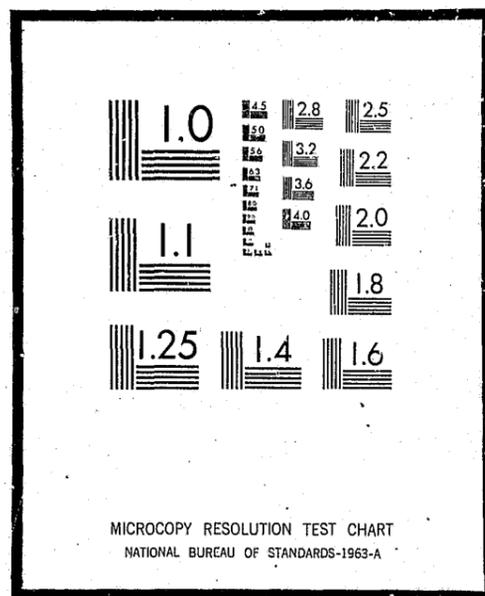


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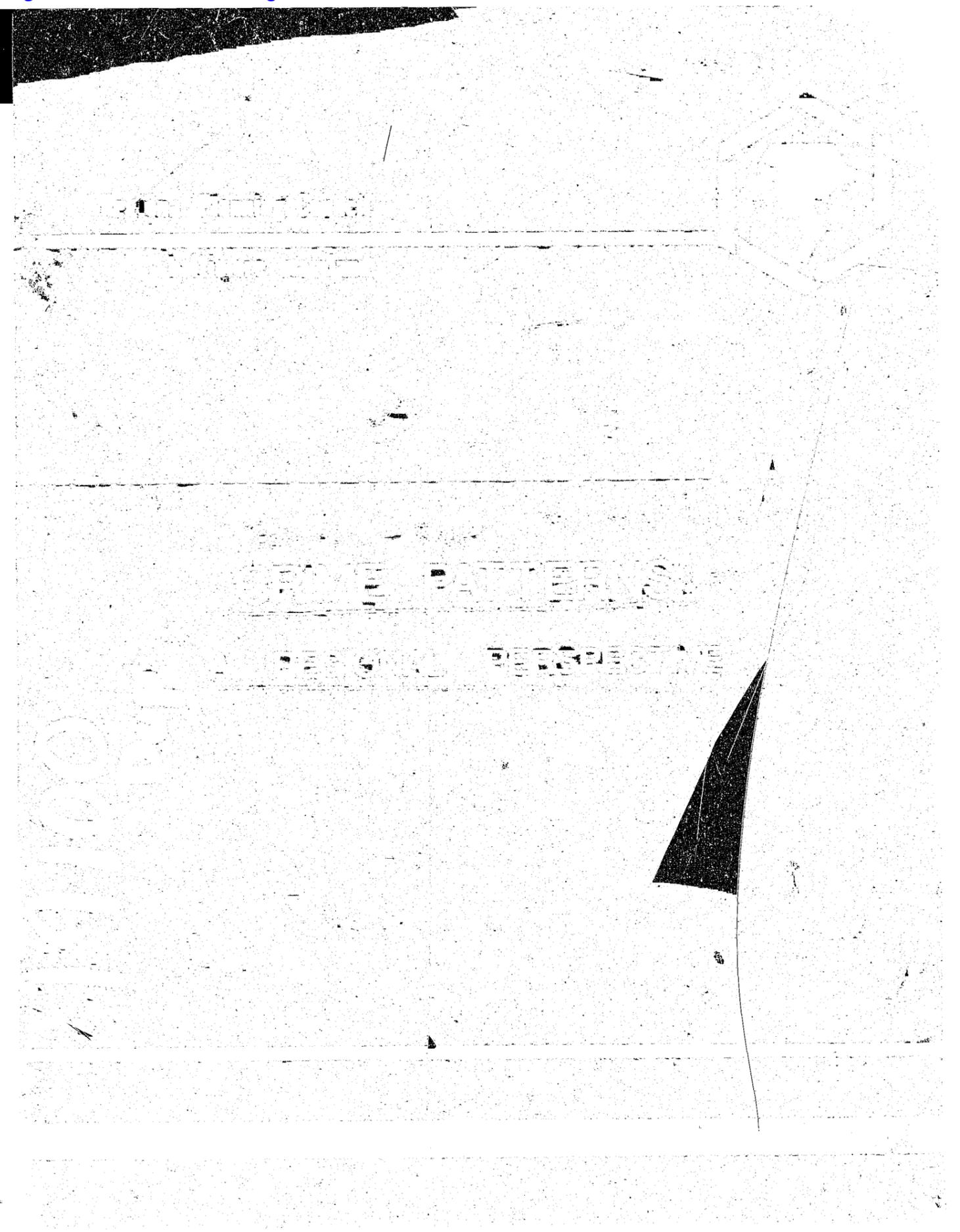
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Introduction

This document is a compendium of crime data for the Baltimore Metropolitan Region.* The report identifies reported crime incidence from 1971 to June of 1974. Particular emphasis is placed on crime incidence in the 1973-4 time frame. The FBI, through its Uniform Crime Reporting System, has developed an Index of seven serious crime offenses. The reported incidence of these index offenses--murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and auto theft--are portrayed graphically and narratively in the report.

This document was developed to address specific regional information needs in the areas of crime reporting and analysis. It is intended to serve as a resource for professionals in the criminal justice system, elected officials of the region's jurisdictions and citizens or citizen groups in the region.

Compilation of the cited crime data was made possible through the cooperative reporting of the Baltimore City Police Department, the Anne Arundel County Police Department, the Annapolis Police Department, the Baltimore County Police Department, the Howard County Police Department, the Harford County Sheriff's Office, the Harve De Grace Police Department, the Bel Air Police Department, the Aberdeen Police Department and the Maryland State Police. Additional reference sources included Crime in the U.S. (1973, 1974) and the Comprehensive Criminal Justice Plan for the Baltimore Metropolitan Region (1973, 1974).

Development of this report began in June 1974 as an activity of the Intergovernmental Services and Public Safety Division of the Regional Planning Council. This activity is financed through a planning grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration through the Maryland Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice. It is hoped that the format and content of this document will provide an overview of the nature and extent of crime in the Baltimore Metropolitan Region.

*Carroll County is not included. Region V, a region designated by the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice includes Baltimore City, Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Harford and Howard Counties. Carroll is part of the Western Maryland criminal justice region.

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Crime Patterns: A Regional Perspective

The following series of charts develops the picture of reported crime incidence in the Region. These graphics begin with a general overview of crime in the Region and subsequently narrow the focus to specific crimes within specific jurisdictions. Accompanying the charts is a descriptive narrative, except where certain salient crime features call for the development of a relationship or interpretation.

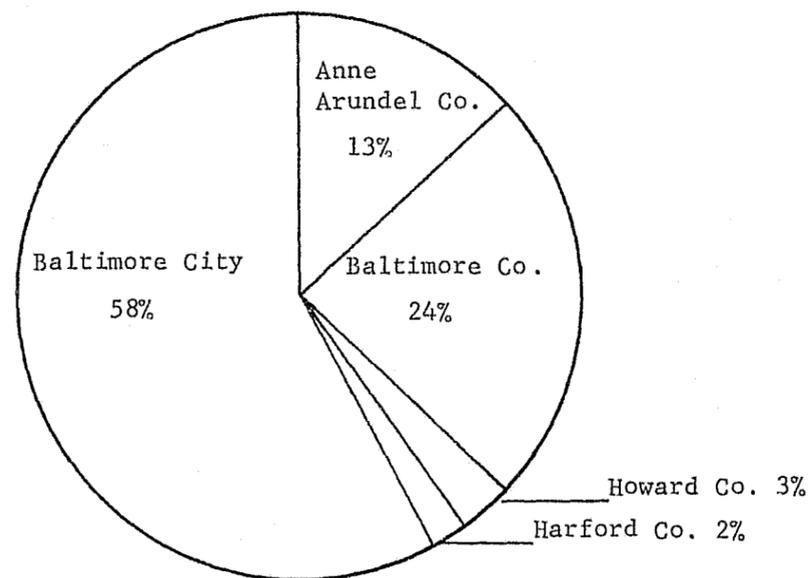
In 1930, the F.B.I. established an Uniform Crime Reporting Program to identify and document the crime problem in the United States. Standard definitions were adopted to insure uniformity in crime reporting. Seven offense types were chosen as Crime Index offenses; these crimes are murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and auto theft. All other offense types are reported in a separate category.

Each police agency within the Region submits monthly crime data to the State and Federal agencies responsible for collection and tabulation of such data. Yearly reports from the FBI are generated and promulgated through their publication Crime in the United States.

The statistics on crime incidence reflect only crimes known to the individual law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement does not purport to know the total volume of crime. Although many crimes may go unreported, the crimes used in the Crime Index are those considered to be most consistently reported and provide the capability to compute meaningful crime trends and crime rates.

In 1973, 195,168 Index Crimes were reported in the State of Maryland. Of that total, the Region's reported crime accounted for 57.6%. Within the Region, 122,360 Index Crimes were recorded. 58.2% of the Region's reported crimes was noted to have occurred in Baltimore City. (See Figure I)

Figure I
Percentage of Reported Index Crime in the Region by Jurisdiction
1973



Figures 2 & 3 continue the breakdown of the crime incidence perspective in the Region. The seven crimes that comprise the Crime Index can be meaningfully divided into two categories, *crimes against person*, or violent crimes, and *crimes against property*. Correspondingly, murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault are violent crimes; burglary, larceny and auto theft are property crimes.

Figure 2 depicts the total incidence of reported Index Crimes in the Region over a three year period. Additionally, the total number of incidents has been broken down into the two Index Crime categories, violent and property. Of note, particularly in comparing statistics for 1972 and 1973, is the relative stability of reported crime incidence. Especially interesting is the comparison of crime volume (number of incidents) between the property and violent crime categories.

Figure 3 delineates a jurisdictional compilation of total reported Index Crimes over a three year time span. During this three year period reported crime decreased in Baltimore City while increasing in all surrounding jurisdictions.

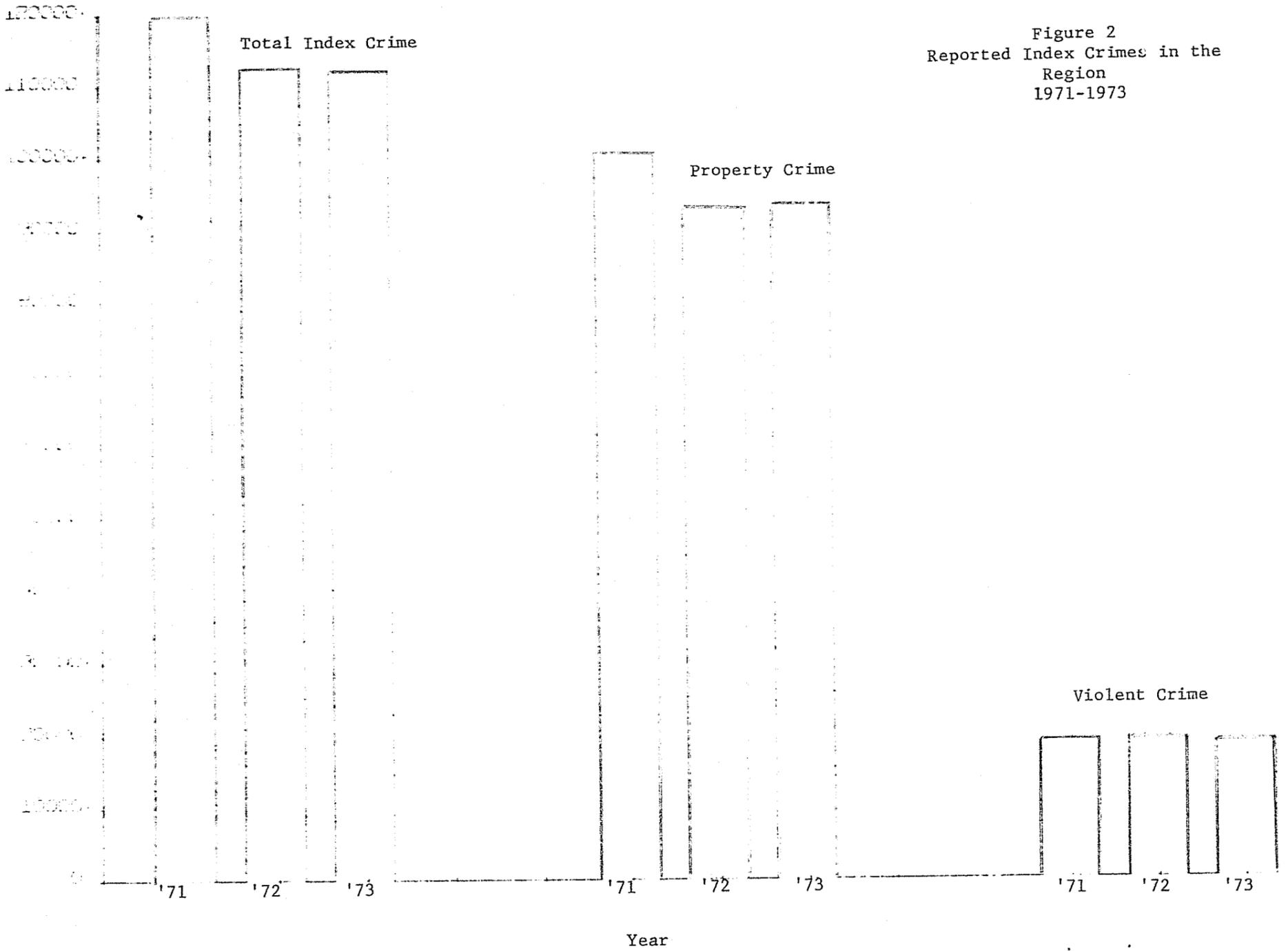
The following series of four tables (figures 4-8) develop a picture of total Index Crimes by reporting law enforcement agencies within the Region. Each police agency records those crimes which are reported. Most of the tables in this document include data from the various local police departments,* Maryland State Police activity in Baltimore City and the surrounding counties is maintained separately.

In order to get a comprehensive picture of reported crime, local jurisdictional reporting and State Police reporting must be viewed *in toto*. Figures 4 and 6 reflect data from the local police departments throughout the Region. Figures 5 and 7 reveal State Police data on the reported incidence of Index Crimes by jurisdiction.

As can be seen in figure 4, the total number of reported Index Crime offenses in the Region remained relatively constant from 1972 to 1973. Harford and Anne Arundel Counties exhibited the largest increases while Baltimore City showed a substantial decrease. State Police activity in the jurisdictions surrounding Baltimore City appears to have risen substantially during this same time frame. (see figure 5) However, a change in the definition of larceny in 1973 to include all larcenies rather than larceny over \$50 may account for a large part of this increase. The 1972 incidence totals presented in figure 4 have been adjusted to include all larcenies to facilitate the two-year comparison.

*The Harford County Sheriff's Office functions as a local police department.

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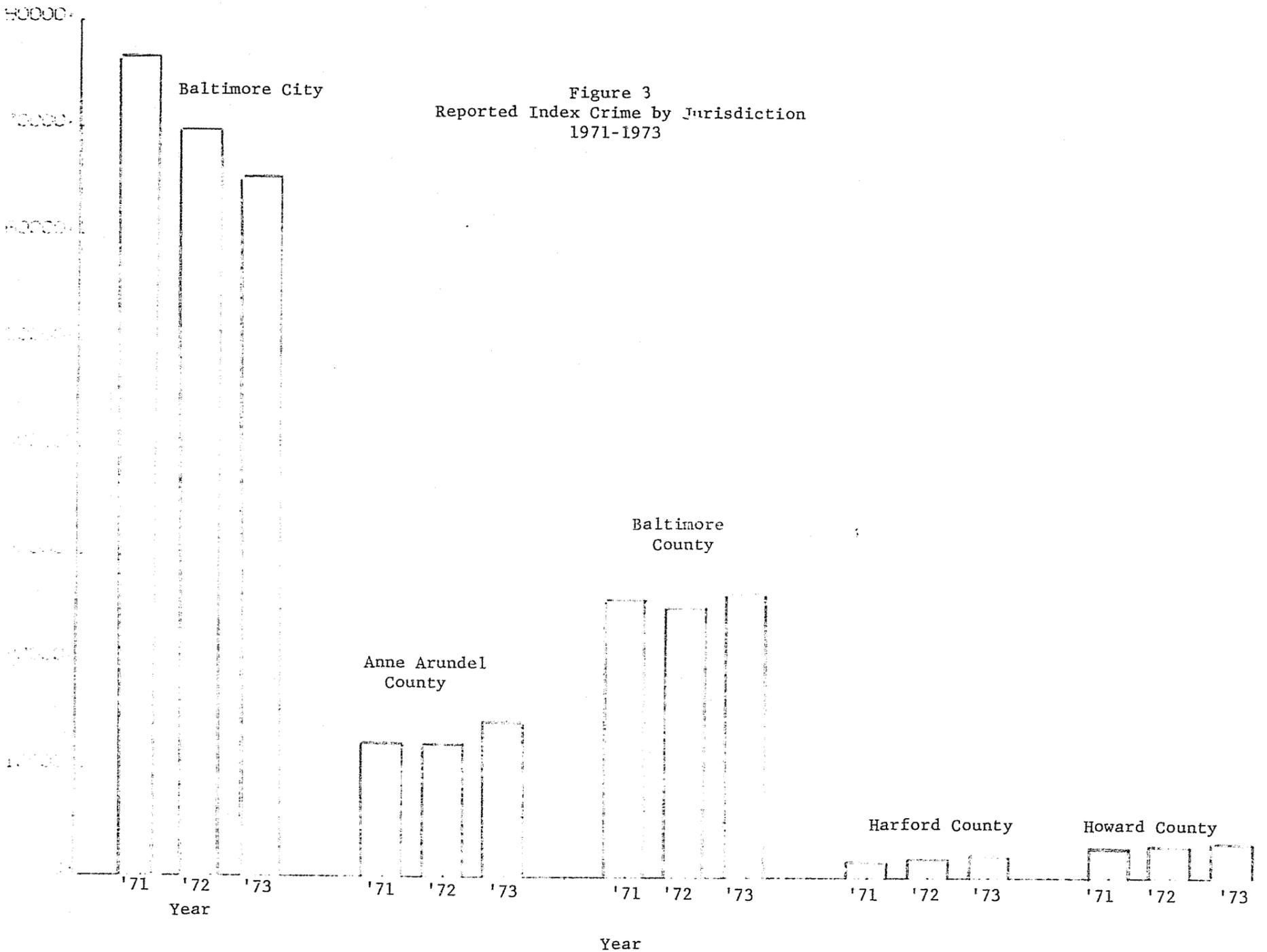


Figure #4
Total Index Crime by Jurisdiction
Reporting Department: Local Police Departments
1972-1973

Jurisdiction	1972	1973	% Change
Baltimore City	69,884	65,449	- 6.3
Anne Arundel County	12,504	14,449	+17.5
Baltimore County	25,276	26,671	+ 5.5
Harford County	2,156	2,563	+18.9
Howard County	3,124	3,358	+ 7.5
TOTAL	112,944	112,732	- 0.2

Figure #5
Total Index Crime by Jurisdiction
Reporting Department: Maryland State Police
1972-1973

Jurisdiction	1972	1973	% Change
Baltimore City	0	0	0
Baltimore County	691	964	+39.5
Anne Arundel County	942	1,376	+46.1
Harford County	980	1,407	+43.6
Howard County	492	673	+36.8
TOTAL	3,105	4,420	+42.4

In comparing the first six months of 1973 with the first six months of 1974, it is apparent that the number of Index Crime offenses increased in every jurisdiction in the Region. Howard County shows the greatest rise in crime; increases in Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties are also great. (see figure 6)

Figure #6
Total Index Crime by Jurisdiction
Reporting Department: Local Police Departments
January-June (1973)/January-June (1974)

Jurisdiction	January-June 1973	January-June 1974	% Change
Baltimore City	30,275	34,216	+13.0
Anne Arundel County	6,306	8,064	+27.9
Baltimore County	11,694	14,478	+23.8
Harford County	1,218	1,357	+11.4
Howard County	1,356	2,151	+58.6
TOTAL	50,849	60,266	+18.5

The State Police receives approximately one-third of the complaints about Index Crimes in Harford County. Their involvement in Baltimore County is quite low; only 3% of reported Index offenses are recorded by the State Police. In Anne Arundel County 8% of Index offenses are recorded by the State agency; in Howard County their activity has decreased from the first six months of 1973 (17%) to the first six months of 1974 (11%). (see figure 7)

Figure #7
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Reporting Department: Maryland State Police
January-June (1973)/January-June (1974)

Jurisdiction	January-June 1973	January-June 1974	% Change
Baltimore City	0	0	0
Baltimore County	365	503	+37.8
Anne Arundel County	517	712	+37.7
Harford County	540	749	+38.8
Howard County	282	278	- 0.15
TOTAL	1,704	2,242	+31.6

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Figure #8
Murder by Jurisdiction
Reporting Department: Local Police Departments
1972-1973

Jurisdiction	1972	1973	% Change
Baltimore City	330	280	-15.2%
Anne Arundel County	8	14	+75 %
Baltimore County	21	18	-14.2%
Harford County	2	0	-200 %
Howard County	1	1	0 %
TOTAL	362	313	-13.5%

Figure #9
Murder by Jurisdiction
Reporting Department: Local Police Departments
January-June (1973)/January-June (1974)

Jurisdiction	January/June 1973	January/June 1974	% Change
Baltimore City	127	136	+ 7.1%
Anne Arundel County	8	10	+20.0%
Baltimore County	8	9	+12.5%
Harford County	0	0	0
Howard County	0	1	
TOTAL	143	155	+ 8.4%

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Forcible Rape is defined by the FBI, for its reporting purposes, as carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Assaults and attempts to rape are included, but statutory rape (rape without force) is not counted.

It is generally felt that the offense of forcible rape is the most *under-reported* crime in the Index. "The victims of this crime may be hesitant to report the offense to the police due to fear and/or embarrassment when faced with the possibility of court appearance, or the effect it may have on their reputation when the facts become known. Additionally there is difficulty in establishing the act or element of force when there is the presence of a prior relationship between the victim and the perpetrator. Due to the usual clandestine nature of this offense it occurs most often out of reach of police patrols."* Figures 10 and 11 display totals for the offense of rape.

Figure #10
Rape by Jurisdiction
Reporting Department: Local Police Departments
1972-1973

Jurisdiction	1972	1973	% Change
Baltimore City	465	499	+ 7.3
Anne Arundel County	44	54	+22.7
Baltimore County	88	93	+ 5.6
Harford County	10	24	+140
Howard County	22	16	-27.3
TOTAL	629	686	+ 9.1

Figure #11
Rape by Jurisdiction
Reporting Department: Local Police Departments
January-June (1973)/Januray-June (1974)

Jurisdiction	January/June 1973	January/June 1974	% Change
Baltimore City	236	215	- 8.9%
Anne Arundel County	27	29	+ 2.0%
Baltimore County	40	47	+17.5%
Harford County	13	5	-46.2%
Howard County	7	16	+128.6%
TOTAL	323	312	- 3.4%

*Serious Crime in Metropolitan Washington, 1st Quarter 1974, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, p. 14.

Robbery is defined as the unlawful taking of the property of another against his will by force or violence or by putting the victim in fear. Robberies may be armed or unarmed and include assaults and attempts to rob.

In the 1973-1974 six month comparison Howard, Anne Arundel and Baltimore Counties all show increases in the number of robbery offenses. Baltimore City which reported a decrease from 1972 to 1973, displays an 8.1% rise in robberies from January to June 1973 to January to June 1974.

Figure #12
Robbery by Jurisdiction
Reporting Department: Local Police Departments
1972-1973

Jurisdiction	1972	1973	% Change
Baltimore City	9,584	8,612	-10.1%
Anne Arundel County	216	282	+30.6%
Baltimore County	653	636	- 2.6%
Harford County	57	60	+ 5.3%
Howard County	67	69	+ 3.0%
TOTAL	10,577	9,659	- 8.7%

Figure #13
Robbery by Jurisdiction
Reporting Department: Local Police Departments
January-June (1973)/January-June (1974)

Jurisdiction	January/June 1973	January/June 1974	% Change
Baltimore City	3,743	4,046	+ 8.1%
Anne Arundel County	119	148	+36.0%
Baltimore County	263	326	+23.9%
Harford County	26	20	-23.1%
Howard County	20	45	+125.0%
TOTAL	4,171	4,585	+ 9.9%

Aggravated Assault is defined in the uniform crime reporting (UCR) system as an unlawful attack of one person by another with the intent to kill or inflict severe bodily injury, usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or other means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. Simple assault, assault and battery, and fighting are excluded.

Aggravated assault and rape are the only two offenses to register a decrease in the 1973-1974 comparison. Yet steep increases are noted in this period in Anne Arundel and Howard Counties. (See figure 15)

Figure #14
Aggravated Assault by Jurisdiction
Reporting Department: Local Police Departments
1972-1973

Jurisdiction	1972	1973	% Change
Baltimore City	6,365	6,415	+ 0.8%
Anne Arundel County	645	1,036	+60.6%
Baltimore County	706	380	-46.1%
Harford County	122	267	+118.8%
Howard County	95	168	+76.8%
TOTAL	7,933	8,266	+ 4.2%

Figure #15
Aggravated Assault by Jurisdiction
Reporting Department: Local Police Departments
January-June (1973)/January-June (1974)

Jurisdiction	January/June 1973	January/June 1974	% Change
Baltimore City	3,376	3,034	-10.1%
Anne Arundel County	384	605	+57.6%
Baltimore County	166	135	-18.7%
Harford County	101	95	- 6.4%
Howard County	74	128	+72.9%
TOTAL	4,171	3,997	- 4.2%

Burglary is defined by the FBI as housebreaking, safe-cracking or unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft, even though force may not have been used to gain entrance. Attempted burglary is also included.

The number of reported burglaries increased in every jurisdiction in the Region in the first six months of 1974 as compared with the first six months of 1973. Howard County shows the largest percentage increase (41.4%) in this crime category. (See figure 17)

Figure #16
Burglary by Jurisdiction
Reporting Department: Local Police Departments
1972-1973

Jurisdiction	1972	1973	% Change
Baltimore City	16,986	15,606	- 8.1%
Anne Arundel County	2,977	3,821	+28.4%
Baltimore County	6,061	6,798	+12.1%
Harford County	419	509	+21.5%
Howard County	846	827	- 2.2%
TOTAL	27,289	27,561	+ 1.0%

Figure #17
Burglary by Jurisdiction
Reporting Department: Local Police Departments
January-June (1973)/January-June (1974)

Jurisdiction	January/June 1973	January/June 1974	% Change
Baltimore City	7,157	8,399	+17.4%
Anne Arundel County	1,633	2,022	+23.8%
Baltimore County	2,906	3,817	+31.3%
Harford County	226	267	+18.2%
Howard County	363	534	+41.1%
TOTAL	12,285	15,039	+22.4%

Larceny is defined for UCR purposes as the theft or taking of property from its lawful owner with an intent to deprive him of ownership, without force, violence or fraud. All larcenies and thefts resulting from pocket picking, purse snatching, shoplifting, larcenies from autos, etc. are included.

Patterns in the number of reported larceny offenses in the Region mirror those of burglary. Significant increases are noted in the suburban jurisdictions in a comparison of January to June 1973 to 1974.

Figure #18
Larceny by Jurisdiction
Reporting Department: Local Police Departments
1972-1973

Jurisdiction	1972	1973	% Change
Baltimore City	27,804	25,795	- 7.2%
Anne Arundel County	7,026	7,930	+12.9%
Baltimore County	15,176	15,927	+ 4.9%
Harford County	1,478	1,605	+ 8.6%
Howard County	1,848	2,004	+ 8.4%
TOTAL	53,332	53,261	- 0.1%

Figure #19
Larceny by Jurisdiction
Reporting Department: Local Police Departments
January-June (1973)/January-June (1974)

Jurisdiction	January/June 1973	January/June 1974	% Change
Baltimore City	12,161	14,434	+18.7%
Anne Arundel County	3,476	4,376	+25.9%
Baltimore County	7,087	8,704	+22.8%
Harford County	812	917	+13.3%
Howard County	787	1,267	+61.0%
TOTAL	24,323	29,698	+22.1%

Auto Theft includes the unlawful stealing or driving away and abandoning a motor vehicle. Excluded are taking for temporary use when returned by the taker or unauthorized use by persons having lawful access to the vehicle.

As in the other two property crimes, the number of reported auto thefts has increased in the 1973-74 six month comparison in all jurisdictions.

Figure #20
Auto Theft by Jurisdiction
Reporting Department: Local Police Departments
1972-1973

Jurisdiction	1972	1973	% Change
Baltimore City	8,350	8,242	- 1.3%
Anne Arundel County	1,318	1,554	+17.9%
Baltimore County	2,571	2,819	+ 9.6%
Harford County	68	98	+44.1%
Howard County	245	273	+11.4%
TOTAL	12,552	11,587	- 7.7%

Figure #21
Auto Theft by Jurisdiction
Reporting Department: Local Police Departments
January-June (1973)/January-June (1974)

Jurisdiction	January/June 1973	January/June 1974	% Change
Baltimore City	3,475	3,952	+13.7%
Anne Arundel County	659	874	+32.6%
Baltimore County	1,224	1,440	+17.6%
Harford County	40	53	+32.5%
Howard County	105	160	+52.4%
TOTAL	5,503	6,479	+17.7%

The previous series of charts has displayed the actual number of known index offenses in a variety of ways. Actual incidence of crime poses some difficulty when one attempts to compare two or more jurisdictions. The use of crime rates, or number of crimes per 100,000 population is a way of facilitating such comparison. As can be seen in figure 22, Baltimore City has the highest crime rate in the region. Howard County is also high, exceeding both the national and State rates. Although Harford County appears to be very low, it is necessary to consider the high level of State Police activity in that County which is not reflected in this chart.

Figure #22
Comparative Crime Rates for Index Offenses
(Rate per 100,000 population)
1973

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Total
U.S.	9.3	24.3	182.4	198.4	1210.8	2051.2	440.1	4116.4
Maryland	11.3	27.8	301.6	300.4	1144.6	2457.9	547.8	4791.4
Balto. City	30.9	55.1	950.6	708.1	1722.5	2847.1	909.7	7223.9
Anne Arundel Co.	4.7	18.0	60.7	345.3	1273.7	2643.3	518.0	4863.7
Balto. Co.	3.0	15.5	106.0	63.3	1133.0	2654.5	469.8	4445.2
Harford Co.	0	16.5	40.0	207.0	380.9	1201.7	67.8	1913.9
Howard Co.	1.7	26.7	115.0	280.0	1378.3	3340.0	455.0	5596.7

The following section will present a picture through a series of charts of the number and type (age and sex) of persons arrested for Index Crime offenses in the Region. Forty-six percent of all persons arrested for Index Crime offenses in the Region were juveniles (under 18 years of age). (see figure 23) The highest percentages juvenile offenders are those arrested for the property crimes of burglary, larceny, and auto theft.

Figure #23
Regional Arrest Total for Index Offenses by Crime Type
Juveniles as Part of Total
1973

Offense	Number of Persons Arrested	% Juvenile Offenders
Murder Non-Negligent Manslaughter	338	11.8%
Rape	543	21.7%
Robbery	3,369	43.9%
Aggravated Assault	3,509	13.5%
Burglary	5,944	58.1%
Larceny	10,405	49.5%
Auto Theft	2,451	61.6%
TOTAL	26,559	46.0%

It is quite interesting to note that the percentage of juveniles arrested for Index Crime offenses in Anne Arundel County in 1973 is much lower than the percentage arrested in every other jurisdiction in the Region. Figure 24 displays the percentage of juveniles arrested by local police departments.

Figure #24
Arrest Total for Index Offenses by Jurisdiction
Juveniles as Part of Total
1973

Jurisdiction	Number of Offenders	Number of Juveniles	% Juvenile
Baltimore City	17,545	8,428	48.0%
Anne Arundel County	3,504	940	26.8%
Baltimore County	4,591	2,457	53.5%
Harford County	341	169	49.6%
Howard County	578	242	41.9%
TOTAL	26,559	12,229	46.0%

The next group of "pie" charts show, by offense type, the number and proportion of individuals arrested throughout the Region in 1973 by age group. The proportion of juveniles arrested for property crime offenses far exceeds the percentage arrested for violent crimes.

Figure 25
Regional Percentage of Persons Arrested for Index Offenses by Age
1973

Total Arrested in Region = 26,559

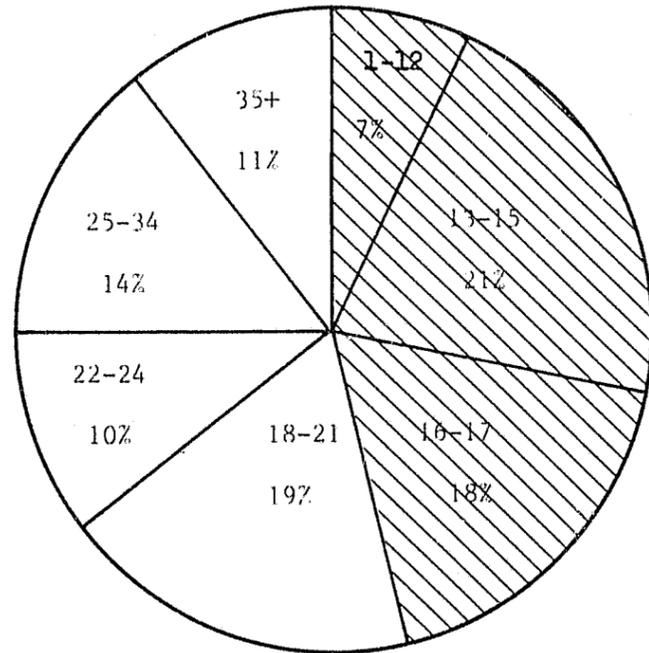
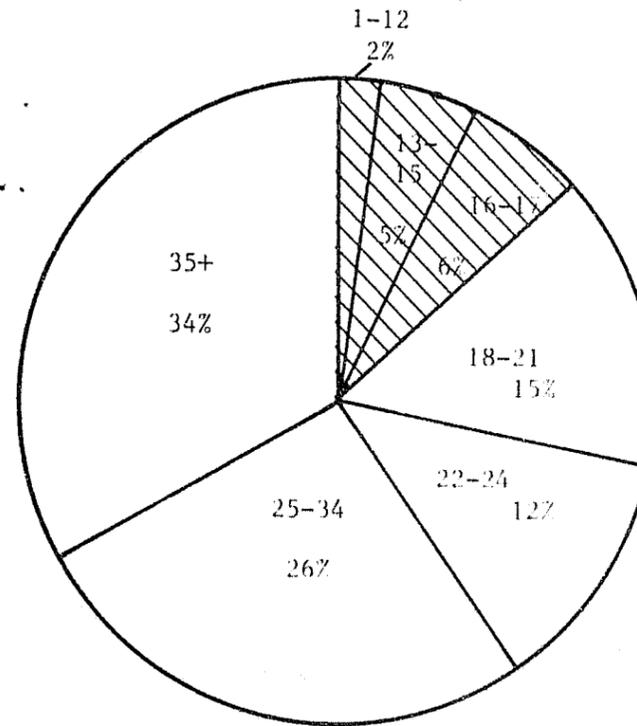
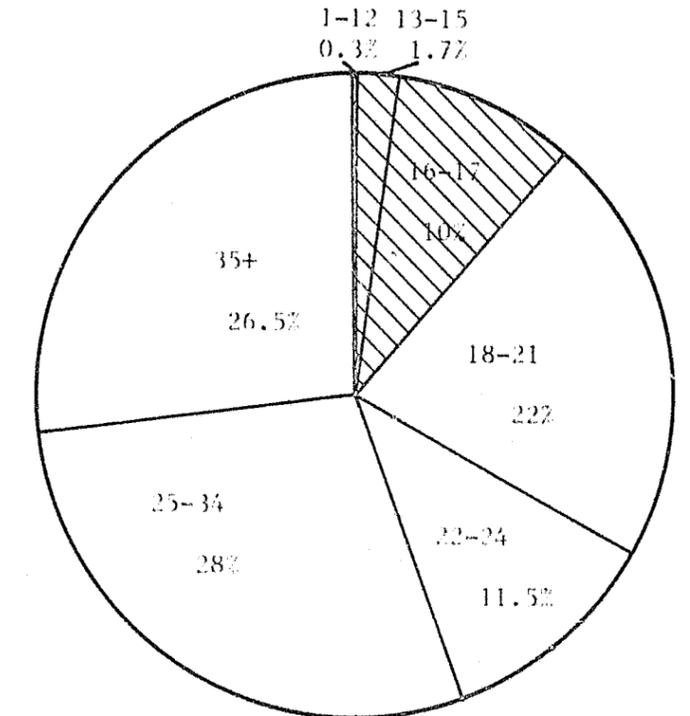


Figure 26
Regional Percentage of Persons Arrested
for Violent Crime by Age
1973

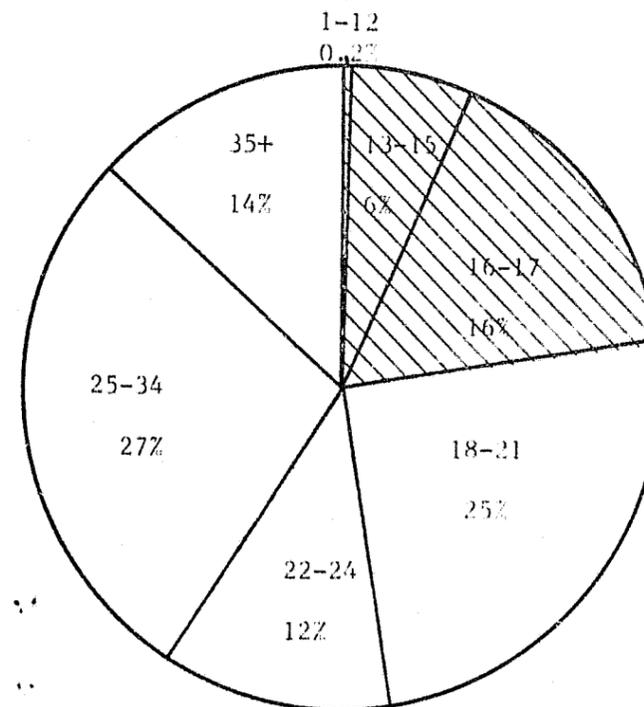
Aggravated Assault
Total Arrested in Region = 3,509



Murder
Total Arrested in Region = 338



Rape
Total Arrested in Region = 543



Robbery
Total Arrested in Region = 3,369

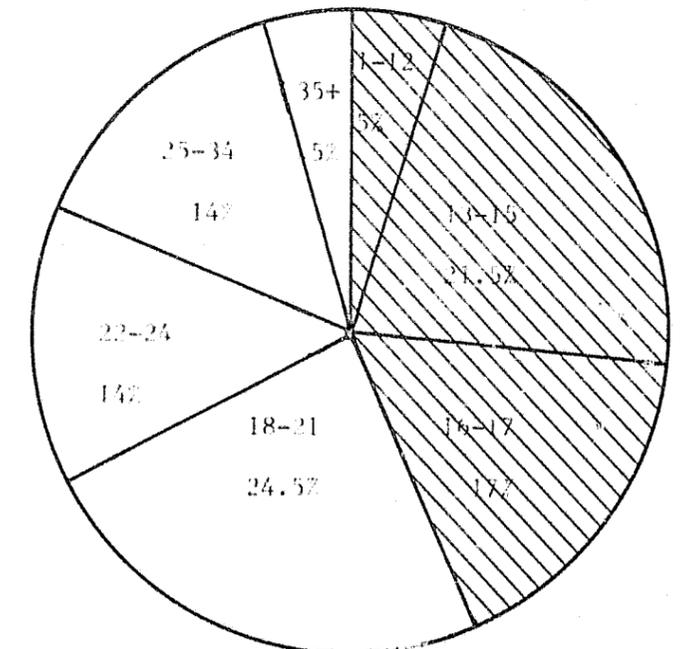
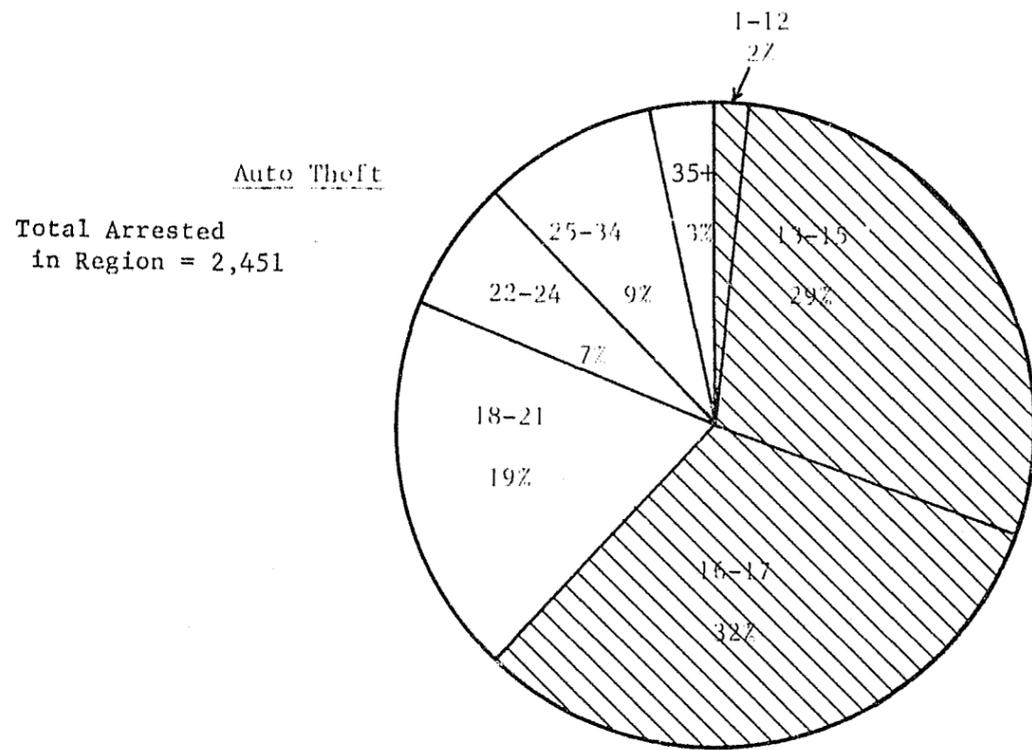
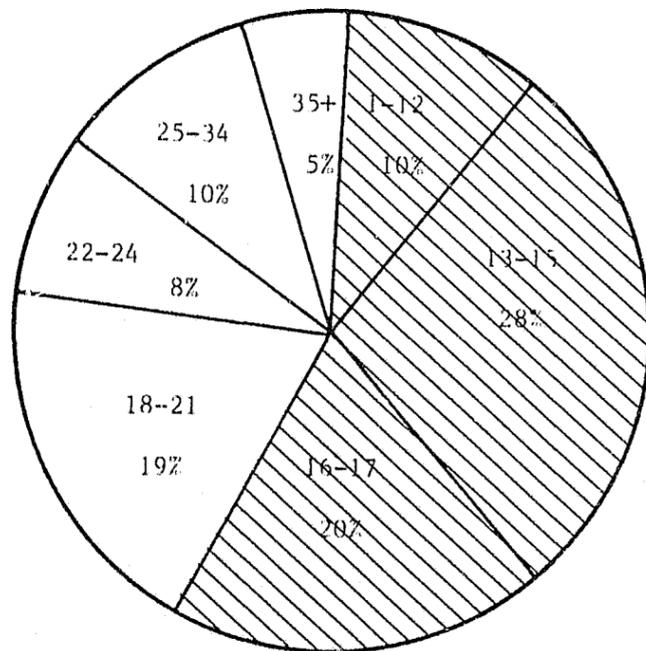


Figure 27
Regional Percentage of Persons Arrested
for Property Crimes by Age
1973



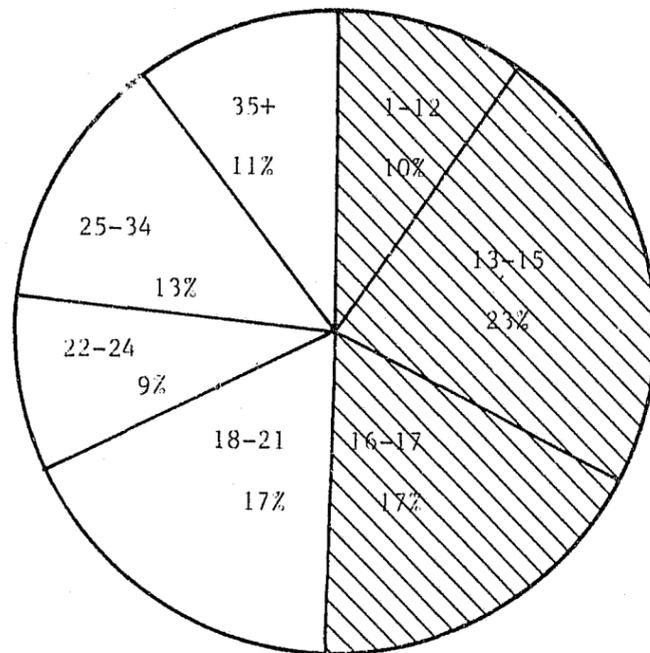
Burglary

Total Arrested in Region = 5,944



Larceny

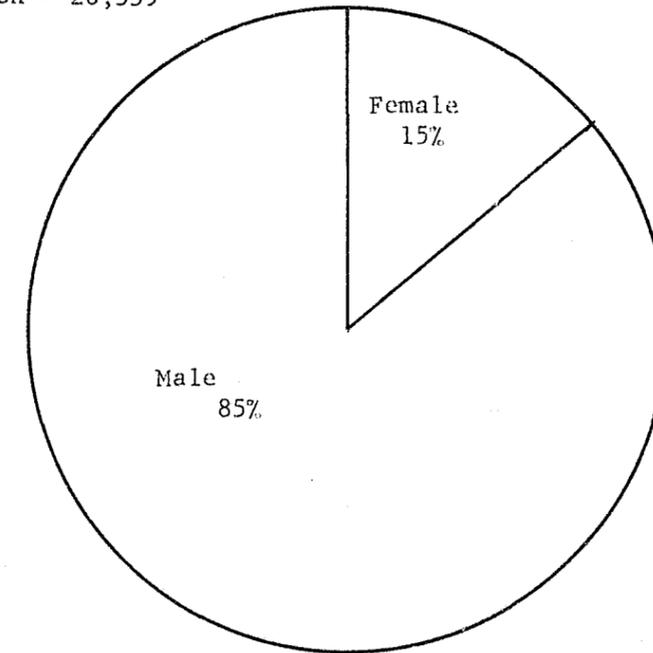
Total Arrest in Region = 10,405



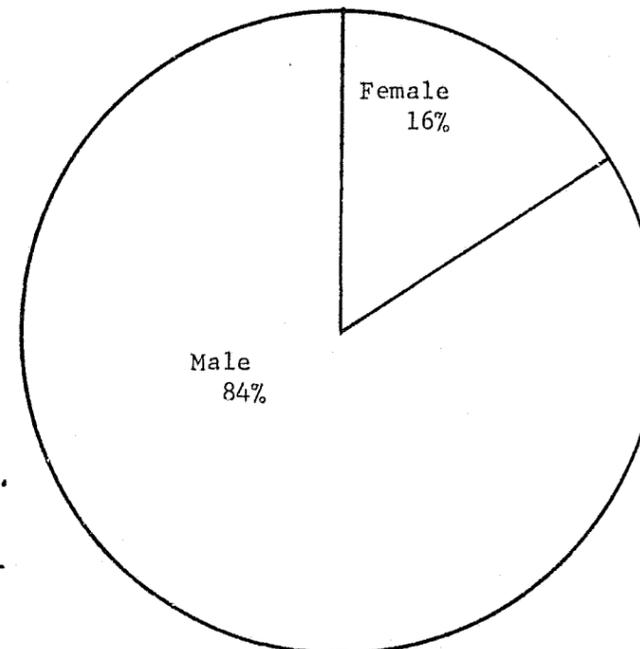
The proportion of women arrested for Index offenses is greater in the property crime categories than in the violent, although the percentages are fairly consistent. Eighty-five percent of those persons arrested for Index Crime offenses in the Region are men.

Figure 28
Regional Percentage of Persons Arrested
Total, Property and Violent by Sex
1973

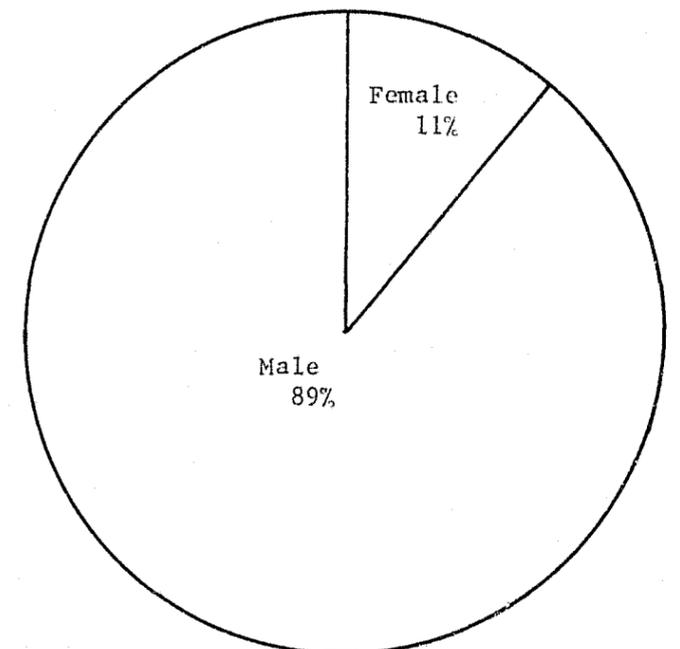
Total Arrested in Region = 26,559



Total for Property Crime = 18,800



Total for Violent Crime = 7,759



Summary

Several discernible patterns can be noted in the reported crime data for the Region:

- Total reported Index Crime incidence remained relatively stable between 1972 and 1973,
- An increase of 18.5% in reported Index Crime incidence was noted in comparing the time frames of January-June (1973) to January-June (1974),
- Over 90% of all murders that occur within the Region occur in Baltimore City,
- Aggravated assault and rape are the only Index Crimes to register a regional decrease during the 1973-74 comparison period,
- In the category of property crimes, increases were noted in each jurisdiction during the 1973-74 comparison period,
- 46% of persons arrested for Index Crimes in the Region in 1973 were juveniles.

This report has attempted to provide a regional perspective on the nature and extent of serious crime. By comparing jurisdictions a more fully integrated picture of the "crime problem" can be developed, and --hopefully-- more successful strategy for dealing with crime incidence be implemented.

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