



Section Five

INDEX OFFENSE ANALYSIS

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CRIME INDEX FOR POPULATION GROUPS – 2007

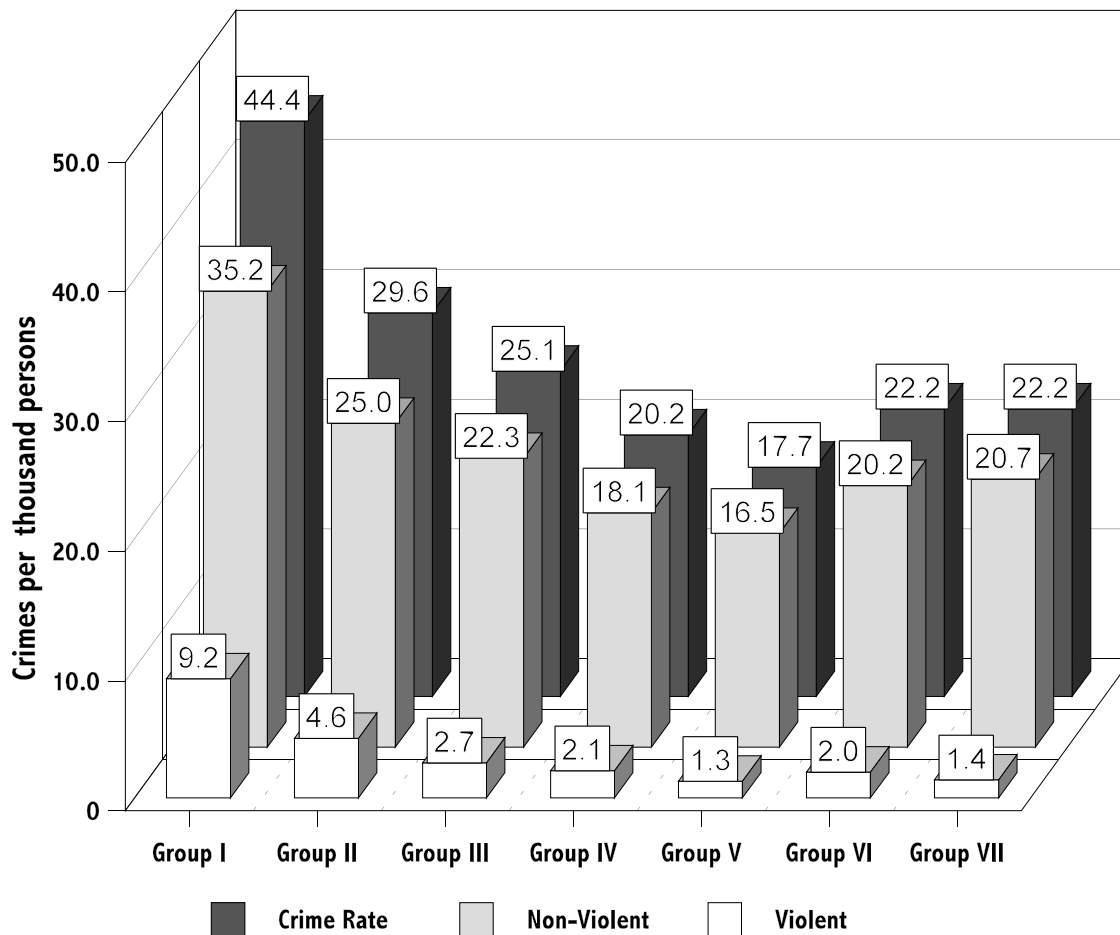
The presentation of crime statistics by population groups was made for the purpose of projecting, for consideration, the relative crime experience of communities of varying populations. Although the individual municipalities within the various groups may be geographically separated, their inclusion into 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	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft
GROUP I								
4 Municipalities over 100,000	35,441	155	158	3,698	3,358	5,705	14,474	7,893
Population — 798,078								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	44.4	0.2	0.2	4.6	4.2	7.1	18.1	9.9
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	15.1							
GROUP II								
29 Municipalities 50,000 - 100,000	57,881	121	286	4,056	4,470	10,471	32,453	6,024
Population — 1,956,413								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	29.6	0.1	0.1	2.1	2.3	5.4	16.6	3.1
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	19.3							
GROUP III								
64 Municipalities 25,000-50,000	55,505	56	252	2,621	3,072	8,748	36,705	4,051
Population — 2,215,654								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	25.1	◇	0.1	1.2	1.4	3.9	16.6	1.8
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	21.3							
GROUP IV								
70 Municipalities 15,000-25,000	27,517	27	125	1,242	1,478	4,603	18,311	1,731
Population — 1,364,523								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	20.2	◇	0.1	0.9	1.1	3.4	13.4	1.3
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	20.9							
GROUP V								
215 Municipalities 5,000-15,000	34,182	16	156	777	1,513	5,761	24,174	1,785
Population — 1,927,200								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	17.7	◇	0.1	0.4	0.8	3.0	12.5	0.9
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	23.1							
GROUP VI								
111 Municipalities 2,000-5,000	8,389	5	43	155	564	1,518	5,738	366
Population — 377,803								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	22.2	◇	0.1	0.4	1.5	4.0	15.2	1.0
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	24.9							
GROUP VII								
73 Municipalities under 2,000	1,883	1	9	13	99	428	1,239	94
Population — 84,889								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	22.2	◇	0.1	0.2	1.2	5.0	14.6	1.1
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	25.2							

◇ Less than one-tenth of one percent.

COMPARATIVE CRIME RATES FOR POPULATION GROUPS 2007



- Group I - Four municipalities with populations over 100,000.
- Group II - Twenty-nine municipalities with populations between 50,000 and 100,000.
- Group III - Sixty-four municipalities with populations between 25,000 and 50,000.
- Group IV - Seventy municipalities with populations between 15,000 and 25,000.
- Group V - Two hundred fifteen municipalities with populations between 5,000 and 15,000.
- Group VI - One hundred eleven municipalities with populations between 2,000 and 5,000.
- Group VII - Seventy-three municipalities with populations under 2,000.

Percent Distribution may not add to 100.0 due to rounding.

URBAN – SUBURBAN – RURAL CRIME 5 YEAR COMPARISON 2003/2007 Summary Analysis

OFFENSES	URBAN			SUBURBAN			RURAL		
	2003	2007	Percent Change	2003	2007	Percent Change	2003	2007	Percent Change
Murder	336	321	-4	49	46	-6	21	14	-33
Rape	797	611	-23	388	327	-16	98	91	-7
Robbery	11,158	10,414	-7	1,919	1,860	-3	308	288	-6
Aggravated Assault	11,668	10,143	-13	3,636	3,362	-8	1,138	1,049	-8
Burglary	26,137	21,510	-18	13,831	12,169	-12	3,407	3,555	4
Larceny-Theft	74,776	66,126	-12	56,472	54,936	-3	11,355	12,032	6
Motor Vehicle Theft	27,262	17,043	-37	6,359	4,041	-36	1,034	860	-17
Total Crime Index	152,134	126,168	-17	82,654	76,741	-7	17,361	17,889	3
Violent Crime	23,959	21,489	-10	5,992	5,595	-7	1,565	1,442	-8
Nonviolent Crime	128,175	104,679	-18	76,662	71,146	-7	15,796	16,447	4

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

- Comparing 2007 to 2003, Urban communities experienced the largest percentage change in Index offenses, a decrease of 17 percent.
- Index crimes in Suburban communities decreased 7 percent, while Rural communities increased 3 percent.
- Comparing 2007 to 2003, Urban communities experienced the largest percentage change in violent crimes, a decrease of 10 percent.
- Suburban communities experienced a 7 percent decrease in violent crimes, and Rural communities experienced an 8 percent decrease.
- Comparing 2007 to 2003, Urban communities experienced the largest percentage change in nonviolent crimes, a decrease of 18 percent.
- Suburban communities experienced a 7 percent decrease while Rural communities experienced a 4 percent increase in nonviolent crimes, comparing 2007 to 2003.

URBAN NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 2006/2007

Municipalities: 155

Population: 3,809,562

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2006	2007	Percent Change	2006	2007	Percent Change	2006	2007	Percent Change
Murder	361	321	-11	0.09	0.08	&	84.5	84.3	*
Rape	724	611	-16	0.19	0.16	&	60.3	59.4	-1
Robbery	10,996	10,414	-5	2.88	2.73	-5	82.3	82.9	1
Aggravated Assault	11,085	10,143	-9	2.90	2.66	-8	71.2	69.7	-2
Burglary	22,240	21,510	-3	5.82	5.65	-3	56.5	57.8	2
Larceny-Theft	67,054	66,126	-1	17.55	17.36	-1	49.4	49.7	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	19,249	17,043	-11	5.04	4.47	-11	77.8	77.7	*
Total Crime Index	131,709	126,168	-4	34.48	33.12	-4	57.2	57.1	*
Violent Crime	23,166	21,489	-7	6.06	5.64	-7	75.8	75.3	-1
Nonviolent Crime	108,543	104,679	-4	28.42	27.48	-3	54.3	54.4	*

& Crime Rate ratio percent not calculated due to small volume and rounding issues.

* Less than one-half of one percent.

- There were 126,168 offenses reported in municipalities of Urban character during 2007, this represents a decrease of 4 percent compared to 2006.
- Fifty-seven percent of all Index crimes occurred in Urban areas.
- Violent crime in Urban communities decreased 7 percent and accounted for 75 percent of the state's total violent crime.
- Nonviolent crime in Urban communities decreased 4 percent and accounted for 54 percent of the state's total nonviolent crime.
- The crime rate in Urban communities decreased 4 percent to 33.1 victims for every 1,000 persons.

SUBURBAN NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 2006/2007

Municipalities: 254

Population: 3,879,201

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2006	2007	Percent Change	2006	2007	Percent Change	2006	2007	Percent Change
Murder	42	46	10	0.01	0.01	&	9.8	12.1	23
Rape	395	327	-17	0.10	0.08	&	32.9	31.8	-3
Robbery	2,016	1,860	-8	0.52	0.48	-8	15.1	14.8	-2
Aggravated Assault	3,414	3,362	-2	0.88	0.87	-1	21.9	23.1	5
Burglary	13,404	12,169	-9	3.46	3.14	-9	34.0	32.7	-4
Larceny-Theft	56,069	54,936	-2	14.49	14.16	-2	41.3	41.3	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	4,616	4,041	-12	1.19	1.04	-13	18.7	18.4	-2
Total Crime Index	79,956	76,741	-4	20.66	19.78	-4	34.7	34.8	*
Violent Crime	5,867	5,595	-5	1.52	1.44	-5	19.2	19.6	2
Nonviolent Crime	74,089	71,146	-4	19.14	18.34	-4	37.1	37.0	*

& Crime Rate ratio percent not calculated due to small volume and rounding issues.

* Less than one-half of one percent.

- Suburban Index offenses decreased 4 percent in 2007.
- Thirty-five percent of reported Index crimes occurred in Suburban communities.
- Violent crime decreased 5 percent and represented 20 percent of the state's violent crime total.
- Nonviolent crime decreased 4 percent and accounted for 37 percent of the nonviolent crime in the state.
- The crime rate was calculated at 19.6 victims per 1,000 inhabitants; a decrease of 4 percent compared to 2006.

RURAL NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 2006/2007

Municipalities: 157

Population: 1,035,797

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2006	2007	Percent Change	2006	2007	Percent Change	2006	2007	Percent Change
Murder	24	14	-42	0.02	0.01	&	5.6	3.7	-34
Rape	81	91	12	0.08	0.09	&	6.8	8.8	29
Robbery	342	288	-16	0.33	0.28	&	2.6	2.3	-12
Aggravated Assault	1,063	1,049	-1	1.03	1.01	-2	6.8	7.2	6
Burglary	3,733	3,555	-5	3.63	3.43	-6	9.5	9.5	0
Larceny-Theft	12,641	12,032	-5	12.30	11.62	-6	9.3	9.0	-3
Motor Vehicle Theft	881	860	-2	0.86	0.83	-3	3.6	3.9	8
Total Crime Index	18,765	17,889	-5	18.25	17.27	-5	8.1	8.1	0
Violent Crime	1,510	1,442	-5	1.47	1.39	-5	4.9	5.1	4
Nonviolent Crime	17,255	16,447	-5	16.78	15.88	-5	8.6	8.6	0

& Crime Rate ratio percent not calculated due to small volume and rounding issues.

* Less than one-half of one percent.

- In 2007 there were 17,889 Index crimes reported in Rural municipalities, a 5 percent decrease compared to 2006.
- Eight percent of the state's Index crime occurred in Rural communities.
- Violent crime decreased 5 percent and accounted for 5 percent of the state's total violent crime.
- Nonviolent crime in Rural communities accounted for 9 percent of the nonviolent crime in the state.
- The crime rate in Rural communities decreased 5 percent to 17.3 victims per 1,000 inhabitants.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE OFFENSE DATA – 2007

(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	40	1	39	-	-	1	-	2	36	1	-
ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE	72	1	71	0	0	1	0	1	66	4	0
Newark City	71	1	70	-	-	1	-	1	65	4	-
West Caldwell Borough	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
KEAN UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY	105	4	101	0	0	0	4	15	84	2	0
Elizabeth City	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hillside Township	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Union Township	105	4	101	-	-	-	4	15	84	2	-
MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE	44	0	44	-	-	-	-	-	44	-	-
MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY	75	5	70	0	2	0	3	8	61	1	2
Long Branch City	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean Township	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Long Branch Borough	75	5	70	-	2	-	3	8	61	1	2
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY	332	4	328	0	2	0	2	27	299	2	0
Clifton City	10	0	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Little Falls Township	261	2	259	-	-	-	2	23	234	2	-
Montclair Town	61	2	59	-	2	-	-	4	55	-	-
NJ INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	154	17	137	-	-	8	9	3	121	13	-
ROWAN UNIVERSITY	154	7	147	1	1	2	3	31	115	1	1
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	891	26	865	0	3	14	9	147	682	36	6
Camden Campus	82	2	80	-	1	1	-	14	61	5	-
New Brunswick Campus	603	14	589	0	2	7	5	102	475	12	5
East Brunswick Township	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edison Township	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Highland Park Borough	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick City	366	7	359	-	2	3	2	48	306	5	1
North Brunswick Township	19	0	19	-	-	-	-	6	12	1	-
Piscataway Township	217	7	210	-	-	4	3	48	156	6	4
Newark Campus	206	10	196	-	-	6	4	31	146	19	1
STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	39	1	38	-	-	1	-	3	34	1	-
RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF N.J.	80	3	77	-	-	-	3	10	65	2	1
THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	86	0	86	-	-	-	-	15	70	1	-
UNIV. OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY	324	41	283	0	0	21	20	10	244	29	0
Camden Campus	3	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-
Newark Campus	286	37	249	-	-	17	20	10	210	29	-
New Brunswick Campus	26	3	23	-	-	3	-	-	23	-	-
Piscataway Campus	9	0	9	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-
WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY	95	3	92	0	0	1	2	11	80	1	0
Haledon Borough	4	0	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
North Haledon Borough	18	1	17	-	-	-	1	2	14	1	-
Wayne Township	73	2	71	-	-	1	1	9	62	-	-
TOTAL UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	2,491	113	2,378	1	8	49	55	283	2,001	94	10

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