

Carjacking

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TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CARJACKING OFFENSE REPORT 2013

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The Honorable Chris Christie
Governor of the State of New Jersey

Honorable Members of the Senate and
Assembly of the State of New Jersey

Dear Governor and Members of the Legislature:

I hereby submit the 2013 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 2013.

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".

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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 twenty-first 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 2013. The report contains comparisons and analyses between 2012 and 2013.

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
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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 2013 are listed below:

- There were 389 carjacking offenses reported to the police; which involved 429 victims, including passengers.
- Carjackings decreased 4% when comparing 2013 to 2012 reported offenses.
- Twenty-five of the 566 municipalities in New Jersey reported carjackings.
- Firearms were involved in 71% (277) of all carjackings. Less than one-half of one percent (1) of the firearms used were assault firearms. Shootings were involved in 2 percent (8) of all carjackings.
- New Jersey registered vehicles represented 86% (333) of all carjackings. Mercedes-Benz represented the most frequently carjacked vehicle at 12%. The most frequently targeted vehicle year was 2013 with 12% (47).
- Seventy-two percent (280) of all carjacked vehicles were recovered. The average value of a carjacked motor vehicle was \$12,355.
- Carjackings occurred in a residential area 85% (330) of the time. The hours of darkness (6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.) accounted for 69% (269) of all carjackings.
- Eleven percent (41) of all carjackings were witnessed.
- The most frequent victim age group was 30-34, which accounted for 18% (76) of the victim total (429). Sixty-nine percent (298) of all victims were male. Fifty-three percent (227) of all victims were black.
- The total number of offenders was 772. Insufficient analysis information was supplied on 71% (549) of the offenders. Of all known offenders (223), 20-24 was the most frequent offender age group and accounted for 49% (109). Ninety-eight percent (219) of all known offenders were male. Eighty-nine percent (198) of all known offenders were black.
- Juveniles accounted for 11% (3) of the total arrests for carjacking (27), while adults accounted for 89% (24).
- January had the highest number of offenses with 49, accounting for 13% of all carjacking offenses.
- Sunday and Saturday recorded the highest number of offenses with (49) each, accounting for 13% of all carjackings.
- Region I, which consists of Essex, Hudson, and Union counties, accounted for 84% (328) of all carjackings.
- One murder was reported in 2013 as a result of carjacking.
- Five percent (19) of all carjackings (389) were cleared by arrest.

CARJACKING OFFENSES

COUNTY AND STATE TOTALS — 2012/2013

County	Year	Number of Offenses	Estimated Vehicle Value	Actual Number of Vehicles Recovered	Offenses Cleared by Arrest	Number of Persons Arrested
Atlantic	2012	2	\$20,000	1	1	1
	2013	-	-	-	-	-
Bergen	2012	2	\$45,000	-	-	-
	2013	1	\$3,000	1	-	-
Burlington	2012	1	\$5,000	1	1	4
	2013	-	-	-	-	-
Camden	2012	23	\$204,900	4	2	3
	2013	29	\$249,600	4	-	-
Cape May	2012	-	-	-	-	-
	2013	-	-	-	-	-
Cumberland	2012	-	-	-	-	-
	2013	-	-	-	-	-
Essex	2012	299	\$3,092,700	243	7	16
	2013	287	\$3,044,500	249	12	19
Gloucester	2012	-	-	-	-	-
	2013	1	\$1,200	1	-	-
Hudson	2012	17	\$370,710	13	2	2
	2013	18	\$545,000	8	-	-
Hunterdon	2012	-	-	-	-	-
	2013	-	-	-	-	-
Mercer	2012	24	\$194,450	18	11	18
	2013	16	\$190,000	8	3	4

CARJACKING OFFENSES

COUNTY AND STATE TOTALS — 2012/2013

County	Year	Number of Offenses	Estimated Vehicle Value	Actual Number of Vehicles Recovered	Offenses Cleared by Arrest	Number of Persons Arrested
Middlesex	2012	2	\$8,000	1	-	-
	2013	2	\$90,000	-	-	-
Monmouth	2012	2	\$10,000	1	-	-
	2013	2	\$11,500	2	2	2
Morris	2012	-	-	-	-	-
	2013	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean	2012	-	-	-	-	-
	2013	1	\$3,000	1	-	-
Passaic	2012	8	\$109,000	2	-	-
	2013	9	\$105,500	3	-	-
Salem	2012	-	-	-	-	-
	2013	-	-	-	-	-
Somerset	2012	1	\$7,000	1	1	1
	2013	-	-	-	-	-
Sussex	2012	-	-	-	-	-
	2013	-	-	-	-	-
Union	2012	26	\$576,416	-	-	-
	2013	23	\$563,001	3	2	2
Warren	2012	-	-	-	-	-
	2013	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2012	407	\$4,643,176	285	25	45
	2013	389	\$4,806,301	280	19	27

CARJACKING VICTIMS BY AGE, SEX AND RACE 2013

Age	Number	Percent Distribution	Sex		Race			
			Male	Female	White	Black	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian or Pacific Islander
0-9	2	*	2	-	2	-	-	-
10-14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-19	15	3	11	4	8	6	-	1
20-24	70	16	47	23	29	40	-	1
25-29	58	14	39	19	23	35	-	-
30-34	76	18	53	23	34	41	1	-
35-39	48	11	33	15	21	27	-	-
40-44	51	12	42	9	21	26	-	4
45-49	25	6	17	8	9	15	1	-
50-54	36	8	26	10	14	21	-	1
55-59	15	3	8	7	9	6	-	-
60-64	13	3	5	8	10	2	-	1
65-69	10	2	7	3	6	4	-	-
70-74	4	1	4	-	2	2	-	-
75 and over	6	1	4	2	4	2	-	-
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	429	-	298	131	192	227	2	8
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	-	-	69	31	45	53	*	2

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 2013

Age	Number	Percent Distribution	Sex		Race			
			Male	Female	White	Black	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian or Pacific Islander
0-9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-19	28	13	28	-	3	25	-	-
20-24	109	49	108	1	9	100	-	-
25-29	42	19	42	-	4	38	-	-
30-34	34	15	32	2	8	26	-	-
35-39	4	2	4	-	-	4	-	-
40-44	3	1	3	-	1	2	-	-
45-49	2	1	1	1	-	2	-	-
50-54	1	0	1	-	-	1	-	-
55-99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	223	-	219	4	25	198	0	0
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	-	-	98	2	11	89	-	-

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

Suspect and arrested offenders are combined.

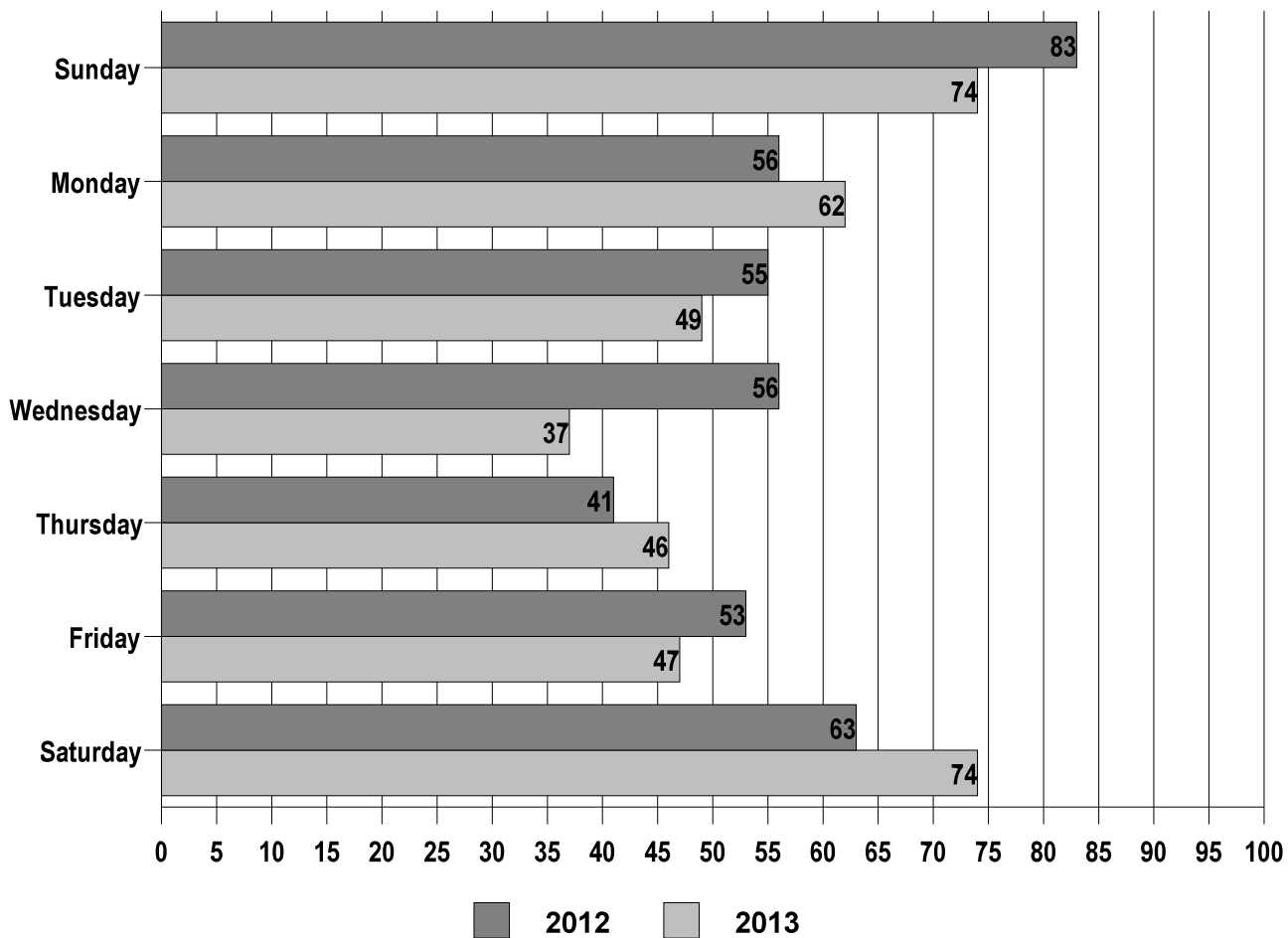
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‡ Information supplied on unknown suspects was inconsistent; therefore, accurate data breakdowns are not available.

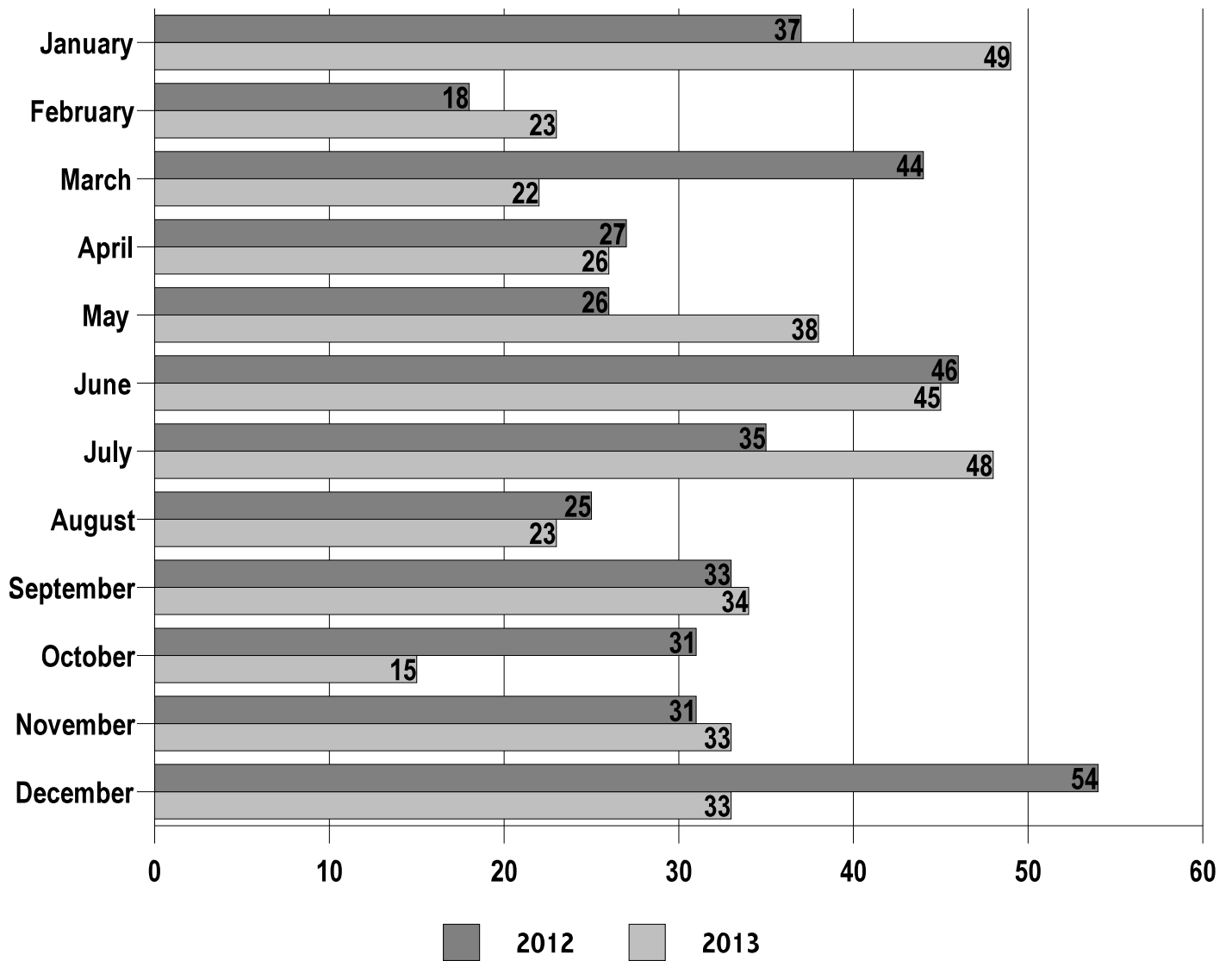
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CARJACKING BY DAY OF WEEK

2012/2013



CARJACKING BY MONTH 2012/2013



CARJACKING OFFENSES BY TIME AND LOCATION 2013

Time	Total	LOCATIONS						
		Residential Area	Highway	Intersection	Business Strip	Shopping Center ◇	Parking Lot	Other
Midnight to 2 a.m.	54	49	1	2	1	-	1	-
2:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.	43	37	-	4	-	-	-	2
4:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	29	28	-	1	-	-	-	-
6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	23	19	1	1	1	-	-	1
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	12	11	-	1	-	-	-	-
10:00 a.m. to Noon	14	8	-	3	2	-	1	-
Noon to 2:00 p.m.	14	10	1	2	-	1	-	-
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	32	26	2	2	-	-	1	1
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	24	23	1	-	-	-	-	-
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	31	26	1	3	-	-	1	-
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	60	52	1	5	-	1	1	-
10:00 p.m. to Midnight	53	41	1	5	3	-	1	2
TOTAL	389	330	9	29	7	2	6	6

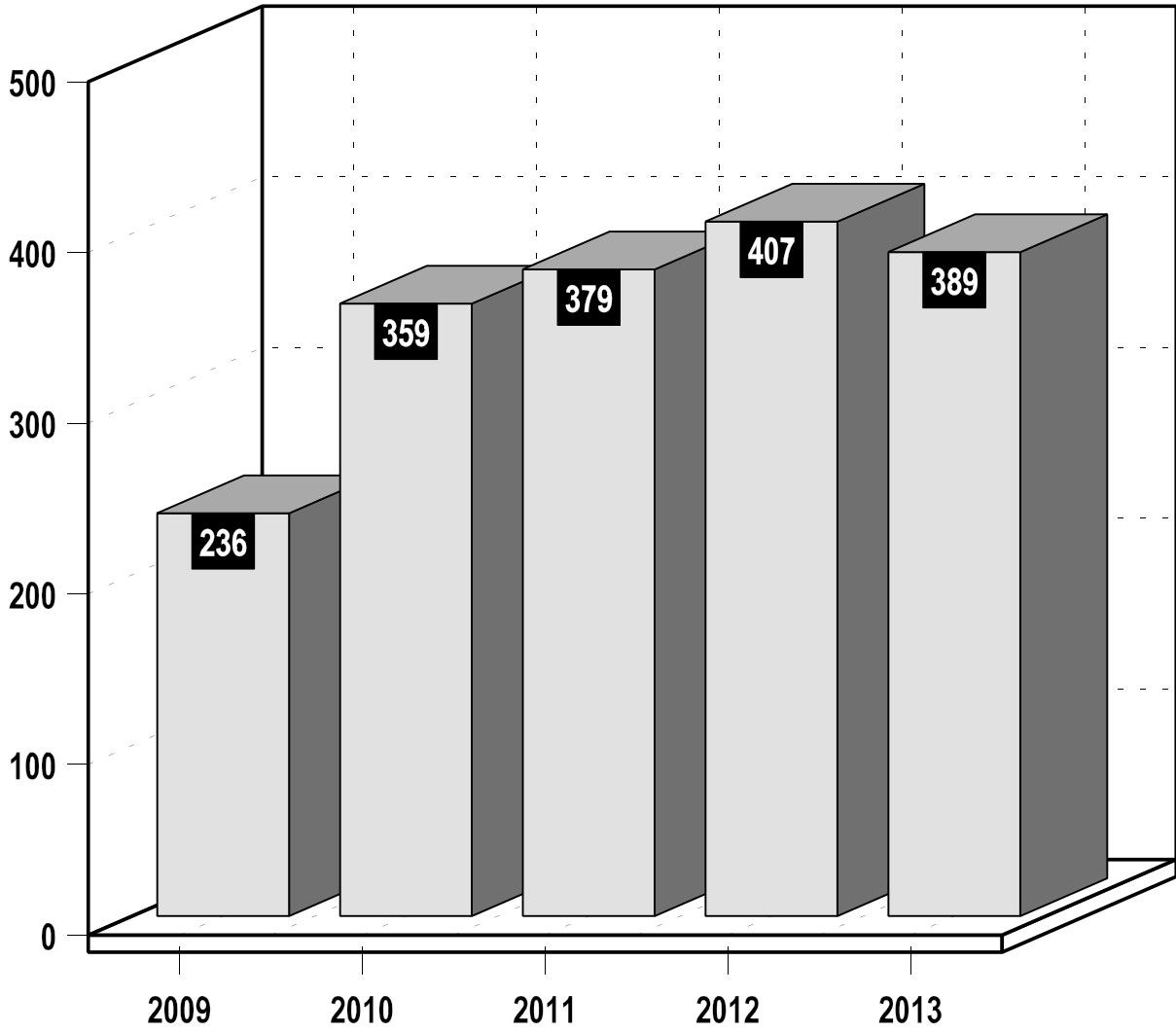
◇Includes major malls.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF COUNTY & STATE PERCENTAGES 2012/2013

County	2012		2013	
	Number of Offenses	Percent of State Total	Number of Offenses	Percent of State Total
Atlantic	2	*	-	0
Bergen	2	*	1	*
Burlington	1	*	-	0
Camden	23	6	29	7
Cape May	-	0	-	0
Cumberland	-	0	-	0
Essex	299	73	287	74
Gloucester	-	0	1	*
Hudson	17	4	18	5
Hunterdon	-	0	-	0
Mercer	24	6	16	4
Middlesex	2	*	2	1
Monmouth	2	*	2	1
Morris	-	0	-	0
Ocean	-	0	1	*
Passaic	8	2	9	2
Salem	-	0	-	0
Somerset	1	*	-	0
Sussex	-	0	-	0
Union	26	6	23	6
Warren	-	0	-	0
STATE TOTAL	407	100	389	100

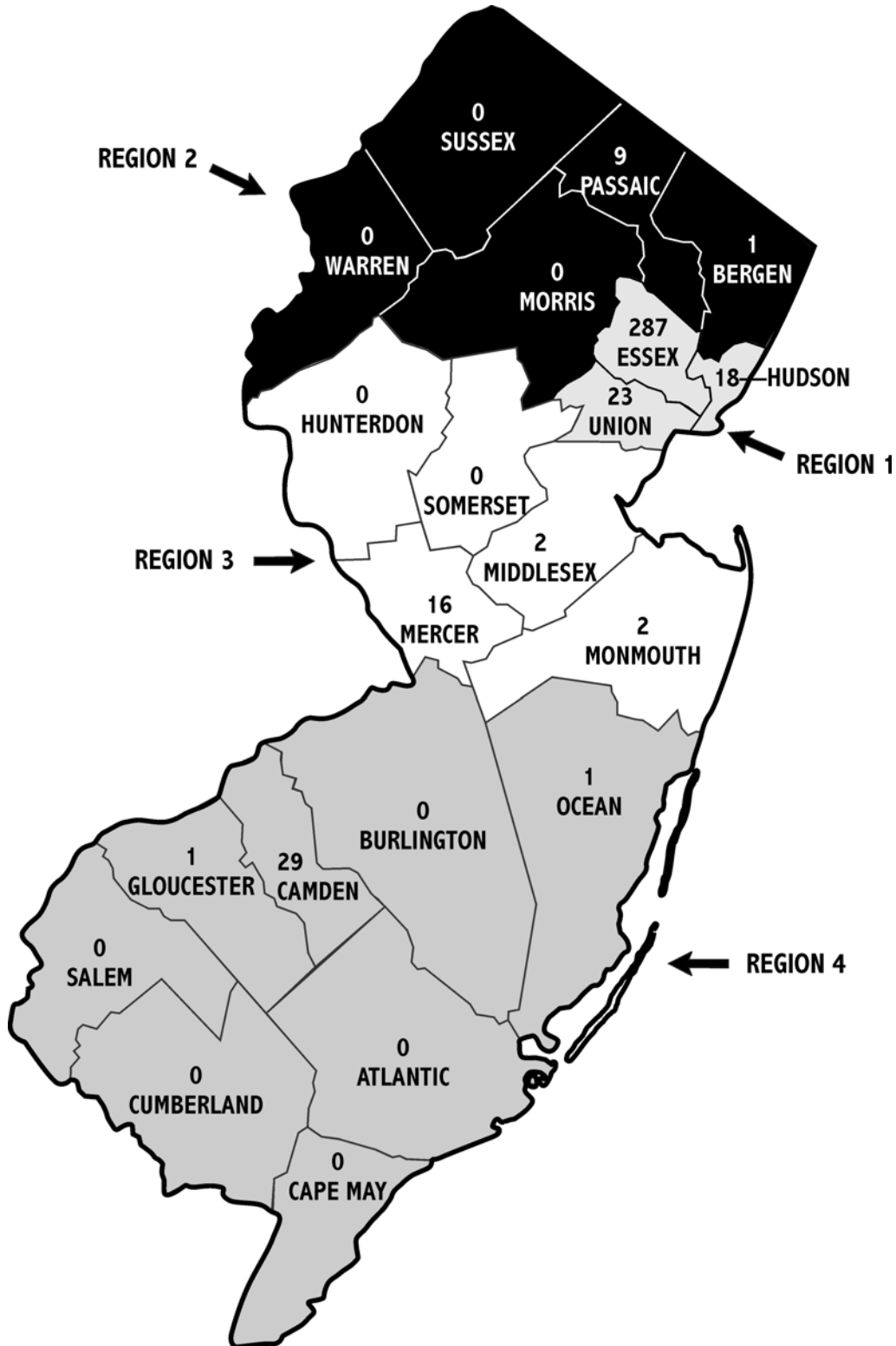
* Less than one-half of one percent.
Percent distribution may not equal 100 due to rounding.

CARJACKING FIVE YEAR COMPARISON 2009 - 2013



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

2013

	Total	Residential Area	Highway	Intersection	Business Strip	Shopping Center ◇	Parking Lot	Other
State of New Jersey	389	330	9	29	7	2	6	6
Region I	328	294	5	11	7	1	5	5
Percent of State Total	84	89	56	38	100	50	83	83
Region II	10	5	1	4	-	-	-	-
Percent of State Total	3	2	11	14	0	0	0	0
Region III	20	12	2	4	-	1	-	1
Percent of State Total	5	4	22	14	0	50	0	17
Region IV	31	19	1	10	-	-	1	-
Percent of State Total	8	6	11	34	0	0	17	0

Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

◇ Includes major malls.

CARJACKING OFFENSES

PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL BY REGION & WEAPON TYPE

2013

	Total	Handgun	Rifle	Shotgun	Knife	Other Dangerous Weapon	Physical Force
State of New Jersey	389	274	-	3	8	2	102
Region I	328	244	-	2	3	-	79
Percent of State Total	84	89	0	67	38	0	77
Region II	10	6	-	-	-	1	3
Percent of State Total	3	2	0	0	0	50	3
Region III	20	11	-	-	2	1	6
Percent of State Total	5	4	0	0	25	50	6
Region IV	31	13	-	1	3	-	14
Percent of State Total	8	5	0	33	38	0	14

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CARJACKING OFFENSES

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION WITHIN REGION BY LOCATION

2013

	Total	Residential Area	Highway	Intersection	Business Strip	Shopping Center ◇	Parking Lot	Other
State of New Jersey	389	330	9	29	7	2	6	6
Percent Distribution		85	2	7	2	1	2	2
Region I	328	294	5	11	7	1	5	5
Percent Distribution		90	2	3	2	0	2	2
Region II	10	5	1	4	-	-	-	-
Percent Distribution		82	0	0	9	0	0	9
Region III	20	12	2	4	-	1	-	1
Percent Distribution		60	10	20	0	5	0	5
Region IV	31	19	1	10	-	-	1	-
Percent Distribution		61	3	32	0	0	5	0

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CARJACKING OFFENSES

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION WITHIN REGION BY WEAPON TYPE

2013

	Total	Handgun	Rifle	Shotgun	Knife	Other Dangerous Weapon	Physical Force
State of New Jersey	389	274	-	3	8	2	102
Percent Distribution		70	0	1	2	1	26
Region I	328	244	-	2	3	-	79
Percent Distribution		74	0	1	1	0	24
Region II	10	6	-	-	-	1	3
Percent Distribution		60	0	0	0	10	30
Region III	20	11	-	-	2	1	6
Percent Distribution		55	0	0	10	5	30
Region IV	31	13	-	1	3	-	14
Percent Distribution		42	0	3	10	0	45

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 * Less than one-half of one percent.

GLOSSARY OF CARJACKING LOCATION TYPES

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