



Section Five

INDEX OFFENSE ANALYSIS

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CRIME INDEX FOR POPULATION GROUPS – 2002

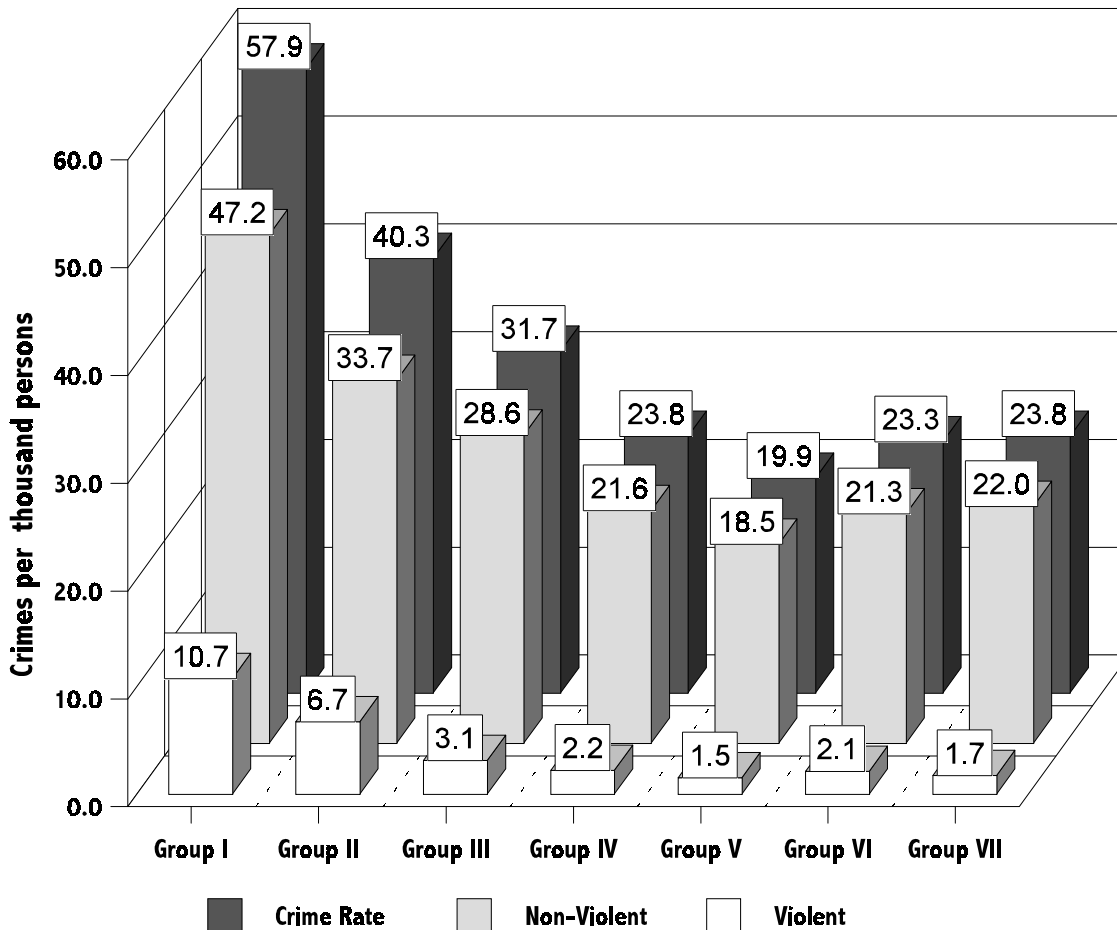
The presentation of crime statistics by population groups was made for the purpose of projecting, for consideration, the relative crime experience of communities of varying populations. Although the individual municipalities within the various groups may be geographically separated, their inclusion into 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	45,356	117	247	4,267	3,716	7,228	17,842	11,939
Population—783,391								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	57.9	0.2	0.3	5.5	4.7	9.2	22.8	15.2
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	16.3							
GROUP II								
21 Municipalities 50,000 - 100,000	60,305	118	339	4,477	5,040	10,263	30,378	9,690
Population —1,495,438								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	40.3	0.1	0.2	3.0	3.4	6.9	20.3	6.5
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	18.3							
GROUP III								
59 Municipalities 25,000-50,000	70,062	39	321	2,947	3,572	12,119	43,513	7,551
Population —2,208,048								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	31.7	◇	0.1	1.3	1.6	5.5	19.7	3.4
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	19.2							
GROUP IV								
67 Municipalities 15,000-25,000	32,787	30	167	1,159	1,735	5,544	21,378	2,774
Population —1,377,755								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	23.8	◇	0.1	0.8	1.3	4.0	15.5	2.0
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	22.0							
GROUP V								
220 Municipalities 5,000-15,000	40,895	29	191	914	1,867	6,607	28,016	3,271
Population —2,050,943								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	19.9	◇	0.1	0.5	0.9	3.2	13.7	1.6
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	22.3							
GROUP VI								
117 Municipalities 2,000-5,000	9,393	6	72	190	559	1,870	6,179	517
Population —402,803								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	23.3	◇	0.2	0.5	1.4	4.6	15.3	1.3
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	21.6							
GROUP VII								
78 Municipalities under 2,000	2,282	2	11	33	121	404	1,612	99
Population —95,972								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	23.8	◇	0.1	0.3	1.3	4.2	16.8	1.0
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	20.5							

◇ Less than one-tenth of one percent.

COMPARATIVE CRIME RATES FOR POPULATION GROUPS 2002



- 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 1998/2002 Summary Analysis

OFFENSES	URBAN			SUBURBAN			RURAL		
	1998	2002	Percent Change	1998	2002	Percent Change	1998	2002	Percent Change
Murder	251	279	11	44	39	-11	26	23	-12
Rape	988	817	-17	496	417	-16	139	114	-18
Robbery	12,832	11,558	-10	1,984	2,031	2	299	398	33
Aggravated Assault	13,336	11,859	-11	4,093	3,667	-10	1,234	1,084	-12
Burglary	33,692	26,579	-21	16,555	13,863	-16	4,244	3,593	-15
Larceny-Theft	91,734	77,846	-15	67,043	59,084	-12	12,490	11,988	-4
Motor Vehicle Theft	26,110	28,130	8	8,092	6,741	-17	956	970	1
Total Crime Index	178,943	157,068	-12	98,307	85,842	-13	19,388	18,170	-6
Violent Crime	27,407	24,513	-11	6,617	6,154	-7	1,698	1,619	-5
Nonviolent Crime	151,536	132,555	-13	91,690	79,688	-13	17,690	16,551	-6

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

- Comparing 2002 to 1998, Suburban communities experienced the largest percentage change in Index offenses, a decrease of 13 percent.
- Urban and Rural communities experienced 12 percent and six percent decreases, respectively, comparing 2002 to 1998.
- Comparing 2002 to 1998, Urban communities experienced the largest percentage change in violent crimes, a decrease of 11 percent.
- Suburban and Rural communities experienced seven percent and five percent decreases in violent crimes respectively, comparing 2002 to 1998.
- Comparing 2002 to 1998, Urban and Suburban communities experienced the largest percentage change in nonviolent crimes, a decrease of 13 percent each.
- Rural communities experienced a six percent decrease in nonviolent crimes, comparing 2002 to 1998.

URBAN NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 2001/2002

Municipalities: 155

Population: 3,782,846

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2001	2002	Percent Change	2001	2002	Percent Change	2001	2002	Percent Change
Murder	286	279	-2	◇	◇	-	83.9	81.8	-3
Rape	769	817	6	0.20	0.22	10	60.2	60.6	1
Robbery	11,874	11,558	-3	3.14	3.06	-3	84.1	82.6	-2
Aggravated Assault	12,530	11,859	-5	3.31	3.14	-5	72.7	71.4	-2
Burglary	28,621	26,579	-7	7.57	7.03	-7	61.2	60.4	-1
Larceny-Theft	81,909	77,846	-5	21.65	20.58	-5	52.6	52.3	-1
Motor Vehicle Theft	29,235	28,130	-4	7.73	7.44	-4	77.6	78.5	1
Total Crime Index	165,224	157,068	-5	43.68	41.52	-5	62.2	60.2	-3
Violent Crime	25,459	24,513	-4	6.73	6.48	-4	78.9	75.9	-4
Nonviolent Crime	139,765	132,555	-5	36.95	35.04	-5	59.8	57.9	-3

◇ Less than one-tenth of one percent.

* Less than one-half of one percent.

- There were 157,068 offenses reported in municipalities of Urban character during 2002, this represents a decrease of five percent compared to 2001.
- Sixty percent of all Index crimes occurred in Urban areas.
- Violent crime in Urban communities decreased four percent and accounted for 76 percent of the state's total violent crime.
- Nonviolent crime in Urban communities decreased five percent and accounted for 58 percent of the state's total nonviolent crime.
- The crime rate in Urban communities decreased five percent to 41.5 victims for every 1,000 persons.

SUBURBAN NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 2001/2002

Municipalities: 254

Population: 3,694,655

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2001	2002	Percent Change	2001	2002	Percent Change	2001	2002	Percent Change
Murder	37	39	5	◇	◇	-	10.9	11.4	5
Rape	396	417	5	0.11	0.11	0	31.0	30.9	*
Robbery	1,947	2,031	4	0.53	0.55	4	13.8	14.5	5
Aggravated Assault	3,680	3,667	*	1.00	0.99	-1	21.4	22.1	3
Burglary	14,530	13,863	-5	3.93	3.75	-5	31.1	31.5	1
Larceny-Theft	61,168	59,084	-3	16.56	15.99	-3	39.3	39.7	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	7,439	6,741	-9	2.01	1.83	-9	19.8	18.8	-5
Total Crime Index	89,197	85,842	-4	24.14	23.23	-4	33.6	32.9	-2
Violent Crime	6,060	6,154	2	1.64	1.67	2	18.8	19.1	2
Nonviolent Crime	83,137	79,688	-4	22.50	21.57	-4	35.6	34.8	-2

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- Suburban areas Index offenses decreased four percent in 2002.
- Thirty-three percent of reported Index crimes occurred in Suburban communities.
- Violent crime increased by two percent and represented 19 percent of the state's violent crime total.
- Nonviolent crime decreased four percent and accounted for 35 percent of the nonviolent crime in the state.
- The crime rate was calculated at 21.6 victims per 1,000 inhabitants; a decrease of four percent compared to 2001.

RURAL NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 2001/2002

Municipalities: 157

Population: 936,849

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2001	2002	Percent Change	2001	2002	Percent Change	2001	2002	Percent Change
Murder	18	23	28	◇	◇	-	5.3	6.7	26
Rape	112	114	2	0.12	0.12	0	8.8	8.5	-3
Robbery	291	398	37	0.31	0.43	39	2.1	2.8	33
Aggravated Assault	1,017	1,084	7	1.09	1.16	6	5.9	6.5	10
Burglary	3,617	3,593	-1	3.86	3.84	-1	7.7	8.2	6
Larceny-Theft	12,748	11,988	-6	13.61	12.80	-6	8.2	8.1	-1
Motor Vehicle Theft	977	970	-1	1.04	1.04	0	2.6	2.7	4
Total Crime Index	18,780	18,170	-3	20.05	19.40	-3	7.1	7.0	-1
Violent Crime	1,438	1,619	13	1.53	1.73	13	4.5	5.0	11
Nonviolent Crime	17,342	16,551	-5	18.51	17.67	-5	7.4	7.2	-3

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- In 2002 there were 18,170 Index crimes reported in Rural municipalities, a three percent decrease compared to 2001.
- Seven percent of the state's Index crime occurred in Rural communities.
- Violent crime increased 13 percent and accounted for five percent of the state's total violent crime.
- Nonviolent crime in Rural communities accounted for seven percent of the nonviolent crime in the state.
- The crime rate in Rural communities decreased five percent to 17.7 victims per 1,000 inhabitants.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE OFFENSE DATA – 2002

(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	54	0	54	-	-	-	-	1	49	4	-
ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE	104	2	102	0	0	1	1	9	87	6	0
Newark City	104	2	102	-	-	1	1	9	87	6	-
West Caldwell Borough	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KEAN UNIVERSITY of NEW JERSEY	178	6	172	0	2	1	3	10	148	14	0
Elizabeth City	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hillside Township	11	0	11	-	-	-	-	-	8	3	-
Union Township	167	6	161	-	2	1	3	10	140	11	-
MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE	67	0	67	-	-	-	-	2	61	4	-
MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY	84	3	81	0	0	1	2	11	70	0	0
Long Branch City	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean Township	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Long Branch Borough	84	3	81	-	-	1	2	11	70	-	-
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY	183	4	179	0	0	1	3	26	128	25	0
Clifton City	7	0	7	-	-	-	-	2	5	-	-
Little Falls Township	136	4	132	-	-	1	3	15	92	25	-
Montclair Town	40	0	40	-	-	-	-	9	31	-	-
NJ INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	194	5	189	-	-	1	4	2	144	43	-
ROWAN UNIVERSITY	125	3	122	-	2	1	-	9	112	1	1
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	1,069	21	1,048	0	1	10	10	132	835	81	1
Camden Campus	135	3	132	-	-	3	-	41	83	8	-
New Brunswick Campus	647	10	637	0	1	2	7	71	530	36	1
East Brunswick Township	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edison Township	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Highland Park Borough	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick City	371	7	364	-	1	2	4	43	315	6	1
North Brunswick Township	13	0	13	-	-	-	-	-	10	3	-
Piscataway Township	262	3	259	-	-	-	3	28	204	27	-
Newark Campus	287	8	279	-	-	5	3	20	222	37	-
RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	81	3	78	-	-	-	3	9	66	3	-
THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	183	2	181	-	-	-	2	21	159	1	1
UNIV. OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY	526	43	483	0	0	14	29	5	399	79	0
Camden Campus	7	0	7	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-
Newark Campus	465	43	422	-	-	14	29	4	341	77	-
Piscataway Campus	54	0	54	-	-	-	-	1	51	2	-
WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY	148	3	145	0	0	1	2	49	79	17	0
Haledon Borough	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
North Haledon Borough	9	1	8	-	-	-	1	1	5	2	-
Wayne Township	137	2	135	-	-	1	1	48	72	15	-
TOTAL UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	2,996	95	2,901	0	5	31	59	286	2,337	278	3

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