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# Carjacking

IN NEW JERSEY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012



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# TWENTIETH ANNUAL CARJACKING OFFENSE REPORT 2012

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Dear Governor and Members of the Legislature:

I hereby submit the 2012 statewide report on carjacking offenses in New Jersey. The report is based on carjackings reported by state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies to the New Jersey State Police Uniform Crime Reporting Unit for the year 2012.

It would have been impossible to complete this report without the cooperation of New Jersey's law enforcement family. It is with appreciation to these dedicated public servants and in the interest of the victims of these heinous acts, that this report is submitted.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Hoffman".

John J. Hoffman  
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Dear Acting Attorney General Hoffman:

As a result of the carjacking data collection programs mandated by Attorney General Executive Directive 1993-1, the twentieth annual report on carjacking in New Jersey is submitted. This report outlines the extent, type, and geographic location of carjacking activity collected from state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies for the year 2012. The report contains comparisons and analyses between 2011 and 2012.

It is through the cooperation of all New Jersey's law enforcement agencies that this report is being forwarded for your information and presentation to the Governor and members of the Legislature.

Respectfully,

Joseph R. Fuentes  
Colonel  
Superintendent



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# INTRODUCTION

In response to the growing number of reported carjacking incidents, four regional task forces, each composed of personnel from municipal police departments, county prosecutors' offices, county sheriffs' offices, the Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, were formed throughout New Jersey to assist law enforcement agencies with CARJACKING investigations.

With the assistance of these four task forces, the New Jersey State Police developed a mandatory statewide carjacking data collection program. Accessibility to this program is provided through the New Jersey Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NJLETS). The database for this program is located at the State Police Division Headquarters, Identification and Information Technology Section, Uniform Crime Reporting Unit, West Trenton, New Jersey.

This carjacking data collection program identifies: geographic problem areas; profiles of carjacking locations; descriptions of vehicles being carjacked; age, sex, and race of victims and offenders; types of weapons used; additional crimes committed; and estimates regarding the value of vehicles stolen.

The Attorney General has mandated, through Executive Directive 1993-1, that every law enforcement agency notify the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit of all reported carjacking incidents, whether actual or attempted. Notification must be done through NJLETS, as soon as possible, not to exceed more than twenty-four hours from the time the incident is reported.

# CARJACKING

## Definition

Carjacking, a specific type of robbery, is defined under 2C:15-2(a) as the unlawful taking of a motor vehicle in the course of which the perpetrator:

- (1) inflicts bodily injury or uses force upon an occupant or person in possession or control of a motor vehicle;
- (2) threatens an occupant or person in control with, or purposely or knowingly puts an occupant or person in control of the motor vehicle in fear of, immediate bodily injury;
- (3) commits or threatens immediately to commit any crime of the first or second degree; or
- (4) operates or causes said vehicle to be operated with the person who was in possession or control or was an occupant of the motor vehicle at the time of the taking remaining in the vehicle.

Questions have been raised whether an infant, alone in a motor vehicle, can actually be the victim of a carjacking, since no personal confrontation exists. While most carjackings do involve personal confrontation between perpetrator and victim, personal confrontation is not a necessary element of the crime. Under N.J.S.A. 2C:15-2(a)(4), an infant or sleeping child who is an occupant of the motor vehicle at the time of the unlawful taking is a victim of carjacking.

# CARJACKING HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of carjacking offense statistics for 2012 are listed below:

- There were 407 carjacking offenses reported to the police; which involved 431 victims, including passengers.
- Carjackings increased 7% when comparing 2012 to 2011 reported offenses.
- Twenty-eight of the 566 municipalities in New Jersey reported carjackings.
- Firearms were involved in 18% (74) of all carjackings. One percent (4) of the firearms used were assault firearms. Shootings were involved in 1 percent (5) of all carjackings.
- New Jersey registered vehicles represented 88% (357) of all carjackings. Honda represented the most frequently carjacked vehicle at 10%. The most frequently targeted vehicle year was 2012 with 10% (41).
- Seventy percent (285) of all carjacked vehicles were recovered. The average value of a carjacked motor vehicle was \$11,408.
- Carjackings occurred in a residential area 85% (345) of the time. The hours of darkness (6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.) accounted for 15% (62) of all carjackings.
- Thirteen percent (53) of all carjackings were witnessed.
- The most frequent victim age group was 30-34, which accounted for 19% (81) of the victim total (431). Sixty-eight percent (293) of all victims were male. Fifty-five percent (238) of all victims were black.
- The total number of offenders was 787. Insufficient analysis information was supplied on 60% (471) of the offenders. Of all known offenders (316), 20-24 was the most frequent offender age group and accounted for 58% (184). Ninety-eight percent (310) of all known offenders were male. Eighty-eight percent (277) of all known offenders were black.
- Juveniles accounted for 29% (13 ) of the total arrests for carjacking (45), while adults accounted for 71% (32).
- December had the highest number of offenses with 54, accounting for 13% of all carjacking offenses.
- Sunday recorded the highest number of offenses, accounting for 2% (83) of all carjackings.
- Region I, which consists of Essex, Hudson, and Union counties, accounted for 84% (342) of all carjackings.
- Two murders were reported in 2012 as a result of carjacking.
- Six percent (25) of all carjackings (407) were cleared by arrest.

# CARJACKING OFFENSES

## COUNTY AND STATE TOTALS — 2011/2012

County	Year	Number of Offenses	Estimated Vehicle Value	Actual Number of Vehicles Recovered	Offenses Cleared by Arrest	Number of Persons Arrested
Atlantic	2011	2	\$80,000	2	2	4
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Bergen	2011	1	\$4,200	1	-	-
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Burlington	2011	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>2012</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
Camden	2011	37	\$302,400	4	1	1
	<b>2012</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>\$204,900</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Cape May	2011	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>2012</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Cumberland	2011	1	\$15,000	-	-	-
	<b>2012</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Essex	2011	277	\$4,788,500	224	1	1
	<b>2012</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>\$3,092,700</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>
Gloucester	2011	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>2012</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Hudson	2011	14	\$337,000	11	2	2
	<b>2012</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$370,710</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Hunterdon	2011	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>2012</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Mercer	2011	11	\$72,200	6	3	3
	<b>2012</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>\$194,450</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>



# CARJACKING OFFENSES

## COUNTY AND STATE TOTALS — 2011/2012

County	Year	Number of Offenses	Estimated Vehicle Value	Actual Number of Vehicles Recovered	Offenses Cleared by Arrest	Number of Persons Arrested
Middlesex	2011	1	\$6,500	-	-	-
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-
Monmouth	2011	2	\$15,000	-	-	-
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-
Morris	2011	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>2012</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean	2011	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>2012</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Passaic	2011	8	\$115,500	2	-	-
	<b>2012</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$109,000</b>	<b>2</b>	-	-
Salem	2011	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>2012</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Somerset	2011	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>2012</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Sussex	2011	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>2012</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Union	2011	25	\$431,701	2	-	-
	<b>2012</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>\$576,416</b>	-	-	-
Warren	2011	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>2012</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	2011	379	\$6,168,001	252	9	11
	<b>2012</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>\$4,643,176</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>45</b>

# CARJACKING VICTIMS BY AGE, SEX AND RACE 2012

Age	Number	Percent Distribution	Sex		Race			
			Male	Female	White	Black	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian or Pacific Islander
0-9	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-14	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-19	9	2	6	3	5	4	-	-
20-24	62	14	39	23	23	39	-	-
25-29	63	15	47	16	31	32	-	-
30-34	81	19	47	34	30	48	-	3
35-39	39	9	27	12	14	24	-	1
40-44	52	12	43	9	25	25	1	1
45-49	37	9	25	12	16	19	1	1
50-54	30	7	21	9	17	12	-	1
55-59	23	5	15	8	10	12	-	1
60-64	14	3	12	2	5	9	-	-
65-69	13	3	5	8	5	8	-	-
70-74	3	1	3	-	-	3	-	-
75 and over	5	1	3	2	2	3	-	-
<b>TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>2</b>

Percent distribution may not add to 100 due to rounding.

\*Percent distribution less than one-half of one percent.

# CARJACKING OFFENDERS BY AGE, SEX AND RACE 2012

Age	Number	Percent Distribution	Sex		Race		American Indian or Alaskan	Asian or Pacific Islander
			Male	Female	White	Black		
0-9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-14	3	1	2	1	-	3	-	-
15-19	53	17	51	2	8	45	-	-
20-24	184	58	183	1	14	170	-	-
25-29	42	13	42	-	9	33	-	-
30-34	27	9	26	1	6	21	-	-
35-39	3	1	2	1	1	2	-	-
40-44	2	1	2	-	1	1	-	-
45-49	2	1	2	-	-	2	-	-
50-54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
<b>TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

-Information noted above is based on victim's account of incident and investigation.

Suspect and arrested offenders are combined.

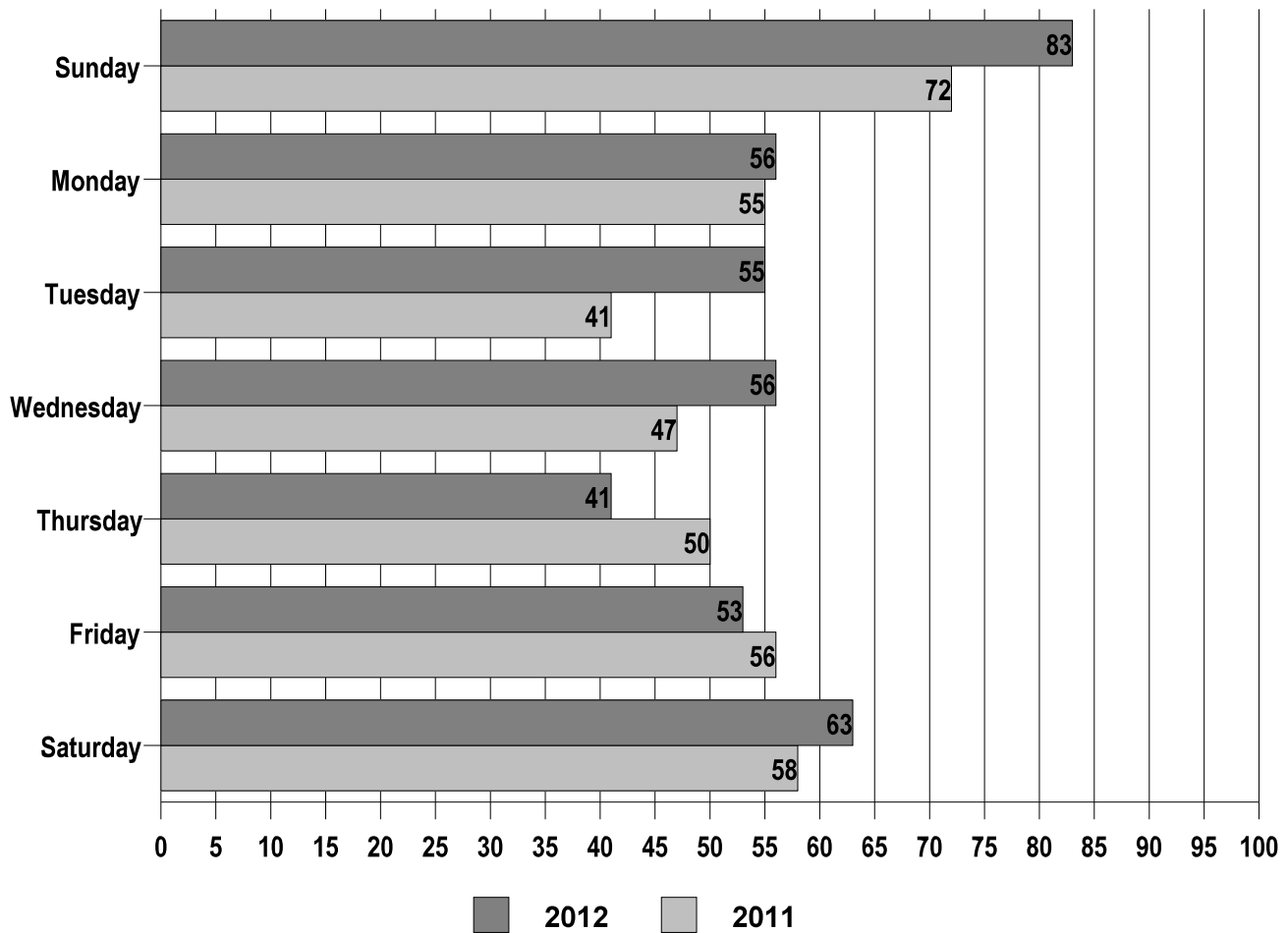
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‡ Information supplied on unknown suspects was inconsistent; therefore, accurate data breakdowns are not available.

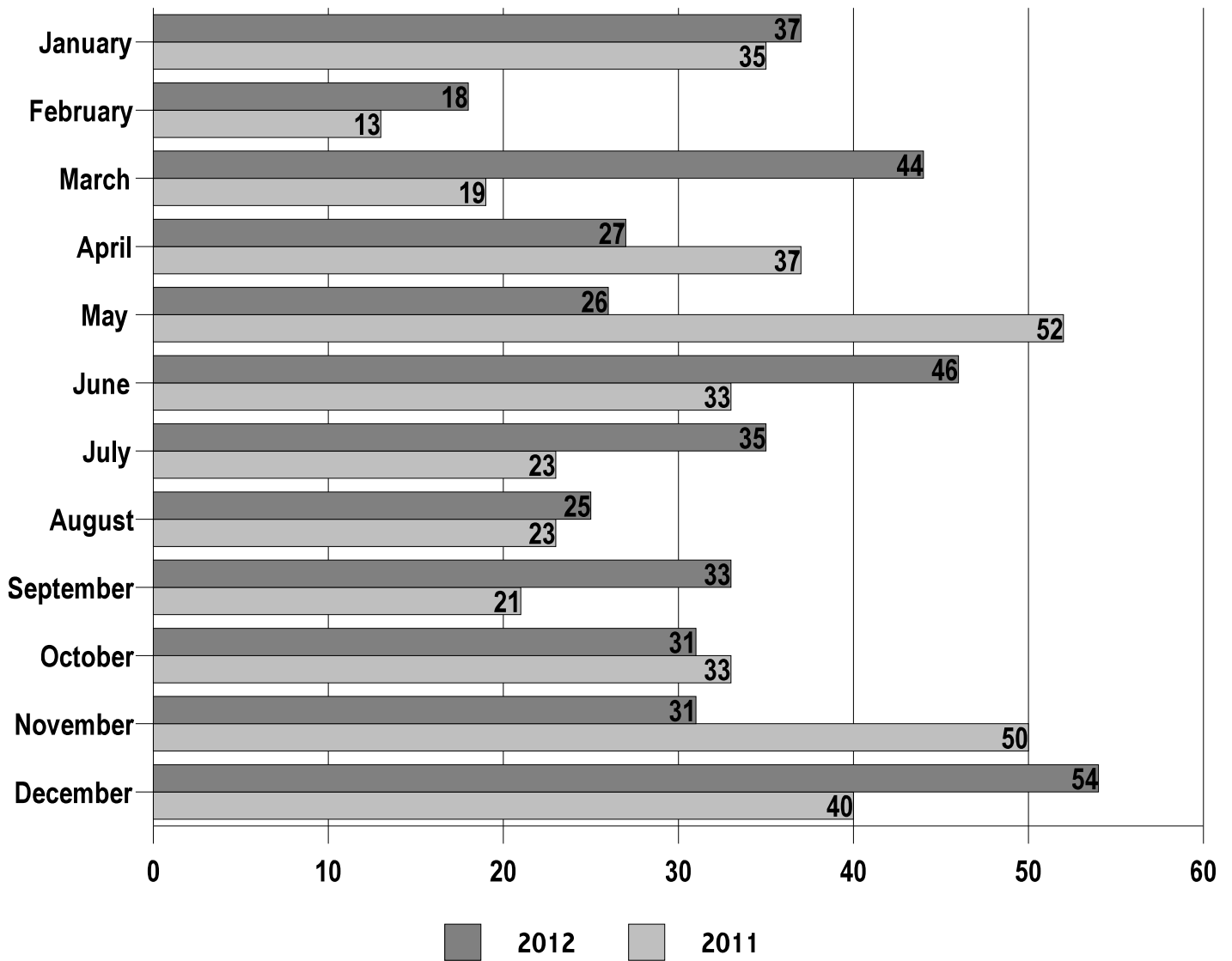
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# CARJACKING BY DAY OF WEEK

## 2011/2012



# CARJACKING BY MONTH 2011/2012



# CARJACKING OFFENSES BY TIME AND LOCATION 2012

Time	Total	LOCATIONS						
		Residential Area	Highway	Intersection	Business Strip	Shopping Center ◇	Parking Lot	Other
Midnight to 2 a.m.	62	58	-	3	-	-	1	-
2:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.	50	43	3	2	-	-	1	1
4:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	41	37	-	3	-	-	1	-
6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	24	18	2	2	2	-	-	-
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	13	11	-	-	1	1	-	-
10:00 a.m. to Noon	14	11	-	1	-	-	2	-
Noon to 2:00 p.m.	21	16	1	1	1	1	1	-
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	16	9	2	2	1	1	-	1
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	28	24	-	2	1	-	-	1
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	42	37	-	4	-	-	-	1
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	40	38	-	1	1	-	-	-
10:00 p.m. to Midnight	56	43	5	4	2	-	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>

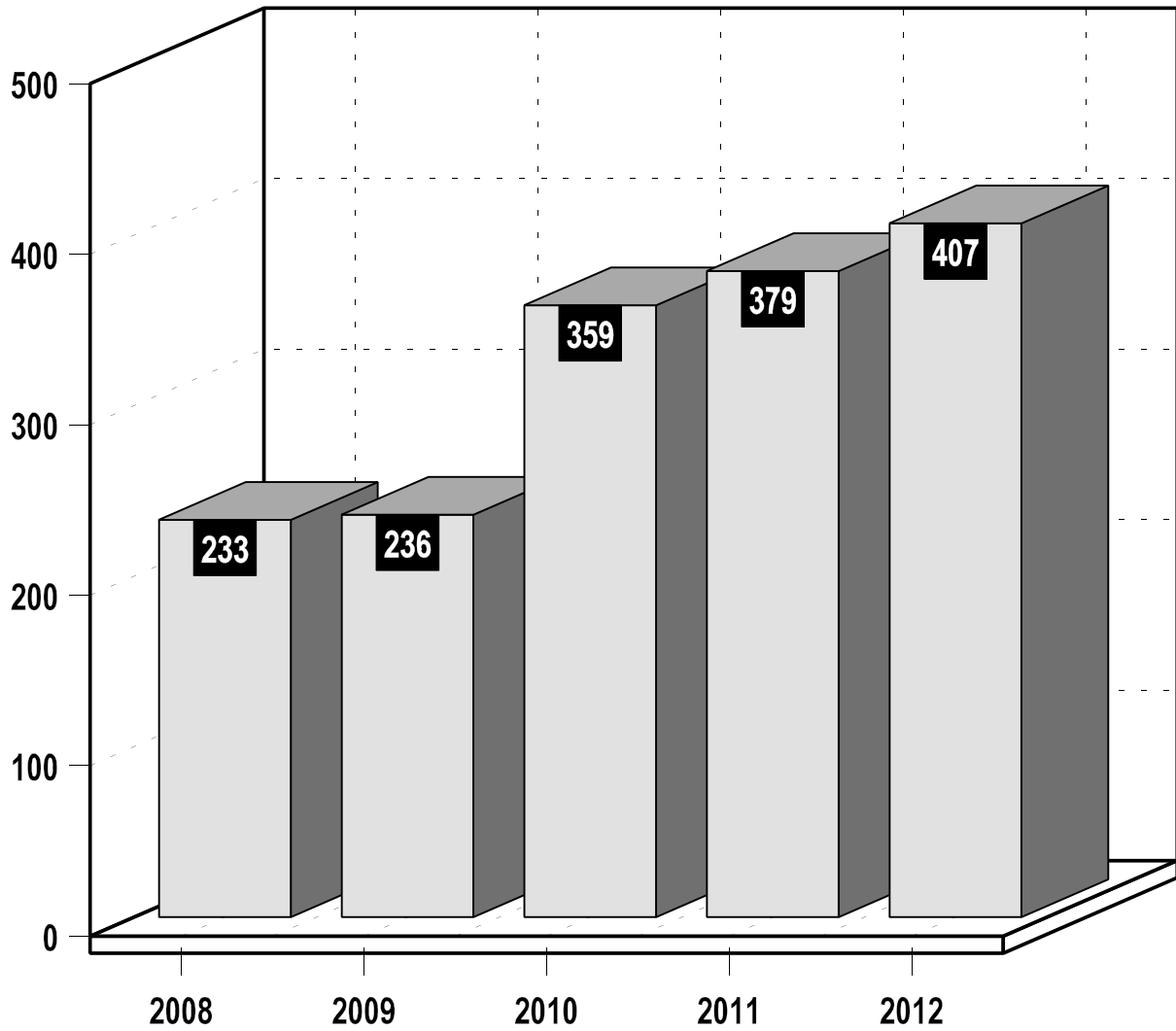
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# COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF COUNTY & STATE PERCENTAGES 2011/2012

County	2011		2012	
	Number of Offenses	Percent of State Total	Number of Offenses	Percent of State Total
Atlantic	2	1	2	*
Bergen	1	0	2	*
Burlington	-	0	1	*
Camden	37	10	23	6
Cape May	-	0	-	0
Cumberland	1	*	-	0
Essex	277	73	299	73
Gloucester	-	0	-	0
Hudson	14	4	17	4
Hunterdon	-	0	-	0
Mercer	11	3	24	6
Middlesex	1	*	2	*
Monmouth	2	1	2	*
Morris	-	0	-	0
Ocean	-	0	-	0
Passaic	8	2	8	2
Salem	-	0	-	0
Somerset	-	0	1	*
Sussex	-	0	-	0
Union	25	7	26	6
Warren	-	0	-	0
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>100</b>

\* Less than one-half of one percent.  
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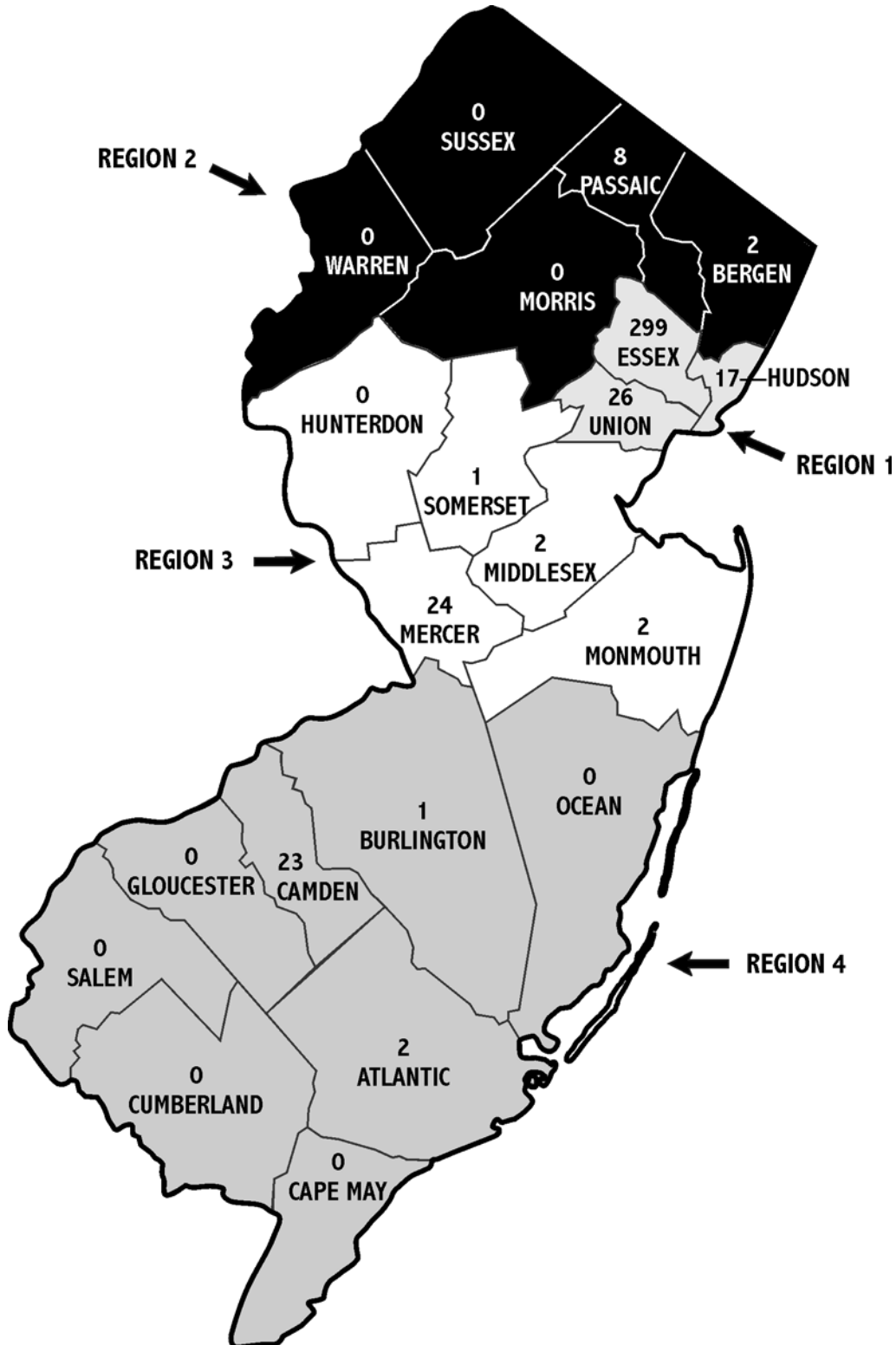
# CARJACKING FIVE YEAR COMPARISON 2007 - 2012





# STATE REGIONS DEFINED

For the purpose of coordinating and gathering carjacking information, the state has been divided into four regions. A visual breakdown of the regions is depicted below. In addition, each county's total carjackings for the year are presented.



# CARJACKING OFFENSES

## PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL BY REGION AND LOCATION

### 2012

	Total	Residential Area	Highway	Intersection	Business Strip	Shopping Center ◇	Parking Lot	Other
<b>State of New Jersey</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Region I</b>	<b>343</b>	307	10	13	6	-	5	2
<b>Percent of State Total</b>	<b>84</b>	89	77	52	67	0	71	40
<b>Region II</b>	<b>11</b>	9	-	-	1	-	-	1
<b>Percent of State Total</b>	<b>3</b>	3	0	0	11	0	0	20
<b>Region III</b>	<b>28</b>	15	1	5	1	2	2	2
<b>Percent of State Total</b>	<b>7</b>	4	8	20	11	67	29	40
<b>Region IV</b>	<b>25</b>	14	2	7	1	1	-	-
<b>Percent of State Total</b>	<b>6</b>	4	15	28	11	33	-	-

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# CARJACKING OFFENSES

## PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL BY REGION & WEAPON TYPE

### 2012

	Total	Handgun	Rifle	Shotgun	Knife	Other Dangerous Weapon	Physical Force
<b>State of New Jersey</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Region I</b>	<b>343</b>	270	-	-	12	1	60
<b>Percent of State Total</b>	<b>84</b>	90	-	-	57	50	73
<b>Region II</b>	<b>11</b>	3	-	1	2	-	5
<b>Percent of State Total</b>	<b>3</b>	1	-	50	10	-	6
<b>Region III</b>	<b>28</b>	14	-	1	4	1	8
<b>Percent of State Total</b>	<b>7</b>	5	-	50	19	50	10
<b>Region IV</b>	<b>25</b>	13	-	-	3	-	9
<b>Percent of State Total</b>	<b>6</b>	4	-	-	14	-	11

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# CARJACKING OFFENSES

## PERCENT DISTRIBUTION WITHIN REGION BY LOCATION

### 2012

	Total	Residential Area	Highway	Intersection	Business Strip	Shopping Center ◇	Parking Lot	Other
<b>State of New Jersey</b>	<b>407</b>	345	13	25	9	3	7	5
<b>Percent Distribution</b>		85	3	6	2	1	2	1
<b>Region I</b>	<b>343</b>	307	10	13	6	-	5	2
<b>Percent Distribution</b>		90	3	4	2	-	1	1
<b>Region II</b>	<b>11</b>	9	-	-	1	-	-	1
<b>Percent Distribution</b>		82	-	-	9	-	-	9
<b>Region III</b>	<b>28</b>	15	1	5	1	2	2	2
<b>Percent Distribution</b>		54	4	18	4	7	7	7
<b>Region IV</b>	<b>25</b>	14	2	7	1	1	-	-
<b>Percent Distribution</b>		56	8	28	4	4	-	-

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<b>Percent Distribution</b>		74	-	*	5	*	20
<b>Region I</b>	<b>343</b>	270	-	-	12	1	60
<b>Percent Distribution</b>		79	-	-	3	*	17
<b>Region II</b>	<b>11</b>	3	-	1	2	-	5
<b>Percent Distribution</b>		27	-	9	18	-	45
<b>Region III</b>	<b>28</b>	14	-	1	4	1	8
<b>Percent Distribution</b>		50	-	4	14	4	29
<b>Region IV</b>	<b>25</b>	13	-	-	3	-	9
<b>Percent Distribution</b>		52	-	-	12	-	36

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# GLOSSARY OF CARJACKING LOCATION TYPES

<b>BUSINESS STRIP</b>	Any retail business area or driveway, other than a major mall or shopping center.
<b>INTERSECTION</b>	Location where two or more roadways connect.
<b>MAJOR MALL</b>	An enclosed self-contained retail shopping area that provides customer parking within its architectural design and contains at least one major chain store.
<b>OTHER PARKING LOT</b>	Any parking lot other than major mall, shopping center, or residential parking lots.
<b>RESIDENTIAL AREA</b>	Any residential area, including driveways or residential parking lots.
<b>SHOPPING CENTER</b>	A group of stores within a specific boundary that provides customer parking within its architectural design.
<b>HIGHWAY</b>	Locations not accounted for in the first six categories. Include areas such as public roads, streets, bridges, interstates, county roads, etc.
<b>OTHER</b>	All other locations if not listed above.