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New Jersey Carjacking Offense Report

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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CARJACKING OFFENSE REPORT 2006

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*The Honorable Jon S. Corzine
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 2006 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 2006.

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 "Anne Milgram".

*Anne Milgram
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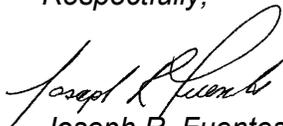
*The Honorable Anne Milgram
Attorney General
State of New Jersey
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Trenton, New Jersey*

Dear Attorney General Milgram:

As a result of the carjacking data collection programs mandated by Attorney General Executive Directive 1993-1, the fourteenth 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. The report contains comparisons and analyses between 2005 and 2006.

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 CARIACKING 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 2006 are listed below:

- There were 251 carjacking offenses reported to the police; 3 were determined to be unfounded, leaving a total of 248 carjackings, involving 282 victims, including passengers.
- Carjackings decreased 7% when comparing 2006 to 2005.
- Thirty-two of the 566 municipalities in New Jersey reported carjackings.
- Firearms were involved in 67% (165) of all carjackings. Two percent (4) of the firearms used were assault firearms. Shootings were involved in 2 percent (4) of all carjackings.
- New Jersey registered vehicles represented 86% (213) of all carjackings. Nissan, with 12% (29), was the most frequently carjacked vehicle make, while the most frequently targeted vehicle years were 1997 & 2006 with 10% (24) reported in each vehicle year.
- Sixty-three percent (155) of all carjacked vehicles were recovered. The average value of a carjacked motor vehicle was \$11,380.
- Carjackings occurred in a residential area 67% (165) of the time. The hours of darkness (6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.) accounted for 74% (183) of all carjackings.
- Eighteen percent (44) of all carjackings were witnessed.
- The most frequent victim age group was 25-29, which accounted for 25% (70) of the victim total (282). Seventy-three percent (206) of all victims were male. Fifty-five percent (154) of all victims were black.
- The total number of offenders was 442. Insufficient analysis information was supplied on 36% (161) of the offenders. Of all known offenders (281), 20-24 was the most frequent offender age group and accounted for 41% (114). Ninety-eight percent (274) of all known offenders were male. Eighty-two percent (231) of all known offenders were black.
- Juveniles accounted for 39% (14) of the total arrests for carjacking (36), while adults accounted for 61% (22).
- July had the highest number of offenses with 29, accounting for 12% of all carjacking offenses.
- Sunday recorded the highest number of offenses, accounting for 20% (49) of all carjackings.
- Region I, which consists of Essex, Hudson, and Union counties, accounted for 79% (197) of all carjackings.
- No murders were reported in 2006 as the result of carjacking.
- Eight percent (19) of all carjackings (248) were cleared by arrest.

CARJACKING OFFENSES

COUNTY AND STATE TOTALS—2005/2006

County	Year	Number of Offenses	Estimated Vehicle Value	Actual Number of Vehicles Recovered	Offenses Cleared by Arrest	Number of Persons Arrested
Atlantic	2005	4	\$47,000	3	1	2
	2006	1	\$6,000	-	-	-
Bergen	2005	2	\$11,000	1	1	1
	2006	-	-	-	-	-
Burlington	2005	2	\$47,000	2	-	-
	2006	1	\$800	1	1	1
Camden	2005	17	\$221,400	-	-	-
	2006	8	\$67,900	3	-	-
Cape May	2005	-	-	-	-	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	-
Cumberland	2005	6	\$68,700	1	-	-
	2006	4	\$21,150	2	-	3
Essex	2005	156	\$1,940,982	94	4	8
	2006	150	\$1,838,000	102	8	16
Gloucester	2005	2	\$16,000	-	-	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	-
Hudson	2005	26	\$223,800	18	1	2
	2006	26	\$180,112	24	5	5
Hunterdon	2005	-	-	-	-	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	-
Mercer	2005	14	\$61,601	3	-	-
	2006	8	\$58,500	5	2	4

CARJACKING OFFENSES

COUNTY AND STATE TOTALS—2005/2006

County	Year	Number of Offenses	Estimated Vehicle Value	Actual Number of Vehicles Recovered	Offenses Cleared by Arrest	Number of Persons Arrested
Middlesex	2005	2	\$12,500	-	-	-
	2006	4	\$65,000	1	1	1
Monmouth	2005	2	\$18,000	1	1	2
	2006	5	\$70,000	4	1	5
Morris	2005	-	-	-	-	-
	2006	1	\$1,000	-	-	-
Ocean	2005	-	-	-	-	-
	2006	1	\$5,500	-	-	-
Passaic	2005	6	\$57,500	3	-	-
	2006	16	\$131,200	6	1	1
Salem	2005	-	-	-	-	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	-
Somerset	2005	2	\$34,300	2	1	4
	2006	2	\$33,000	2	-	-
Sussex	2005	-	-	-	-	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	-
Union	2005	27	\$332,699	6	3	5
	2006	21	\$344,102	5	-	-
Warren	2005	-	-	-	-	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2005	268	\$3,092,482	134	12	24
	2006	248	\$2,822,264	155	19	36

CARJACKING VICTIMS BY AGE, SEX AND RACE 2006

Age	Number	Percent Distribution	Sex		Race			
			Male	Female	White	Black	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian or Pacific Islander
0-9	2	1	-	2	1	1	-	-
10-14	1	*	1	-	1	-	-	-
15-19	18	6	12	6	9	9	-	-
20-24	55	20	37	18	21	34	-	-
25-29	70	25	50	20	30	39	-	1
30-34	34	12	24	10	16	16	-	2
35-39	26	9	22	4	8	16	-	2
40-44	30	11	23	7	14	15	-	1
45-49	15	5	12	3	9	6	-	-
50-54	14	5	11	3	5	9	-	-
55-59	6	2	5	1	1	4	-	1
60-64	4	1	3	1	2	2	-	-
65-69	3	1	3	-	1	2	-	-
70-74	2	1	1	1	1	-	-	1
75 and over	2	1	2	-	1	1	-	-
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	282	-	206	76	120	154	-	8
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	-	-	73	27	43	55	-	3

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 2006

Age	Number	Percent Distribution	Sex		Race			
			Male	Female	White	Black	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian or Pacific Islander
0-9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-14	4	1	3	1	-	4	-	-
15-19	56	20	55	1	8	48	-	-
20-24	114	41	112	2	20	94	-	-
25-29	71	25	70	1	7	61	-	3
30-34	26	9	24	2	8	18	-	-
35-39	3	1	3	-	1	2	-	-
40-44	4	1	4	-	2	2	-	-
45-49	1	*	1	-	-	1	-	-
50-54	2	1	2	-	1	1	-	-
55-99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	281	-	274	7	47	231	-	3
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	-	-	98	2	17	82	-	1

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

Suspect and arrested offenders are combined.

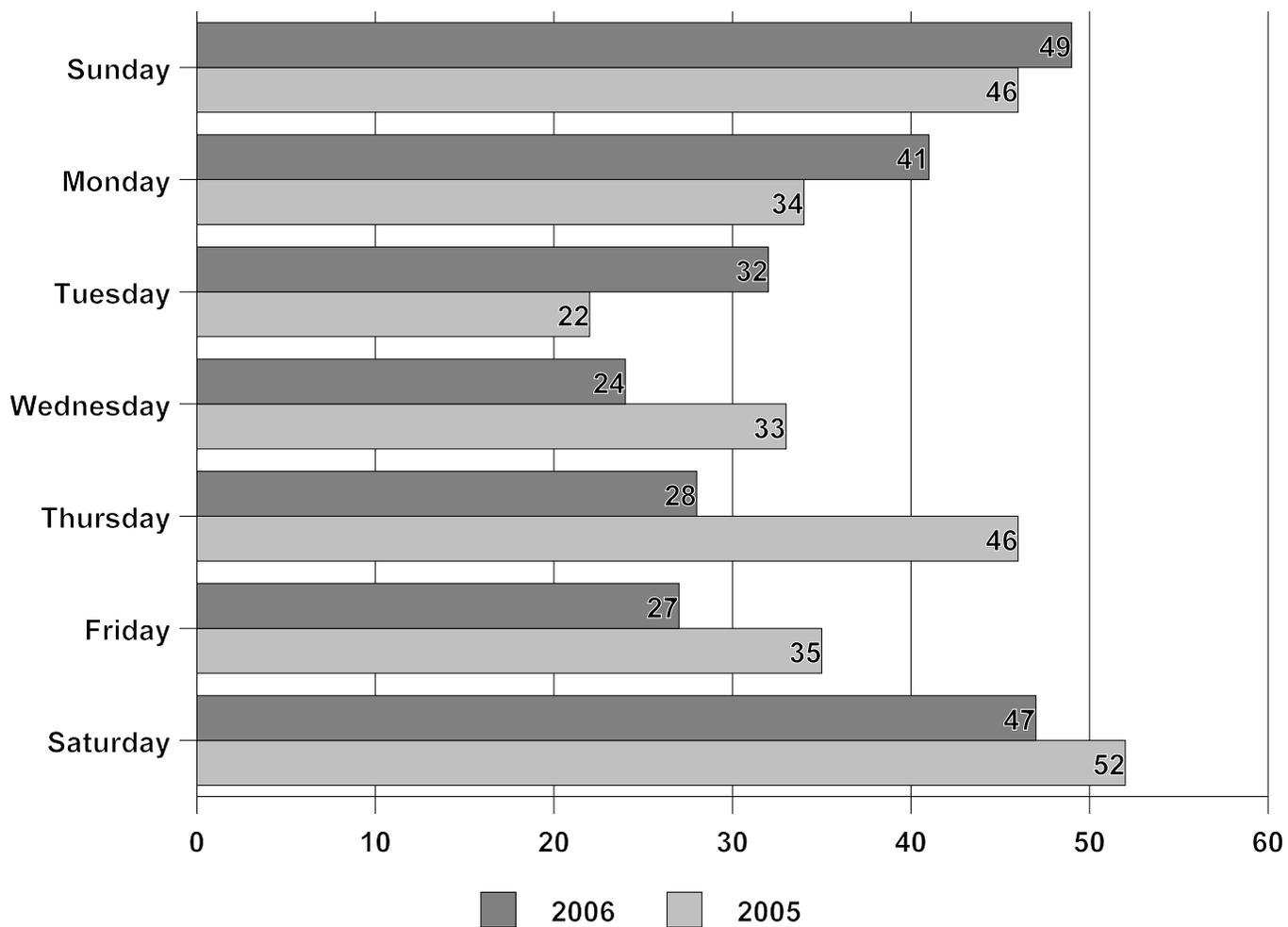
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‡ Information supplied on 161 unknown suspects was inconsistent; therefore, accurate data breakdowns are not available.

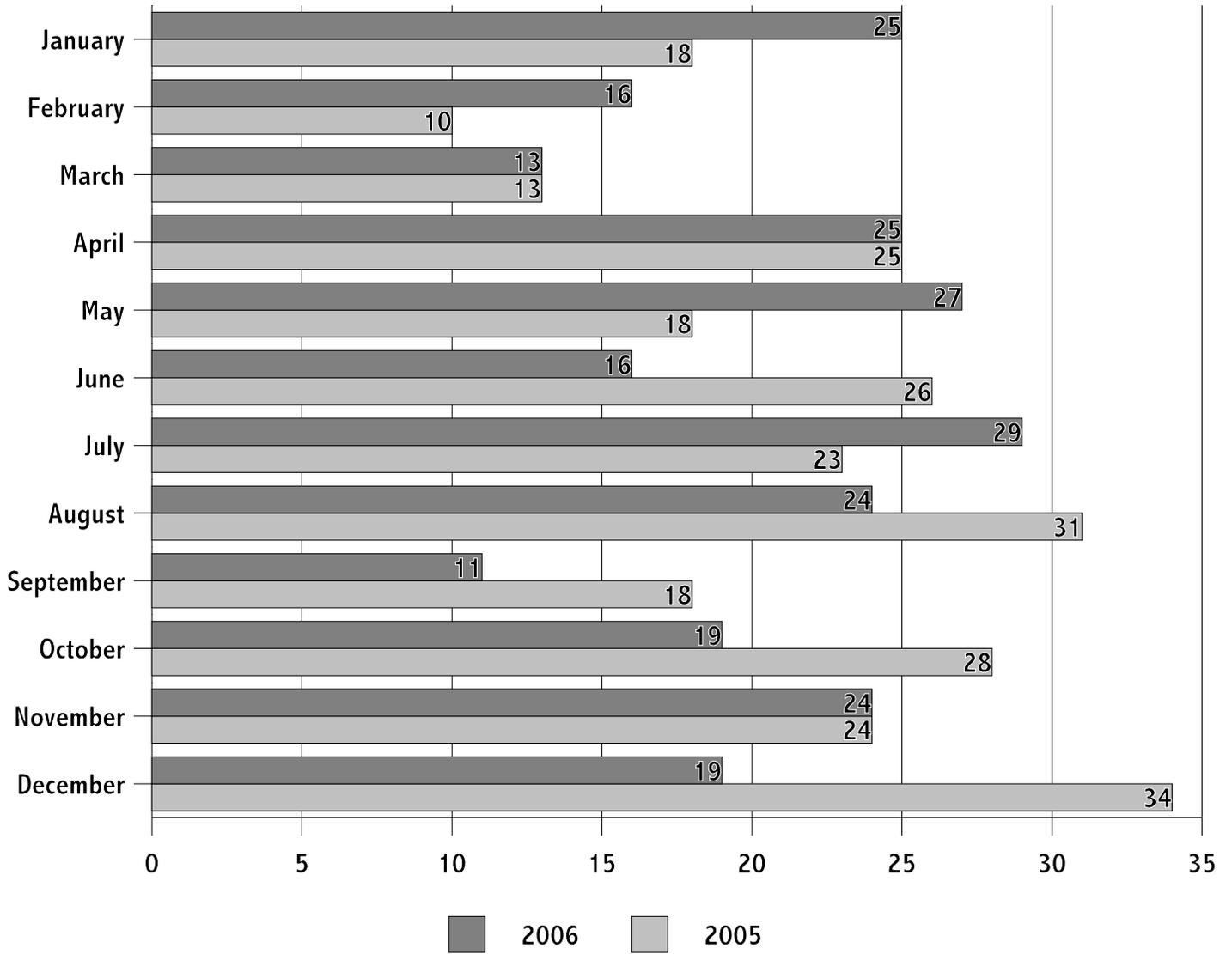
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CARJACKING BY DAY OF WEEK

2005/2006



CARJACKING BY MONTH 2005/2006



CARJACKING OFFENSES BY TIME AND LOCATION 2006

Time	Total	LOCATIONS						
		Residential Area	Highway	Intersection	Business Strip	Shopping Center*	Parking Lot	Other
Midnight to 2 a.m.	38	28	2	5	3	-	-	-
2:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.	40	23	2	9	4	-	2	-
4:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	19	12	1	3	3	-	-	-
6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	10	7	2	-	-	-	1	-
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	6	4	-	1	-	-	1	-
10:00 a.m. to Noon	12	4	1	4	3	-	-	-
Noon to 2:00 p.m.	10	5	-	5	-	-	-	-
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	11	10	-	-	-	-	-	1
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	16	6	3	2	1	1	1	2
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	17	13	1	2	-	-	1	-
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	37	28	2	3	1	-	2	1
10:00 p.m. to Midnight	32	25	1	4	-	1	1	-
TOTAL	248	165	15	38	15	2	9	4

* Includes major malls.

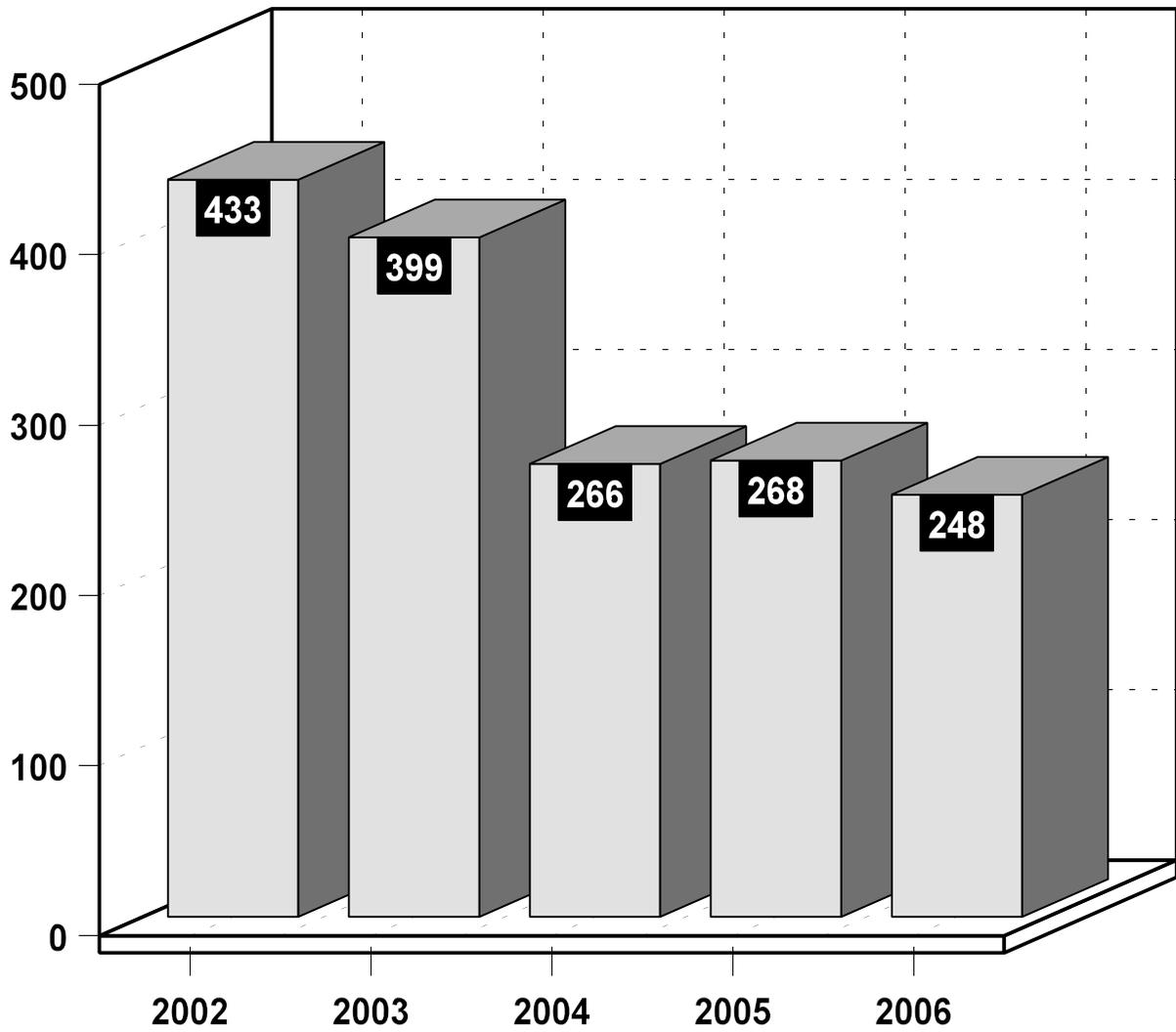
COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF COUNTY & STATE PERCENTAGES 2005/2006

County	2005		2006	
	Number of Offenses	Percent of State Total	Number of Offenses	Percent of State Total
Atlantic	4	1	1	*
Bergen	2	1	-	0
Burlington	2	1	1	*
Camden	17	6	8	3
Cape May	-	0	-	0
Cumberland	6	2	4	2
Essex	156	58	150	60
Gloucester	2	1	-	0
Hudson	26	10	26	10
Hunterdon	-	0	-	0
Mercer	14	5	8	3
Middlesex	2	1	4	2
Monmouth	2	1	5	2
Morris	-	0	1	*
Ocean	-	0	1	*
Passaic	6	2	16	6
Salem	-	0	-	0
Somerset	2	1	2	1
Sussex	-	0	-	0
Union	27	10	21	8
Warren	-	0	-	0
STATE TOTAL	268	100	248	100

* Less than one-half of one percent.

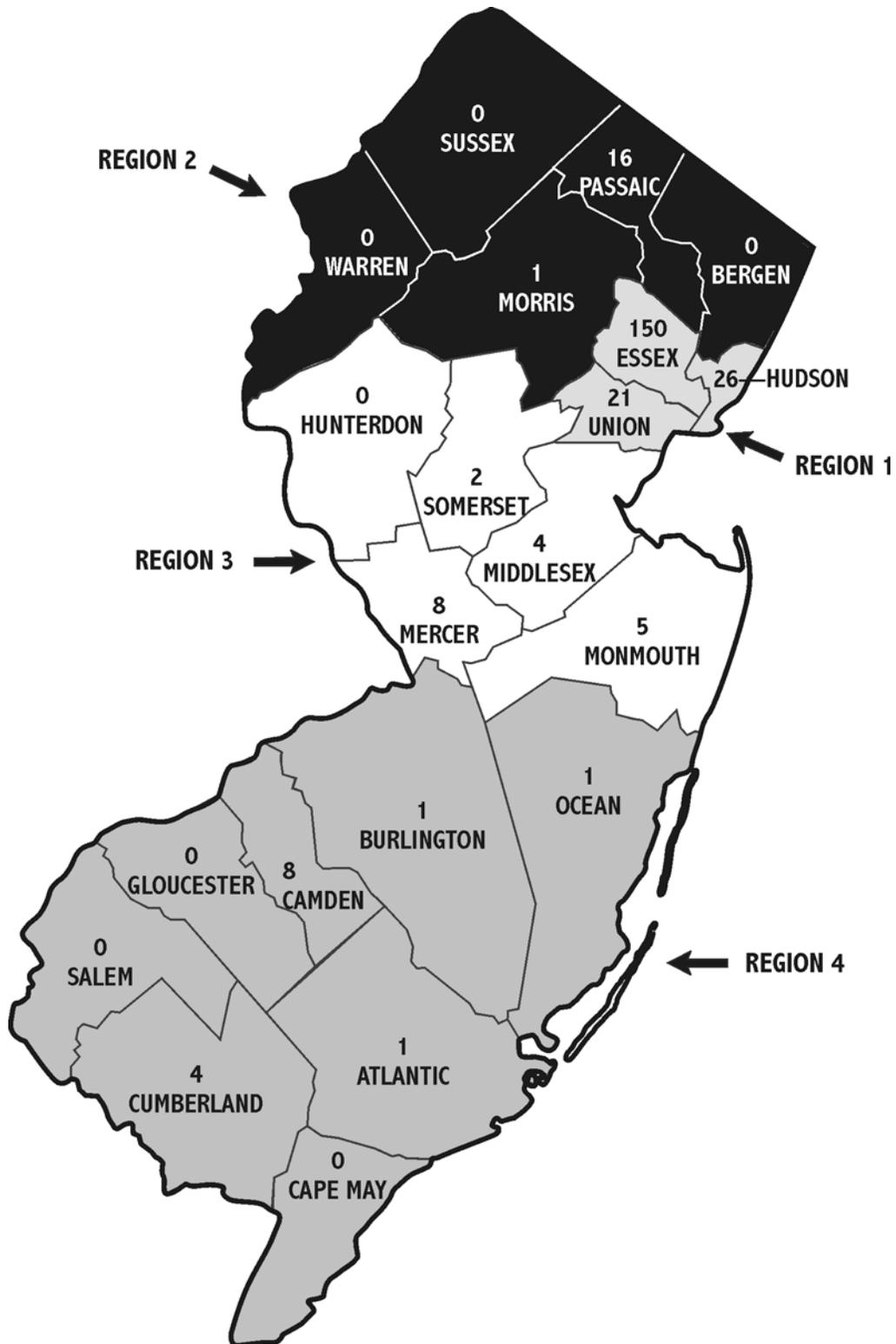
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CARJACKING FIVE YEAR COMPARISON 2002 - 2006



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

2006

	Total	Residential Area	Highway	Intersection	Business Strip	Shopping Center [*]	Parking Lot	Other
State of New Jersey	248	165	15	38	15	2	9	4
Region I	197	141	14	27	6	2	5	2
Percent of State Total	79	85	93	71	40	100	56	50
Region II	17	11	1	-	4	-	1	-
Percent of State Total	7	7	7	0	27	0	11	0
Region III	19	6	-	7	4	-	1	1
Percent of State Total	8	4	0	18	27	0	11	25
Region IV	15	7	-	4	1	-	2	1
Percent of State Total	6	4	0	11	7	0	22	25

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^{*} Includes major malls.

CARJACKING OFFENSES

PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL BY REGION AND WEAPON TYPE

2006

	Total	Handgun	Rifle	Shotgun	Knife	Other Dangerous Weapon	Physical Force
State of New Jersey	248	155	-	10	8	9	66
Region I	197	128	-	9	5	6	49
Percent of State Total	79	83	0	90	63	67	74
Region II	17	9	-	-	1	1	6
Percent of State Total	7	6	0	0	13	11	9
Region III	19	10	-	-	2	-	7
Percent of State Total	8	6	0	0	25	0	11
Region IV	15	8	-	1	-	2	4
Percent of State Total	6	5	0	10	0	22	6

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CARJACKING OFFENSES

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION WITHIN REGION BY LOCATION

2006

	Total	Residential Area	Highway	Intersection	Business Strip	Shopping Center [☆]	Parking Lot	Other
State of New Jersey	248	165	15	38	15	2	9	4
Percent Distribution		67	6	15	6	1	4	2
Region I	197	141	14	27	6	2	5	2
Percent Distribution		72	7	14	3	1	3	1
Region II	17	11	1	-	4	-	1	-
Percent Distribution		65	6	0	24	0	6	0
Region III	19	6	-	7	4	-	1	1
Percent Distribution		32	0	37	21	0	5	5
Region IV	15	7	-	4	1	-	2	1
Percent Distribution		47	0	27	7	0	13	7

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CARJACKING OFFENSES

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION WITHIN REGION BY WEAPON TYPE

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Percent Distribution		65	0	5	3	3	25
Region II	17	9	-	-	1	1	6
Percent Distribution		53	0	0	6	6	35
Region III	19	10	-	-	2	-	7
Percent Distribution		53	0	0	11	0	37
Region IV	15	8	-	1	-	2	4
Percent Distribution		53	0	7	0	13	27

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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.