



Section Five

INDEX OFFENSE ANALYSIS

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CRIME INDEX FOR POPULATION GROUPS - 2008

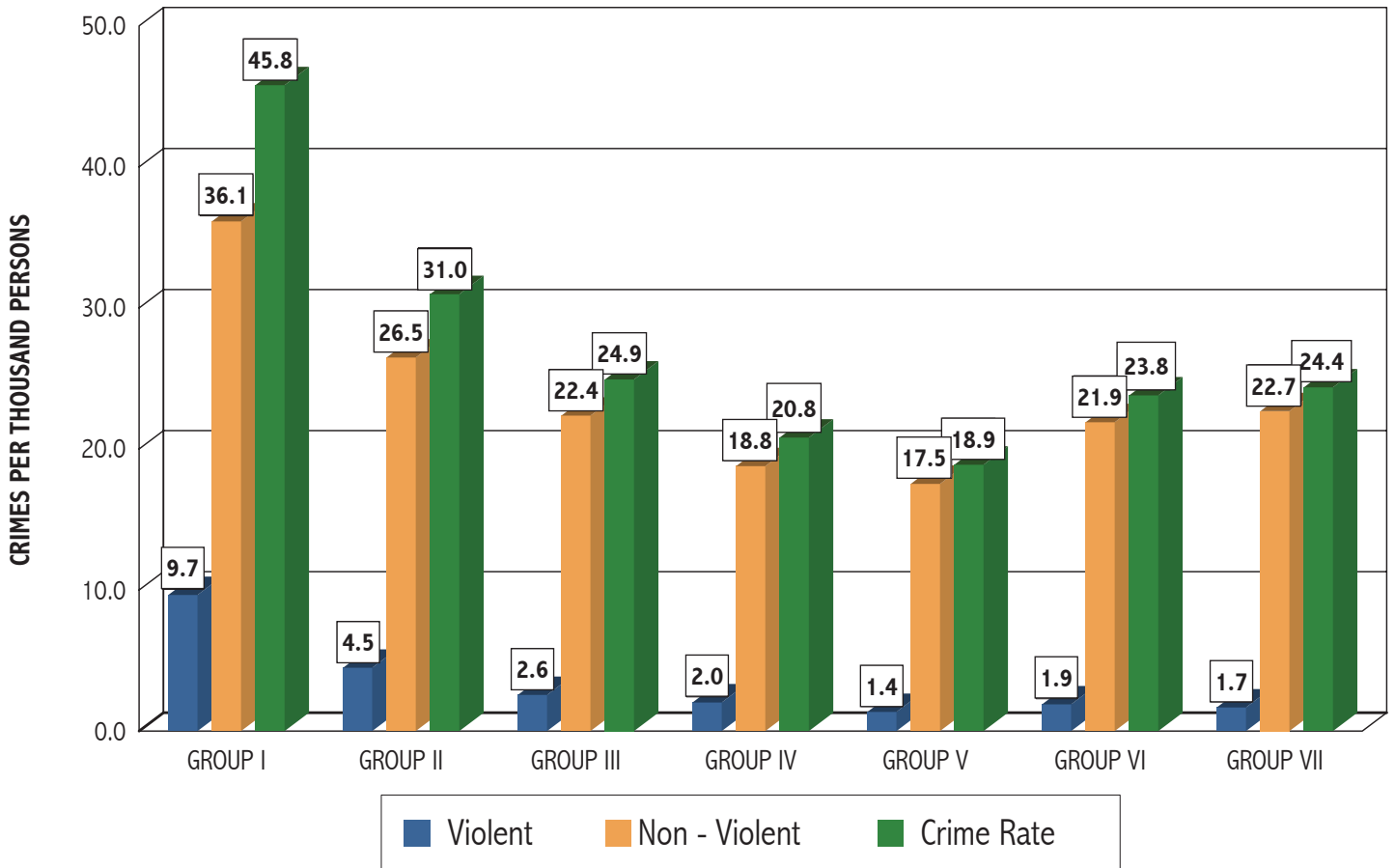
The presentation of crime statistics by population groups was made for the purpose of projecting, for consideration, the relative crime experience of communities of varying populations. Although the individual municipalities within the various groups may be geographically separated, their inclusion into 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 Population - 793,931	36,355	123	152	4,232	3,158	6,427	14,988	7,275
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	45.8	0.2	0.2	5.3	4.0	8.1	18.9	9.2
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	15.2							
GROUP II 29 Municipalities 50,000 - 100,000 Population - 1,943,637	60,216	137	324	3,889	4,378	11,424	34,627	5,437
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	31.0	0.1	0.2	2.0	2.3	5.9	17.8	2.8
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	19.2							
GROUP III 64 Municipalities 25,000 - 50,000 Population - 2,213,650	55,188	60	266	2,402	2,953	8,752	36,985	3,770
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	24.9	*	0.1	1.1	1.3	4.0	16.7	1.7
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	21.5							
GROUP IV 69 Municipalities 15,000 - 25,000 Population - 1,342,801	27,948	24	123	1,127	1,456	4,942	18,770	1,506
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	20.8	*	0.1	0.8	1.1	3.7	14.0	1.1
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	22.5							
GROUP V 217 Municipalities 5,000 - 15,000 Population - 1,935,543	36,561	28	150	869	1,582	6,409	25,831	1,692
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	18.9	*	0.1	0.4	0.8	3.3	13.3	0.9
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	21.8							
GROUP VI 110 Municipalities 2,000 - 5,000 Population - 371,819	8,849	3	67	148	488	1,754	6,007	382
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	23.8	*	0.2	0.4	1.3	4.7	16.2	1.0
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	22.8							
GROUP VII 73 Municipalities Under 2,000 Population - 84,539	2,060	1	8	27	106	424	1,436	58
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	24.4	*	0.1	0.3	1.3	5.0	17.0	0.7
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	18.0							

* Less than one-tenth of one percent.

COMPARATIVE CRIME RATES FOR POPULATION GROUPS 2008



- GROUP I Four municipalities with populations over 100,000
- GROUP II Twenty-nine municipalities with populations between 50,000 - 100,000
- GROUP III Sixty-four municipalities with populations between 25,000 - 50,000
- GROUP IV Sixty-nine municipalities with populations between 15,000 - 25,000
- GROUP V Two hundred seventeen municipalities with populations between 5,000 - 15,000
- GROUP VI One hundred ten municipalities with populations between 2,000 - 5,000
- GROUP VII Seventy-three municipalities with populations Under 2,000

Percent distribution may not add to 100 due to rounding.

URBAN – SUBURBAN – RURAL CRIME 5 YEAR COMPARISON 2004/2008 Summary Analysis

OFFENSES	URBAN			SUBURBAN			RURAL		
	2004	2008	Percent Change	2004	2008	Percent Change	2004	2008	Percent Change
Murder	331	314	-5	47	43	-9	14	19	36
Rape	767	618	-19	448	361	-19	113	111	-2
Robbery	10,910	10,404	-5	1,855	1,955	5	306	335	9
Aggravated Assault	11,367	9,712	-15	3,624	3,339	-8	1,135	1,070	-6
Burglary	24,267	22,647	-7	13,071	13,533	4	3,694	3,952	7
Larceny-Theft	72,263	68,395	-5	56,048	56,933	2	11,870	13,316	12
Motor Vehicle Theft	23,989	15,554	-35	5,401	3,752	-31	924	814	-12
Total Crime Index	143,894	127,644	-11	80,494	79,916	-1	18,056	19,617	9
Violent Crime	23,375	21,048	-10	5,974	5,698	-5	1,568	1,535	-2
Nonviolent Crime	120,519	106,596	-12	74,520	74,218	*	16,488	18,082	10

*Less than one-half of one percent.

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

- Comparing 2008 to 2004, Urban communities experienced the largest percentage change in Index offenses, a decrease of 11 percent.
- Index crimes in Suburban communities decreased 1 percent, while Rural communities increased 9 percent.
- Comparing 2008 to 2004, Urban communities experienced the largest percentage change in violent crimes, a decrease of 10 percent.
- Suburban communities experienced a 5 percent decrease in violent crimes, and Urban communities experienced a 10 percent decrease.
- Comparing 2008 to 2004, Urban communities experienced the largest percentage change in nonviolent crimes, a decrease of 12 percent.

URBAN NUMBER - RATE - DISTRIBUTION 2007/2008

Municipalities: 155

Population: 3,779,630

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2007	2008	Percent Change	2007	2008	Percent Change	2007	2008	Percent Change
Murder	321	314	-2	0.08	0.08	&	84.3	83.5	-1
Rape	611	618	1	0.16	0.16	&	59.4	56.7	-5
Robbery	10,414	10,404	0	2.73	2.75	1	82.9	82.0	-1
Aggravated Assault	10,143	9,712	-4	2.66	2.57	-3	69.7	68.8	-1
Burglary	21,510	22,647	5	5.65	5.99	6	57.8	56.4	-2
Larceny - Theft	66,126	68,395	3	17.36	18.10	4	49.7	49.3	-1
Motor Vehicle Theft	17,043	15,554	-9	4.47	4.12	-8	77.7	77.3	-1
Total Crime Index	126,168	127,644	1	33.12	33.77	2	57.1	56.2	-2
Violent Crime	21,489	21,048	-2	5.64	5.57	-1	75.3	74.4	-1
Nonviolent Crime	104,679	106,596	2	27.48	28.20	3	54.4	53.6	-1

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

* Less than one-half of one percent.

- There were 127,644 offenses reported in municipalities of Urban character during 2008, this represents an increase of 1 percent compared to 2007.
- Fifty-six percent of all Index crimes occurred in Urban areas.
- Violent crime in Urban communities decreased 2 percent and accounted for 74 percent of the state's total violent crime.
- Nonviolent crime in Urban communities increased 2 percent and accounted for 54 percent of the state's total nonviolent crime.
- The crime rate in Urban communities increased 2 percent to 33.8 victims for every 1,000 persons.

SUBURBAN NUMBER - RATE - DISTRIBUTION 2007/2008

Municipalities: 254

Population: 3,873,311

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2007	2008	Percent Change	2007	2008	Percent Change	2007	2008	Percent Change
Murder	46	43	-7	0.01	0.01	&	12.1	11.4	-6
Rape	327	361	10	0.08	0.09	13	31.8	33.1	4
Robbery	1,860	1,955	5	0.48	0.50	4	14.8	15.4	4
Aggravated Assault	3,362	3,339	-1	0.87	0.86	-1	23.1	23.6	2
Burglary	12,169	13,533	11	3.14	3.49	11	32.7	33.7	3
Larceny - Theft	54,936	56,933	4	14.16	14.70	4	41.3	41.1	*
Motor Vehicle Theft	4,041	3,752	-7	1.04	0.97	-7	18.4	18.6	1
Total Crime Index	76,741	79,916	4	19.78	20.63	4	34.8	35.2	1
Violent Crime	5,595	5,698	2	1.44	1.47	2	19.6	20.1	3
Nonviolent Crime	71,146	74,218	4	18.34	19.16	4	37.0	37.3	1

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

* Less than one-half of one percent.

- There were 79,916 offenses reported in municipalities of Suburban character during 2008, this represents an increase of 4 percent compared to 2007.
- Thirty-five percent of all Index crimes occurred in Suburban communities.
- Violent crime in Suburban communities increased 2 percent and accounted for 20 percent of the state's total violent crime.
- Nonviolent crime in Suburban communities increased 4 percent and accounted for 37 percent of the state's total nonviolent crime.
- The crime rate in Suburban communities increased 4 percent to 20.6 victims for every 1,000 persons.

RURAL NUMBER - RATE - DISTRIBUTION 2007/2008

Municipalities: 157

Population: 1,032,979

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2007	2008	Percent Change	2007	2008	Percent Change	2007	2008	Percent Change
Murder	14	19	36	0.01	0.02	100	3.7	5.1	38
Rape	91	111	22	0.09	0.11	22	8.8	10.2	16
Robbery	288	335	16	0.28	0.32	14	2.3	2.6	13
Aggravated Assault	1,049	1,070	2	1.01	1.04	3	7.2	7.6	6
Burglary	3,555	3,952	11	3.43	3.83	12	9.5	9.8	3
Larceny - Theft	12,032	13,316	11	11.62	12.89	11	9.0	9.6	7
Motor Vehicle Theft	860	814	-5	0.83	0.79	-5	3.9	4.0	3
Total Crime Index	17,889	19,617	10	17.27	18.99	10	8.1	8.6	6
Violent Crime	1,442	1,535	6	1.39	1.49	7	5.1	5.4	6
Nonviolent Crime	16,447	18,082	10	15.88	17.50	10	8.6	9.1	6

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

* Less than one-half of one percent.

- There were 19,617 offenses reported in municipalities of Rural character during 2008, this represents an increase of 10 percent compared to 2007.
- Nine percent of all Index crimes occurred in Rural communities.
- Violent crime in Rural communities increased 6 percent and accounted for 5 percent of the state's total violent crime.
- Nonviolent crime in Rural communities increased 10 percent and accounted for 9 percent of the state's total nonviolent crime.
- The crime rate in Rural communities increased 10 percent to 19.0 victims for every 1,000 persons.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE OFFENSE DATA - 2008

(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	52	2	50	0	0	1	1	0	47	3	0
ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE	63	2	61	0	1	1	0	1	60	0	0
Newark City	63	2	61	-	1	1	-	1	60	-	-
West Caldwell Boro	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KEAN UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY	156	2	154	0	1	0	1	52	100	2	0
Elizabeth City	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hillside Twp.	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Union Twp.	156	2	154	-	1	-	1	52	100	2	-
MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE	25	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	24	1	0
MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY	52	5	47	0	1	0	4	10	35	2	1
Long Branch City	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean Twp.	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Long Branch Boro	52	5	47	-	1	-	4	10	35	2	1
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY	244	6	238	0	1	2	3	3	234	1	1
Clifton City	12	0	12	-	-	-	-	1	11	-	-
Little Falls Twp.	201	6	195	-	1	2	3	1	193	1	-
Montclair Town	31	0	31	-	-	-	-	1	30	-	1
NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	116	11	105	0	0	6	5	2	87	16	0
RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NJ	108	3	105	0	0	0	3	17	86	2	0
ROWAN UNIVERSITY	147	8	139	0	3	3	2	28	109	2	1
Glassboro Boro	141	8	133	-	3	3	2	23	108	2	1
Harrison Twp.	6	0	6	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	-
Mantua Twp.	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	845	20	825	0	1	11	8	165	632	28	4
Camden Campus	126	6	120	-	-	4	2	29	87	4	-
New Brunswick Campus	563	9	554	-	1	3	5	115	427	12	4
East Brunswick Twp.	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edison Twp.	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Highland Park Boro	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick City	349	6	343	-	-	1	5	54	285	4	4
North Brunswick Twp.	11	1	10	-	1	-	-	4	6	-	-
Piscataway Twp.	203	2	201	-	-	2	-	57	136	8	-
Newark Campus	156	5	151	-	-	4	1	21	118	12	-
STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	23	2	21	0	0	1	1	12	8	1	1
THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	130	3	127	0	0	1	2	29	81	17	0
UNIV. OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY	361	27	334	0	0	14	13	3	308	23	0
Camden Campus	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick Campus	36	0	36	-	-	-	-	-	36	-	-
Newark Campus	272	27	245	-	-	14	13	1	221	23	-
Piscataway Campus	53	0	53	-	-	-	-	2	51	-	-
WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY	120	4	116	0	1	3	0	25	87	4	0
Haledon Boro	5	0	5	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-
North Haledon Boro	6	1	5	-	-	1	-	1	4	-	-
Wayne Twp.	109	3	106	-	1	2	-	23	79	4	-
TOTAL UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	2,442	95	2,347	0	9	43	43	347	1,898	102	8

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