-5	3.84	3.48	-9	8.2	7.9	-4
Larceny-Theft	11,988	11,355	-5	12.80	11.60	-9	8.1	8.0	-1
Motor Vehicle Theft	970	1,034	7	1.04	1.06	2	2.7	3.0	11
Total Crime Index	18,170	17,361	-4	19.39	18.53	-4	7.0	6.4	-9
Violent Crime	1,619	1,565	-3	1.73	1.67	-3	5.0	4.7	-6
Nonviolent Crime	16,551	15,796	-5	17.67	16.86	-5	7.2	6.6	-8

◇ Less than one-tenth of one percent.

- In 2003 there were 17,361 Index crimes reported in Rural municipalities, a four percent decrease compared to 2002.
- Six percent of the state's Index crime occurred in Rural communities.
- Violent crime decreased three percent and accounted for five percent of the state's total violent crime.
- Nonviolent crime in Rural communities accounted for six percent of the nonviolent crime in the state.
- The crime rate in Rural communities decreased four percent to 16.9 victims per 1,000 inhabitants.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE OFFENSE DATA – 2003

(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	28	1	27	-	-	-	1	-	27	-	-
ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE	86	2	84	0	0	1	1	0	79	5	0
Newark City	86	2	84	-	-	1	1	-	79	5	-
West Caldwell Borough	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KEAN UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY	148	1	147	0	0	0	1	14	121	12	0
Elizabeth City	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hillside Township	13	1	12	-	-	-	1	2	5	5	-
Union Township	135	0	135	-	-	-	-	12	116	7	-
MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE	70	0	70	-	-	-	-	2	64	4	-
MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY	93	2	91	0	0	0	2	7	78	6	3
Long Branch City	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean Township	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Long Branch Borough	93	2	91	-	-	-	2	7	78	6	3
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY	203	12	191	0	5	0	7	34	140	17	1
Clifton City	7	2	5	-	1	-	1	1	3	1	-
Little Falls Township	165	9	156	-	3	-	6	29	113	14	1
Montclair Town	31	1	30	-	1	-	-	4	24	2	-
NJ INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	199	15	184	-	2	9	4	12	125	47	-
ROWAN UNIVERSITY	188	7	181	-	1	2	4	21	160	-	-
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	1,226	40	1,186	0	5	22	13	209	920	57	5
Camden Campus	126	7	119	-	-	3	4	39	75	5	-
New Brunswick Campus	838	25	813	0	5	11	9	154	635	24	5
East Brunswick Township	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edison Township	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Highland Park Borough	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick City	411	17	394	-	2	7	8	69	317	8	3
North Brunswick Township	22	0	22	-	-	-	-	8	14	-	-
Piscataway Township	405	8	397	-	3	4	1	77	304	16	2
Newark Campus	262	8	254	-	-	8	-	16	210	28	-
RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	76	2	74	-	-	-	2	13	60	1	-
THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	150	9	141	-	6	-	3	13	123	5	-
UNIV. OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY	593	39	554	0	0	16	23	13	482	59	0
Camden Campus	13	0	13	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-
Newark Campus	515	35	480	-	-	15	20	13	408	59	-
Piscataway Campus	65	4	61	-	-	1	3	-	61	-	-
WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY	134	3	131	0	1	1	1	37	89	5	0
Haledon Borough	3	0	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
North Haledon Borough	20	1	19	-	-	-	1	6	13	-	-
Wayne Township	111	2	109	-	1	1	-	31	75	3	-
TOTAL UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	3,194	133	3,061	0	20	51	62	375	2,468	218	9

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