

SERIOUS CRIME IN RHODE ISLAND: A REPORT FOR 1982 OUTLINING VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE CRIMINAL OFFENSES OF —

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FOREWORD

The information contained herein is an annual report to the people of Rhode Island which concerns itself with the amount of serious crimes that were reported in our state during 1982, plus additional data.

Although the total number of serious crimes reported in Rhode Island fell for the second consecutive year, celebration is not quite in order. A review of the state's crime trend for the last ten years reveals that the 52,425 reported serious crimes in 1982 is nearly sixteen percent higher than the 45,311 crimes reported in 1973.

Moreover, the crime of rape has increased for the fourth consecutive year. For the ten (10) year period studied in this report, said crime experienced a low of 86 offenses in 1973 and climbed to an all-time high of 186 offenses during 1982. The Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) anticipates making a special statistical report/study of this criminal activity in the near future.

Perhaps no one reason can entirely explain why total serious crime is decreasing in Rhode Island and most parts of the United States. Many theories, from improved deployment of police, to the declining number of youths, to belief it is merely a cyclical trend, etc., have been fostered. Although all are noteworthy, the specific answer just may well be a multi-faceted one.

For the first time ever, this report, which is tailored to follow the procedures of the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system, will consolidate in detail, arson statistics as well as the usually reported major crimes of: homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft. The three major reasons for this consolidation are:

- Congressional mandate has made arson a Part I or serious crime classification.
- management information systems of both the State Police and Fire Marshal's Office have improved so vastly that the availability of data has become more quickly retrievable and more accurate, and
- time saved by this action will allow the SAC of the Governor's Justice Commission to pursue more studies in the criminal justice field.

Each month, police and fire departments throughout the state submit monthly Uniform Crime Reports to either the State Police or the Fire Marshal's Office (Division of Fire Safety). This information becomes the backbone of this report, thus, much gratitude is expressed to the following professional personnel who were instrumental in either collecting, systematizing, analyzing or calculating the data: Leo Trambukis, Brian Glancy (State Police), Everett Ignagni, John Butler (Fire Marshal's Office), and Dennis Tierney (SAC).

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SERIOUS CRIME-A SUMMARY
1981 VS. 1982

The CRIME	## of (Offenses)		R.I. % Change	U.S. % Change '81 vs '82
	1981	1982		
HOMICIDE <small>(Murder, Manslaughter)</small>	44	37	-15.9%	-7%
RAPE	167	185	+10.8%	-5%
ROBBERY	1,258	1,095	-13.0%	-7%
ASSAULT	2,721	2,505	-7.9%	+1%
BURGLARY <small>(Breaking & Entering)</small>	15,747	13,399	-14.9%	-10%
LARCENY <small>(Theft)</small>	27,545	27,057	-17.7%	-1%
MOT. VEHICLE THEFT	8,222	7,048	-14.3%	-3%
Sub-totals	55,704	51,326	-7.9%	-4%
ARSON	1,360	1,109	-18.5%	(not avail.)
Totals	57,064	52,435	-8.1%	-4%

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VIOLENT VS. NON-VIOLENT CRIMES

PERSON (Violent) Crimes: Total % Change

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	
HOMICIDE	44	37	
RAPE	167	185	
ROBBERY	1,258	1,095	
ASSAULT	<u>2,721</u>	<u>2,505</u>	
TOTALS	4,190	3,822	-8.8%

PROPERTY (Non-Violent) Crimes:

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	Total % Change
BURGLARY	15,747	13,399	
LARCENY	27,545	27,057	
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	<u>8,222</u>	<u>7,048</u>	
TOTALS	51,514	47,504	-7.7%



HOW RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE COMPARED WITH THE NATIONAL CRIME.....

Rates^{2/} Per 100,000 population

CRIME	UNITED STATES ^{4/}	RHODE ISLAND ^{1/}	PROVIDENCE R.I. ^{1/}
HOMICIDE	10	4	10
RAPE	36	20	43
ROBBERY	251	116	464
ASSAULT	281	264	465
BURGLARY	1,632	1,415	2,582
LARCENY	3,122	2,857	3,798
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	469	744	2,353
ARSON	--- ^{3/}	117	198
TOTAL CRIME INDEX	5,800	5,536	9,913

^{1/} 1982 Rates

^{2/} All numbers rounded

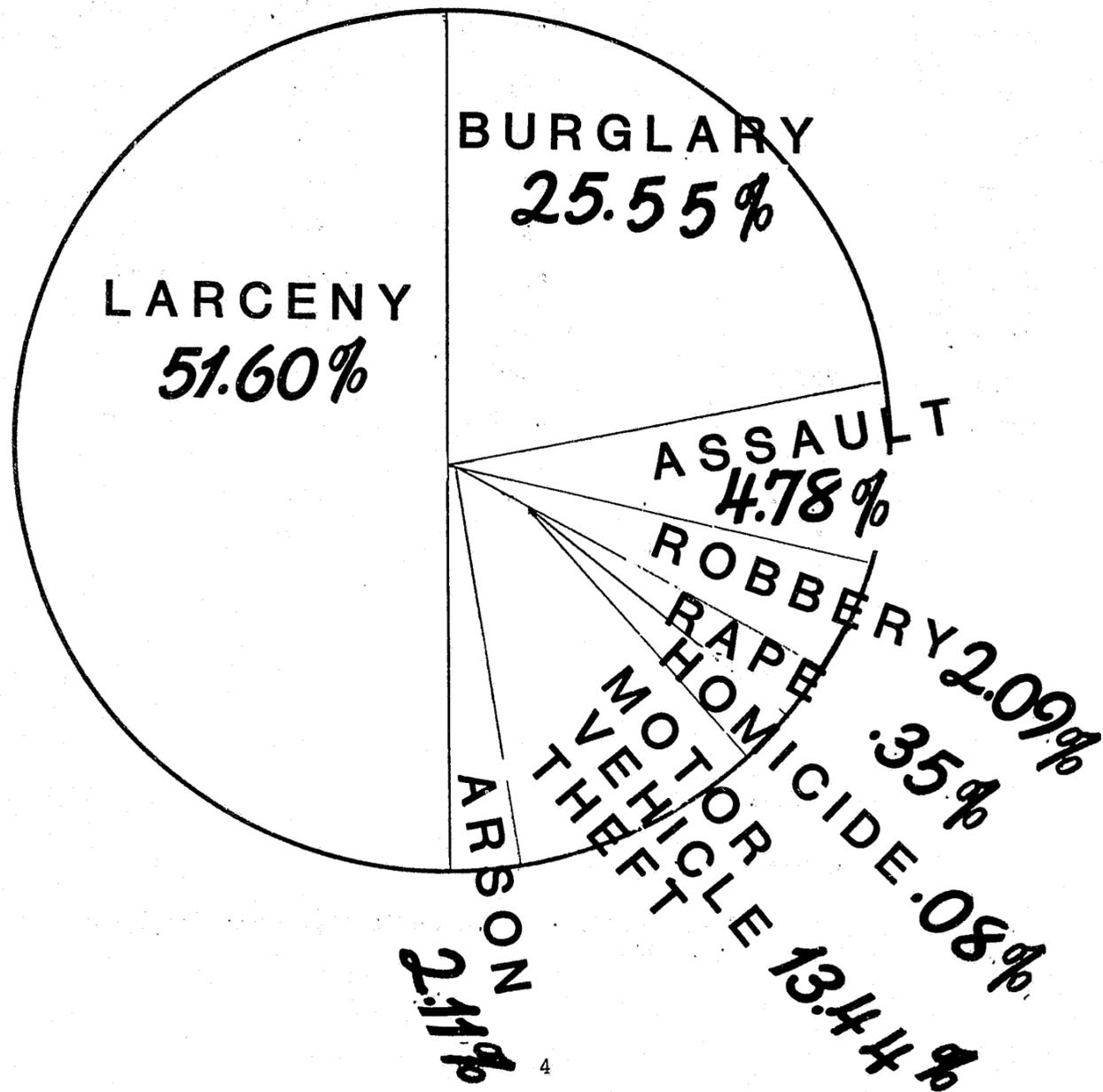
^{3/} No U.S. arson rates available

^{4/} 1981 Rates - National annual rates are generally released by the F.B.I. during the Fall season

DISTRIBUTION OF SERIOUS
CRIMES REPORTED IN R. I.

1982

(Percent of Total)



RHODE ISLAND -1982 PART I CRIMES
NUMBER OF OFFENSES REPORTED

<u>Reporting Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Homicide</u>	<u>Rape</u>	<u>Robbery</u>	<u>Assault</u>	<u>Burglary</u>	<u>Larceny</u>	<u>Motor Vehicle Theft</u>	<u>Totals Per Jurisdiction</u>
Barrington	-	2	1	8	112	337	9	469
Bristol	-	-	-	14	56	179	20	269
Warren	-	2	4	16	54	199	11	286
Coventry	-	2	6	43	286	781	44	1,162
East Greenwich	-	-	1	106	146	224	31	508
Warwick	3	30	34	391	934	3,105	692	5,189
West Greenwich	-	-	-	13	28	76	7	124
West Warwick	-	3	10	27	292	753	65	1,150
Jamestown	-	-	-	1	26	64	1	92
Middletown	-	1	6	77	280	717	68	1,149
Newport	-	4	39	115	539	1,987	211	2,895
Portsmouth	-	-	1	5	101	193	11	311
Tiverton	-	-	7	62	226	264	28	587
Little Compton	-	-	1	-	28	46	3	78
Central Falls	-	1	14	34	174	283	61	567
Cranston	0	8	33	87	1,127	1,860	481	3,596
Cumberland	1	-	3	15	192	623	54	888
East Providence	-	4	33	32	638	1,349	185	2,241
Johnston	2	5	30	92	433	805	136	1,503
Lincoln	2	3	6	21	131	594	217	974
North Providence	2	4	14	81	361	640	141	1,243
Pawtucket	5	6	62	107	1,029	1,685	438	3,332
Providence	15	67	728	730	4,049	5,955	3,689	15,233
Scituate	-	-	1	9	37	76	6	129
Smithfield	1	2	4	11	104	51	47	220
Woonsocket	3	20	23	80	577	1,184	142	2,029
Foster	-	-	-	5	38	41	7	91
Glocester	-	-	-	8	60	109	7	184
North Smithfield	1	-	6	2	126	184	14	333
Burrillville	-	-	1	26	81	187	11	306
Narragansett	-	4	1	21	177	324	25	552
North Kingstown	1	-	3	55	172	368	28	627
South Kingstown	-	4	2	12	87	548	40	693
Westerly	-	-	-	13	169	375	44	601
Richmond	-	-	1	3	8	2	1	15
Hopkinton	-	-	-	2	44	114	9	169
Charlestown	-	1	1	2	53	43	1	101
New Shoreham	-	-	-	1	15	103	5	122
U.R.I.	-	-	-	11	164	144	13	332
D.E.M.	-	-	1	17	26	171	4	219
State Police	1	12	18	150	221	314	41	757
TOTALS	37	185	1,095	2,505	13,399	27,057	7,048	51,326

RHODE ISLAND'S CITIES & TOWNS COMPARISON PROFILES 1981 VS 1982

(LISTED BY COUNTY)

<u>BARRINGTON</u> (pop. 16,174)*	Reported Offenses			% Change
	1981	vs	1982	
Homicide - No change	0	vs	0	
Rape - Increased by 1	1	vs	2	
Robbery - No Change	1	vs	1	
Assault - Decreased by 11	19	vs	8	
Burglary - Decreased by 6	118	vs	112	
Larceny - Increased by 74	265	vs	339	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 6	15	vs	9	
	<u>419</u>		<u>471</u>	+12.4%
<u>BRISTOL</u> (pop. 20,128)				
Homicide - No change	0	vs	0	
Rape - No change	0	vs	0	
Robbery - No change	0	vs	0	
Assault - Decreased by 17	31	vs	14	
Burglary - Decreased by 75	131	vs	56	
Larceny - Decreased by 76	255	vs	179	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 4	24	vs	20	
	<u>441</u>		<u>269</u>	-39.0%
<u>WARREN</u> (pop. 10,640)				
Homicide - No change	0	vs	0	
Rape - Increased by 1	1	vs	2	
Robbery - No change	4	vs	4	
Assault - Decreased by 16	32	vs	16	
Burglary - Decreased by 17	71	vs	54	
Larceny - Decreased by 31	230	vs	199	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 6	17	vs	11	
	<u>355</u>		<u>286</u>	-19.4%
<u>COVENTRY</u> (pop. 27,065)				
Homicide - Decreased by 2	2	vs	0	
Rape - Decreased by 3	5	vs	2	
Robbery - Decreased by 1	7	vs	6	
Assault - Decreased by 64	107	vs	43	
Burglary - Decreased by 191	477	vs	286	
Larceny - Decreased by 142	923	vs	781	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 8	52	vs	44	
	<u>1573</u>		<u>1162</u>	-26.1%

*R.I. Final 1980 Population Count(s) U.S. Bureau of Census

<u>EAST GREENWICH</u> (pop. 10,211)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - No change	0	vs	0	
Rape - Decreased by 2	2	vs	0	
Robbery - No change	1	vs	1	
Assault - Increased by 18	76	vs	94	
Burglary - Decreased by 16	162	vs	146	
Larceny - Decreased by 2	226	vs	224	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 3	34	vs	31	
	<u>501</u>		<u>496</u>	-1.0%
<u>WARWICK</u> (pop. 87,123)				
Homicide - Decreased by 2	5	vs	3	
Rape - Increased by 17	13	vs	30	
Robbery - Increased by 7	27	vs	34	
Assault - Decreased by 54	445	vs	391	
Burglary - Decreased by 295	1229	vs	934	
Larceny - Decreased by 159	3264	vs	3105	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 239	931	vs	692	
	<u>5914</u>		<u>5189</u>	-12.3%
<u>WEST GREENWICH</u> (pop. 2,738)				
Homicide - No change	0	vs	0	
Rape - No change	0	vs	0	
Robbery - No change	0	vs	0	
Assault - Increased by 5	8	vs	13	
Burglary - Decreased by 22	51	vs	29	
Larceny - Decreased by 3	79	vs	76	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 4	11	vs	7	
	<u>149</u>		<u>125</u>	-16.1%
<u>WEST WARWICK</u> (pop. 27,026)				
Homicide - Decreased by 1	1	vs	0	
Rape - No change	3	vs	3	
Robbery - Decreased by 5	15	vs	10	
Assault - Decreased by 23	50	vs	27	
Burglary - Decreased by 129	421	vs	292	
Larceny - Decreased by 83	836	vs	753	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 20	85	vs	65	
	<u>1411</u>		<u>1150</u>	-18.5%
<u>JAMESTOWN</u> (pop. 4,040)				
Homicide - No change	0	vs	0	
Rape - No change	0	vs	0	
Robbery - No change	0	vs	0	
Assault - Decreased by 2	3	vs	1	
Burglary - Decreased by 18	44	vs	26	
Larceny - Decreased by 19	83	vs	64	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 2	3	vs	1	
	<u>133</u>		<u>92</u>	-30.8%

LITTLE COMPTON (pop. 3,085)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - No change	0	vs	0	
Rape - No change	0	vs	0	
Robbery - Increased by 1	0	vs	1	
Assault - No change	0	vs	0	
Burglary - Increased by 3	26	vs	29	
Larceny - Decreased by 3	49	vs	46	
Motor Vehicle Theft - No change	3	vs	3	
	<u>78</u>		<u>79</u>	+1.2%

MIDDLETOWN (pop. 17,216)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - No change	0	vs	0	
Rape - Decreased by 7	8	vs	1	
Robbery - Decreased by 11	17	vs	6	
Assault - Decreased by 34	111	vs	77	
Burglary - Decreased by 86	366	vs	280	
Larceny - Increased by 55	662	vs	717	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 2	70	vs	68	
	<u>1234</u>		<u>1149</u>	-6.9%

NEWPORT (pop. 29,259)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - Decreased by 1	1	vs	0	
Rape - Decreased by 8	12	vs	4	
Robbery - Decreased by 6	45	vs	39	
Assault - Increased by 45	70	vs	115	
Burglary - Decreased by 245	784	vs	539	
Larceny - Decreased by 52	2039	vs	1987	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 146	357	vs	211	
	<u>3308</u>		<u>2895</u>	-12.5%

PORISMOUJH (pop. 14,257)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - No change	0	vs	0	
Rape - No change	0	vs	0	
Robbery - Increased by 1	0	vs	1	
Assault - Increased by 4	1	vs	5	
Burglary - Increased by 36	65	vs	101	
Larceny - Increased by 12	188	vs	200	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 14	25	vs	11	
	<u>279</u>		<u>318</u>	+14.0%

TIVERTON (pop. 13,526)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - Decreased by 1	1	vs	0	
Rape - No change	0	vs	0	
Robbery - Decreased by 1	6	vs	5	
Assault - Increased by 11	51	vs	62	
Burglary - Increased by 25	206	vs	231	
Larceny - Decreased by 32	299	vs	267	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 18	46	vs	28	
	<u>609</u>		<u>593</u>	-2.6%

BURRILLVILLE (pop. 13,164)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - Decreased by 2	2	vs	0	
Rape - Decreased by 2	2	vs	0	
Robbery - Decreased by 2	3	vs	1	
Assault - Decreased by 4	30	vs	26	
Burglary - Decreased by 4	85	vs	81	
Larceny - Increased by 19	168	vs	187	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Increased by 5	6	vs	11	
	<u>296</u>		<u>306</u>	+3.4%

CENTRAL FALLS (pop. 16,995)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - Decreased by 2	2	vs	0	
Rape - No change	1	vs	1	
Robbery - Increased by 3	11	vs	14	
Assault - Increased by 15	19	vs	34	
Burglary - Increased by 19	155	vs	174	
Larceny - Increased by 40	243	vs	283	
Motor Vehicle Theft - No change	61	vs	61	
	<u>492</u>		<u>567</u>	+15.2%

CRANSTON (pop. 71,992)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - No change	1	vs	1	
Rape - No change	8	vs	8	
Robbery - Decreased by 14	47	vs	33	
Assault - Decreased by 4	91	vs	87	
Burglary - Decreased by 109	1237	vs	1128	
Larceny - Decreased by 80	1940	vs	1860	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 78	559	vs	481	
	<u>3883</u>		<u>3598</u>	-7.3%

CUMBERLAND (pop. 27,069)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - No change	0	vs	0	
Rape - Decreased by 4	5	vs	1	
Robbery - Decreased by 4	7	vs	3	
Assault - Increased by 1	14	vs	15	
Burglary - Decreased by 92	284	vs	192	
Larceny - Decreased by 145	768	vs	623	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 18	72	vs	54	
	<u>1150</u>		<u>888</u>	-22.8%

EAST PROVIDENCE (pop. 50,980)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - Decreased by 2	2	vs	0	
Rape - Increased by 4	0	vs	4	
Robbery - Increased by 3	30	vs	33	
Assault - Increased by 1	31	vs	32	
Burglary - Increased by 90	548	vs	638	
Larceny - Increased by 67	1295	vs	1352	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 87	272	vs	185	
	<u>2168</u>		<u>2244</u>	+3.5%

FOSTER (pop. 3,370)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - No change	0	vs	0	
Rape - No change	0	vs	0	
Robbery - No change	0	vs	0	
Assault - Increased by 1	4	vs	5	
Burglary - Increased by 10	28	vs	38	
Larceny - Decreased by 35	76	vs	41	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 1	8	vs	7	
	<u>116</u>		<u>91</u>	-21.6%

GLOCESTER (pop. 7,550)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - No change	0	vs	0	
Rape - No change	0	vs	0	
Robbery - No change	0	vs	0	
Assault - Increased by 4	4	vs	8	
Burglary - Decreased by 15	75	vs	60	
Larceny - Increased by 3	106	vs	109	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Increased by 2	5	vs	7	
	<u>190</u>		<u>184</u>	-3.2%

JOHNSTON (pop. 24,907)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - Increased by 2	0	vs	2	
Rape - Increased by 4	1	vs	5	
Robbery - Increased by 2	29	vs	31	
Assault - Decreased by 19	111	vs	92	
Burglary - Decreased by 63	496	vs	433	
Larceny - Increased by 105	700	vs	805	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 8	144	vs	136	
	<u>1481</u>		<u>1504</u>	+1.6%

LINCOLN (pop. 16,949)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - Increased by 2	0	vs	2	
Rape - No change	3	vs	3	
Robbery - Increased by 5	1	vs	6	
Assault - Decreased by 17	38	vs	21	
Burglary - Decreased by 81	215	vs	134	
Larceny - Decreased by 55	653	vs	598	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 28	245	vs	217	
	<u>1155</u>		<u>981</u>	-15.1%

NORTH PROVIDENCE (pop. 29,188)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - Increased by 2	0	vs	2	
Rape - Increased by 4	0	vs	4	
Robbery - Decreased by 10	24	vs	14	
Assault - Decreased by 7	88	vs	81	
Burglary - Decreased by 83	444	vs	361	
Larceny - Increased by 4	636	vs	640	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 43	184	vs	141	
	<u>1376</u>		<u>1243</u>	-9.7%

NORTH SMITHFIELD (pop. 9,972)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - Increased by 1	0	vs	1	
Rape - Decreased by 1	1	vs	0	
Robbery - Increased by 6	0	vs	6	
Assault - Decreased by 1	3	vs	2	
Burglary - Increased by 38	88	vs	126	
Larceny - Increased by 4	180	vs	184	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 7	21	vs	14	
	<u>293</u>		<u>333</u>	+13.7%

PAWTUCKET (pop. 71,204)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - Increased by 5	0	vs	5	
Rape - Increased by 2	6	vs	8	
Robbery - Decreased by 19	83	vs	64	
Assault - Decreased by 27	143	vs	116	
Burglary - Decreased by 221	1259	vs	1038	
Larceny - Decreased by 74	1780	vs	1706	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 45	483	vs	438	
	<u>3754</u>		<u>3375</u>	-10.1%

PROVIDENCE (pop. 156,804)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - Decreased by 8	23	vs	15	
Rape - Increased by 12	55	vs	67	
Robbery - Decreased by 124	852	vs	728	
Assault - Decreased by 21	751	vs	730	
Burglary - Decreased by 352	4401	vs	4049	
Larceny - Increased by 485	5470	vs	5955	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 307	3996	vs	3689	
	<u>15548</u>		<u>15233</u>	-2.0%

SCITUATE (pop. 8,405)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - Decreased by 1	1	vs	0	
Rape - No change	0	vs	0	
Robbery - No change	1	vs	1	
Assault - Increased by 3	6	vs	9	
Burglary - Increased by 1	36	vs	37	
Larceny - Increased by 6	70	vs	76	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Increased by 2	4	vs	6	
	<u>118</u>		<u>129</u>	+9.3%

SMITHFIELD (pop. 16,886)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - Increased by 1	0	vs	1	
Rape - Increased by 2	0	vs	2	
Robbery - Increased by 2	2	vs	4	
Assault - Decreased by 7	17	vs	10	
Burglary - Increased by 24	81	vs	105	
Larceny - Decreased by 4	55	vs	51	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Increased by 8	39	vs	47	
	<u>194</u>		<u>220</u>	+13.4%

WOONSOCKET (pop. 45,914)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - Increased by 3	0	vs	3	
Rape - Increased by 4	16	vs	20	
Robbery - Increased by 2	21	vs	23	
Assault - Increased by 12	68	vs	80	
Burglary - Decreased by 128	705	vs	577	
Larceny - Decreased by 7	1191	vs	1184	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 30	172	vs	142	
	<u>2173</u>		<u>2029</u>	-6.6%

CHARLESTOWN (pop. 4,800)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - No change	0	vs	0	
Rape - Increased by 1	0	vs	1	
Robbery - Increased by 1	0	vs	1	
Assault - Increased by 1	1	vs	2	
Burglary - Decreased by 7	60	vs	53	
Larceny - No Change	43	vs	43	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 8	9	vs	1	
	<u>113</u>		<u>101</u>	-10.6%

HOPKINTON (pop. 6,406)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - No change	0	vs	0	
Rape - No change	0	vs	0	
Robbery - No change	0	vs	0	
Assault - Decreased by 2	4	vs	2	
Burglary - Decreased by 35	80	vs	45	
Larceny - Decreased by 4	118	vs	114	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Increased by 5	4	vs	9	
	<u>206</u>		<u>170</u>	-17.5%

NARRAGANSETT (pop. 12,088)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - Decreased by 1	1	vs	0	
Rape - No change	4	vs	4	
Robbery - Decreased by 2	3	vs	1	
Assault - Decreased by 5	26	vs	21	
Burglary - Decreased by 10	187	vs	177	
Larceny - Decreased by 29	353	vs	324	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 1	26	vs	25	
	<u>600</u>		<u>552</u>	-8.0%

NEW SHOREHAM (pop. 620)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - No change	0	vs	0	
Rape - Decreased by 1	1	vs	0	
Robbery - No change	0	vs	0	
Assault - Increased by 1	0	vs	1	
Burglary - Decreased by 25	40	vs	15	
Larceny - Increased by 54	49	vs	103	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Increased by 3	2	vs	5	
	<u>92</u>		<u>124</u>	+34.8%

NORTH KINGSTOWN (pop. 21,938)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - Increased by 1	0	vs	1	
Rape - Decreased by 4	4	vs	0	
Robbery - Decreased by 2	5	vs	3	
Assault - Decreased by 42	97	vs	55	
Burglary - Decreased by 139	311	vs	172	
Larceny - Decreased by 234	602	vs	368	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 45	73	vs	28	
	<u>1092</u>		<u>627</u>	-42.6%

RICHMOND (pop. 4,018)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - No change	0	vs	0	
Rape - Decreased by 1	1	vs	0	
Robbery - No change	1	vs	1	
Assault - No change	3	vs	3	
Burglary - Decreased by 2	10	vs	8	
Larceny - Decreased by 13	15	vs	2	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 4	5	vs	1	
	<u>35</u>		<u>15</u>	-57.1%

SOUTH KINGSTOWN (pop. 20,414)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - No change	0	vs	0	
Rape - Increased by 2	2	vs	4	
Robbery - No change	2	vs	2	
Assault - Decreased by 3	15	vs	12	
Burglary - Decreased by 148	235	vs	87	
Larceny - Decreased by 21	569	vs	548	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Increased by 12	28	vs	40	
	<u>851</u>		<u>693</u>	-18.6%

WESTERLY (pop. 18,580)	1981	vs	1982	% Change
Homicide - No change	0	vs	0	
Rape - Decreased by 1	1	vs	0	
Robbery - No change	0	vs	0	
Assault - Increased by 12	1	vs	13	
Burglary - Increased by 8	161	vs	169	
Larceny - Decreased by 14	389	vs	375	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 18	62	vs	44	
	<u>614</u>		<u>601</u>	-2.1%

<u>DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL MGT.</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>vs</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Homicide - No change	0	vs	0	
Rape - Decreased by 1	1	vs	0	
Robbery - Increased by 1	0	vs	1	
Assault - Increased by 4	13	vs	17	
Burglary - Decreased by 10	36	vs	26	
Larceny - Decreased by 71	243	vs	172	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Increased by 1	3	vs	4	
	<u>296</u>		<u>220</u>	-25.7%
 <u>STATE POLICE</u>				
Homicide - No change	2	vs	2	
Rape - Increased by 3	10	vs	13	
Robbery - Increased by 5	13	vs	18	
Assault - Increased by 21	133	vs	154	
Burglary - Decreased by 6	227	vs	221	
Larceny - Increased by 41	275	vs	316	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Decreased by 16	57	vs	41	
	<u>717</u>		<u>765</u>	+6.7%
 <u>UNIV. OF RHODE ISLAND</u>				
Homicide - No change	0	vs	0	
Rape - No change	0	vs	0	
Robbery - No change	0	vs	0	
Assault - Increased by 5	6	vs	11	
Burglary - Increased by 52	112	vs	164	
Larceny - Decreased by 26	170	vs	144	
Motor Vehicle Theft - Increased by 4	9	vs	13	
	<u>297</u>		<u>332</u>	+11.8%

ARSON DATA



ARSON INCIDENTS* REPORTED

1981 VS 1982



<u>1981</u>	<u>Total No. Reported</u>
<u>Type</u>	
SUSPICIOUS	766
INCENDIARY	<u>594</u>
TOTALS:	1360

<u>1982</u>	<u>Total No. Reported</u>
<u>Type</u>	
SUSPICIOUS	551
INCENDIARY	<u>558</u>
TOTALS:	1109

SUMMARY:

IN 1982, THERE WERE 251 LESS ARSON INCIDENTS REPORTED IN RHODE ISLAND AS COMPARED TO 1981; A 18% DECREASE.

*The word incident(s) is interchangeable with the word offense(s).



CASUALTIES CAUSED BY ARSON -YEARS 1981 and 1982

<u>INJURIES</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>Number Change in 1982</u>
Firefighters	47	59	+12
Civilians	<u>23</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>+ 8</u>
TOTALS	70	90	+20

<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>Number Change in 1982</u>
Firefighters	0	0	No Change
Civilians	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-1</u>
TOTALS	1	0	-1

SUMMARY:

DURING 1982 INJURIES INCREASED BY 22% (THE 2nd CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF INCREASE); HOWEVER, NO DEATHS OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF ARSON.

Rank Order of Top Ten Cities/Towns - By Total # Of Reported Arson Incidents

1981

<u>City/Town</u>	<u>No. of Arson Incidents</u>
Providence	203
Warwick	81
Cranston	65
Johnston	63
North Providence	53
Pawtucket	53
East Providence	52
Cumberland	47
Woonsocket	46
West Warwick	43

1982

Providence	311
Johnston	49
Cranston	48
Warwick	46
Woonsocket	42
Pawtucket	40
North Providence	36
Warren	32
Cumberland	31
West Warwick	31



ESTIMATED DOLLAR LOSSES CAUSED BY ARSON - '81 & '82

1981 Losses

Type of Property	Estimated Dollar Loss	Average Cost Per Loss
Structures	\$16,960,510	\$22,142
Vehicles	\$ 1,163,380	\$ 1,959
Total:	\$18,123,890	\$13,326 (Average Cost of Any Arson Incident Considered Serious)

1982 Losses

Type of Property	Estimated Dollar Loss	Average Cost Per Loss
Structures	\$14,900,548	\$24,307
Vehicles	\$ 984,045	\$ 1,984
Total:	\$15,884,593	\$14,323 (Average Cost of Any Arson Incident Considered Serious)

SUMMARY:

\$2,239,297 DECREASE IN LOSSES OR 12% LESS DURING 1982.

THE AVERAGE COST PER ARSON INCIDENT INCREASED BY \$997.

Rank Order of Top Ten Cities/Towns - By Total Dollar (Estimated \$\$) Losses

1981

City/Town	Losses Caused By Arson
Providence	\$4,998,650
Warwick	4,024,675
Pawtucket	970,900
West Warwick	690,950
Johnston	684,800
Newport	660,575
Woonsocket	521,325
Cranston	512,650
North Providence	407,325
North Kingstown	342,350

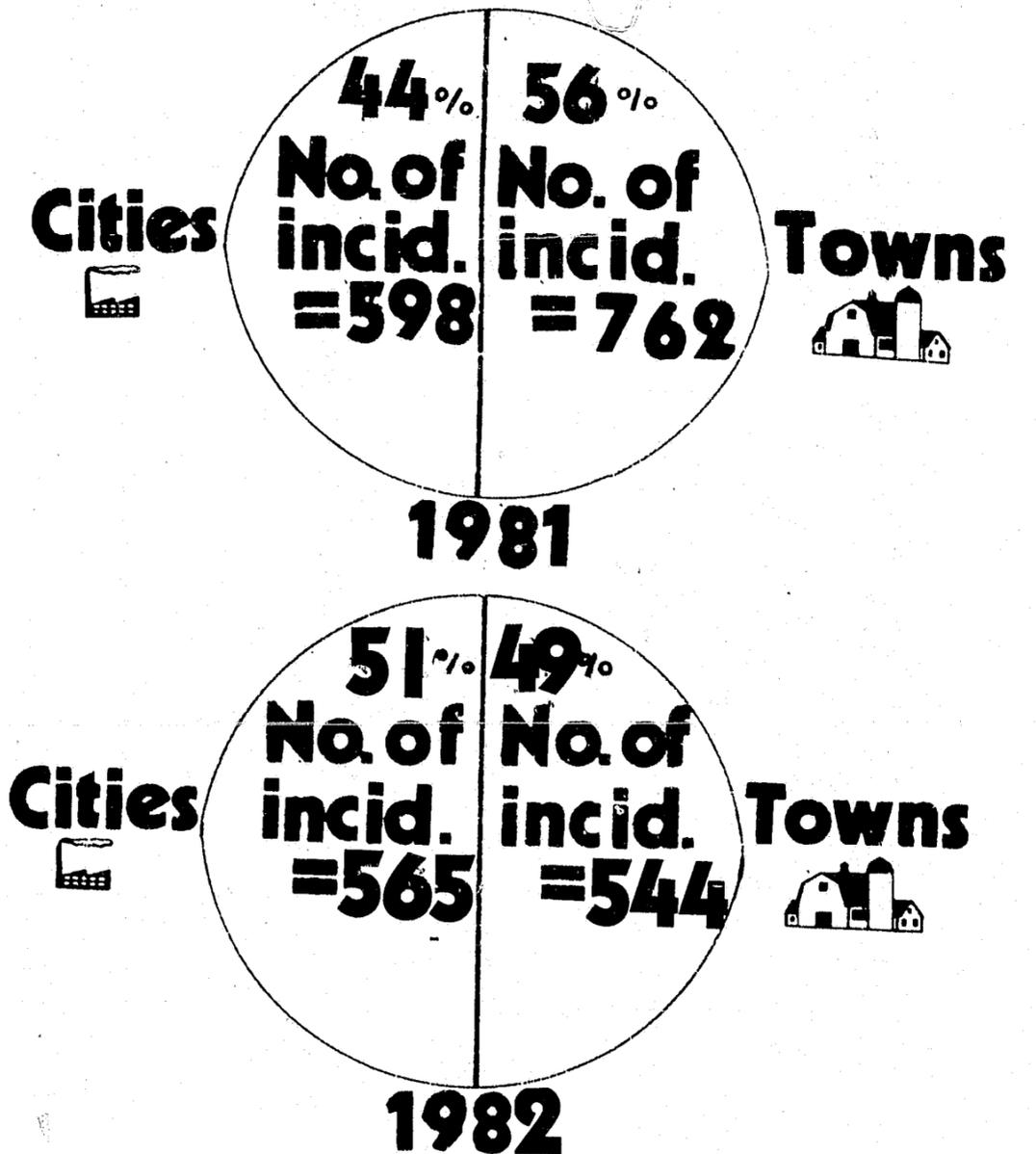
1982

Johnston	\$3,307,220
Providence	2,800,400
Cranston	1,003,698
Newport	960,850
Pawtucket	783,375
North Providence	634,100
West Warwick	579,600
Charlestown	498,550
Burrillville	478,000
Westerly	372,200

Examples of the State's Larger Arson Losses Occurring During 1982

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Type Of Occupancy</u>	<u>Estimated Loss</u>
Johnston	10/30/82	Foundry	\$3,000,000
Cranston	1/13/82	Restaurant	650,000
North Providence	4/27/82	Mill Complex	500,000
Charlestown	6/7/82	Dwelling	350,000
East Greenwich	6/23/82	Barn (Country Club)	325,000
West Warwick	3/4/82	Commercial	225,000
North Kingstown	7/30/82	Barn (Farm)	200,000
Newport	7/17/82	Apartment	200,000
Cranston	11/15/82	Dwelling	200,000
Foster	6/23/82	Auto-Sales	175,000
Smithfield	6/28/82	Dwelling	150,000
South Kingstown	3/5/82	Dwelling	150,000
Johnston	7/7/82	Restaurant	150,000

DISTRIBUTION OF ARSON INCIDENTS REPORTED IN RHODE ISLAND



NOTE:
According to the 1980 Census,
Rhode Island's Cities Population
was 529,955 (56%); Towns 416,280 (44%).

ARSON
Number of Incidents
1982

Reported by Cities & Towns

Breakdown:

City/Town	Suspicious	Incendiary	Totals	Breakdown:	
				Structures	Vehicles
Barrington	6	3	9	7	2
Bristol	4	6	10	3	7
Burrillville	6	9	15	6	9
Central Falls	11	10	21	10	11
Charlestown	6	8	14	8	6
Coventry	6	12	18	6	12
Cranston	26	22	48	22	26
Cumberland	19	12	31	19	12
East Greenwich	7	2	9	6	3
East Providence	21	9	30	19	11
Exeter	7	4	11	5	6
Foster	9	9	18	8	10
Glocester	13	7	20	11	9
Hopkinton	9	4	13	5	8
Jamestown	5	7	12	3	9
Johnston	27	22	49	16	33
Lincoln	19	10	29	12	17
Little Compton	2	2	4	2	2
Middletown	7	5	12	8	4
Narragansett	4	5	9	5	4
Newport	14	13	27	15	12
New Shoreham	1	4	5	1	4
North Kingstown	9	8	17	8	9
North Providence	20	16	36	15	21
North Smithfield	5	4	9	3	6
Pawtucket	21	19	40	21	19
Portsmouth	6	3	9	4	5
Providence	132	179	311	240	71
Richmond	10	6	16	7	9
Scituate	5	8	13	5	8
Smithfield	5	4	9	4	5
South Kingstown	7	7	14	3	11
Tiverton	1	13	14	4	10
Warren	16	16	32	14	18
Warwick	23	23	46	25	21
Westerly	11	18	29	10	19
West Greenwich	16	11	27	10	17
West Warwick	14	17	31	16	15
Woonsocket	21	21	42	27	15
Grand Total:	551	558	1109	613	496

RHODE ISLAND'S CITIES & TOWNS*
Comparison Profiles: 1981 Vs 1982

	Actual Offenses			Total %** Increase/(Decrease)
	1981	vs 1982		
<u>BARRINGTON</u>				
Suspicious - No change	6	vs	6	
Incendiary - Decreased by 4	7	vs	3	(31%)
	13		9	-4
<u>BRISTOL</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 4	8	vs	4	
Incendiary - Decreased by 3	9	vs	6	(41%)
	17		10	-7
<u>BURRILLVILLE</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 9	15	vs	6	
Incendiary - Decreased by 5	14	vs	9	(48%)
	29		15	-14
<u>CENTRAL FALLS</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 9	20	vs	11	
Incendiary - Decreased by 2	12	vs	10	(34%)
	32		21	-11
<u>CHARLESTOWN</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 2	8	vs	6	
Incendiary - No change	8	vs	8	
	16		14	-2 (13%)
<u>COVENTRY</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 16	22	vs	6	
Incendiary - Decreased by 8	20	vs	12	(57%)
	42		18	-24
<u>CRANSTON</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 10	36	vs	26	
Incendiary - Decreased by 7	29	vs	22	(26%)
	65		48	-17

*LISTED BY ALPHABETICAL ORDER, NOT BY COUNTY
**All percentages rounded

	Actual Offenses			Total % Increase/(Decrease)
	1981	vs	1982	
<u>CUMBERLAND</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 11	30	vs	19	
Incendiary - Decreased by 5	<u>17</u>	vs	<u>12</u>	
	47		31	-16 (34%)
<u>EAST GREENWICH</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 8	15	vs	7	
Incendiary - Decreased by 6	<u>8</u>	vs	<u>2</u>	
	23		9	-14 (61%)
<u>EAST PROVIDENCE</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 14	35	vs	21	
Incendiary - Decreased by 8	<u>17</u>	vs	<u>9</u>	
	52		30	-22 (42%)
<u>EXETER</u>				
Suspicious - No change	7	vs	7	
Incendiary - Decreased by 1	<u>5</u>	vs	<u>4</u>	
	12		11	-1 (8%)
<u>FOSTER</u>				
Suspicious - Increased by 2	7	vs	9	
Incendiary - No change	<u>9</u>	vs	<u>9</u>	
	16		18	+2 13%
<u>GLOCESTER</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 1	14	vs	13	
Incendiary - Decreased by 2	<u>9</u>	vs	<u>7</u>	
	23		20	-3 (13%)
<u>HOPKINTON</u>				
Suspicious - Increased by 1	8	vs	9	
Incendiary - Decreased by 2	<u>6</u>	vs	<u>4</u>	
	14		13	-1 (7%)
<u>JAMESTOWN</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 4	9	vs	5	
Incendiary - Decreased by 2	<u>9</u>	vs	<u>7</u>	
	18		12	-6 (33%)

	Actual Offenses			Total % Increase/(Decrease)
	1981	vs	1982	
<u>JOHNSTON</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 10	37	vs	27	
Incendiary - Decreased by 4	<u>26</u>	vs	<u>22</u>	
	63		49	-14 (22%)
<u>LINCOLN</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 7	26	vs	19	
Incendiary - Decreased by 5	<u>15</u>	vs	<u>10</u>	
	41		29	-12 (29%)
<u>LITTLE COMPTON</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 3	5	vs	2	
Incendiary - Decreased by 2	<u>4</u>	vs	<u>2</u>	
	9		4	-5 (56%)
<u>MIDDLETOWN</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 6	13	vs	7	
Incendiary - Decreased by 4	<u>9</u>	vs	<u>5</u>	
	22		12	-10 (45%)
<u>NARRAGANSETT</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 2	6	vs	4	
Incendiary - Decreased by 1	<u>6</u>	vs	<u>5</u>	
	12		9	-3 (25%)
<u>NEWPORT</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 10	24	vs	14	
Incendiary - Decreased by 2	<u>15</u>	vs	<u>13</u>	
	39		27	-12 (31%)
<u>NEW SHOREHAM</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 1	2	vs	1	
Incendiary - Increased by 3	<u>1</u>	vs	<u>4</u>	
	3		5	+2 67%
<u>NORTH KINGSTOWN</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 2	11	vs	9	
Incendiary - Decreased by 3	<u>11</u>	vs	<u>8</u>	
	22		17	-5 (23%)
<u>NORTH PROVIDENCE</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 11	31	vs	20	
Incendiary - Decreased by 6	<u>22</u>	vs	<u>16</u>	
	53		36	-17 (32%)
<u>NORTH SMITHFIELD</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 8	13	vs	5	
Incendiary - Decreased by 4	<u>8</u>	vs	<u>4</u>	
	21		9	-12 (57%)

	Actual Offenses			Total % Increase/(Decrease)
	1981	vs 1982		
<u>PAWTUCKET</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 10	31	vs 21		
Incendiary - Decreased by 3	22	vs 19		
	<u>53</u>		-13	(25%)
<u>PORTSMOUTH</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 2	8	vs 6		
Incendiary - Decreased by 8	11	vs 3		
	<u>19</u>		-10	(53%)
<u>PROVIDENCE</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 6	138	vs 132		
Incendiary - Increased by 87	92	vs 179		
	<u>230</u>		+81	35%
<u>RICHMOND</u>				
Suspicious - No change	10	vs 10		
Incendiary - Decreased by 1	7	vs 6		
	<u>17</u>		-1	(6%)
<u>SCITUATE</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 1	6	vs 5		
Incendiary - Decreased by 1	9	vs 8		
	<u>15</u>		-2	(13%)
<u>SMITHFIELD</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 4	9	vs 5		
Incendiary - Decreased by 6	10	vs 4		
	<u>19</u>		-10	(53%)
<u>SOUTH KINGSTOWN</u>				
Suspicious - Increased by 2	5	vs 7		
Incendiary - Decreased by 2	9	vs 7		
	<u>14</u>		NC	NC
<u>TIVERTON</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 4	5	vs 1		
Incendiary - No change	13	vs 13		
	<u>18</u>		-4	(22%)
<u>WARREN</u>				
Suspicious - No change	16	vs 16		
Incendiary - Decreased by 2	18	vs 16		
	<u>34</u>		-2	(6%)

	Actual Offenses			Total % Increase/(Decrease)
	1981	vs 1982		
<u>WARWICK</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 27	50	vs 23		
Incendiary - Decreased by 8	31	vs 23		
	<u>81</u>		-35	(43%)
<u>WESTERLY</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 11	22	vs 11		
Incendiary - No change	18	vs 18		
	<u>40</u>		-11	(28%)
<u>WEST GREENWICH</u>				
Suspicious - Increased by 2	14	vs 16		
Incendiary - Decreased by 2	13	vs 11		
	<u>27</u>		NC	NC
<u>WEST WARWICK</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 5	19	vs 14		
Incendiary - Decreased by 7	24	vs 17		
	<u>43</u>		-12	(28%)
<u>WOONSOCKET</u>				
Suspicious - Decreased by 5	26	vs 21		
Incendiary - Increased by 1	20	vs 21		
	<u>46</u>		-4	(9%)

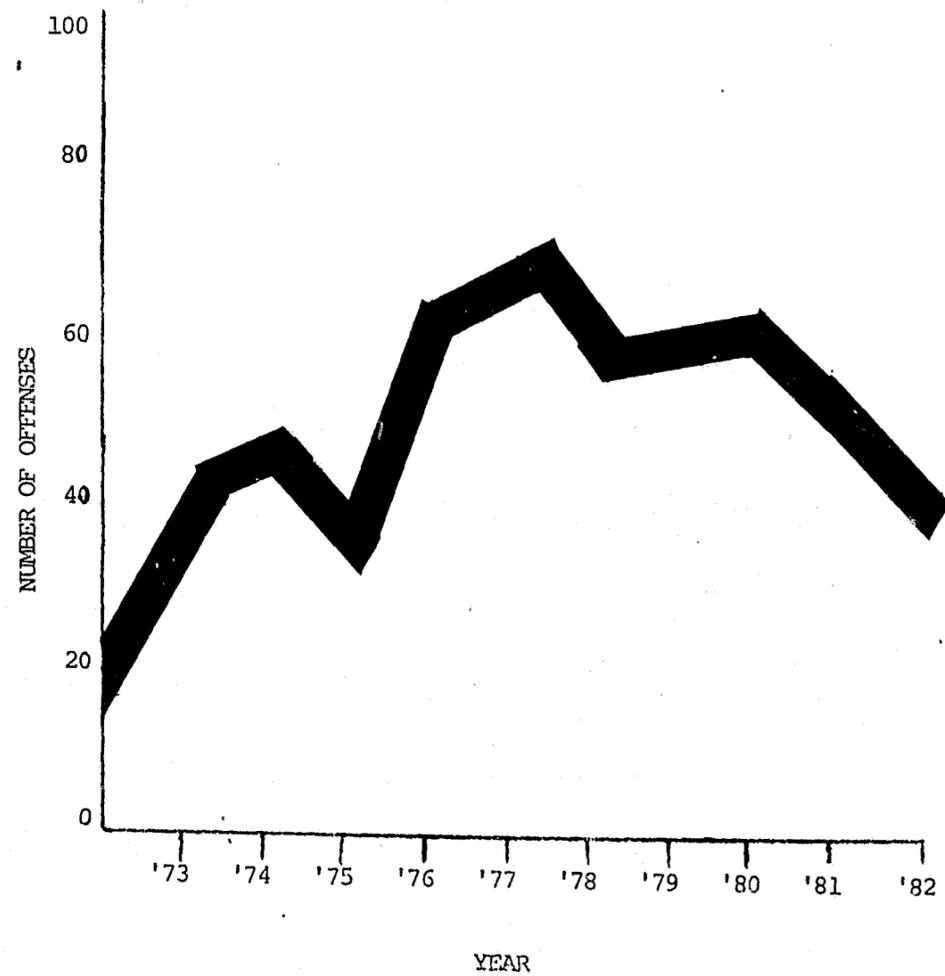
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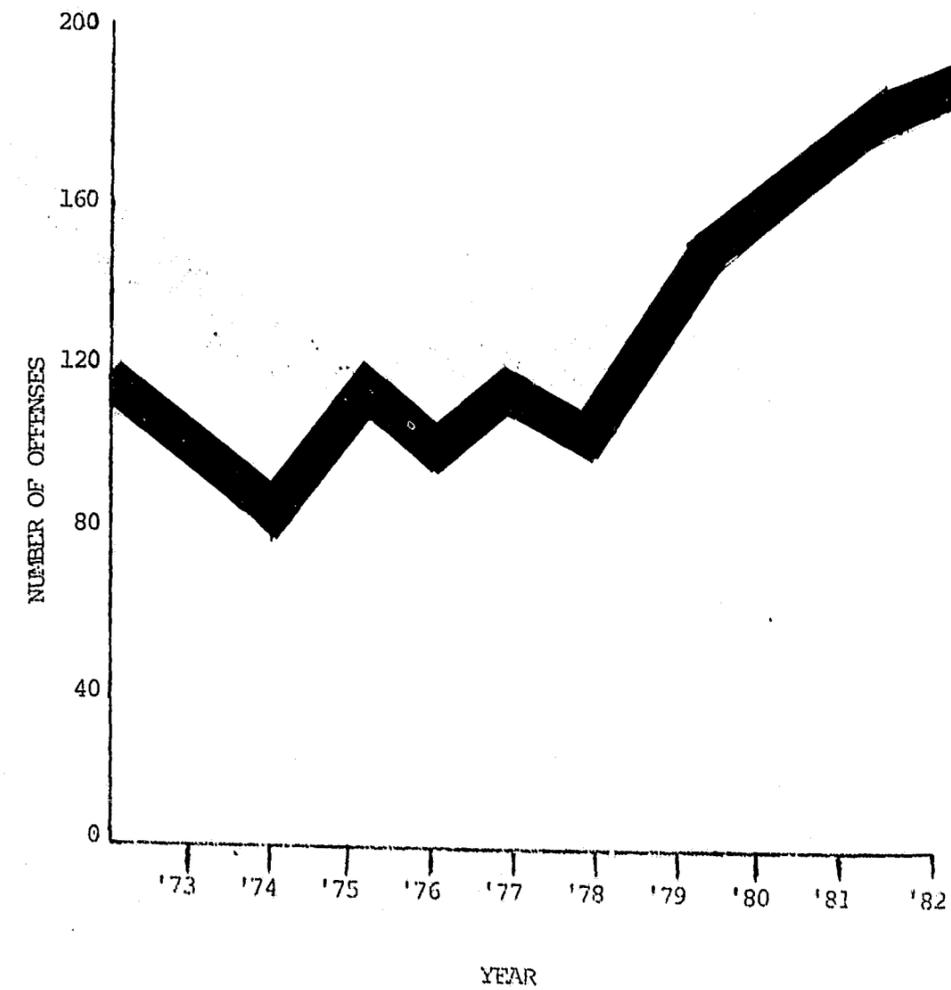


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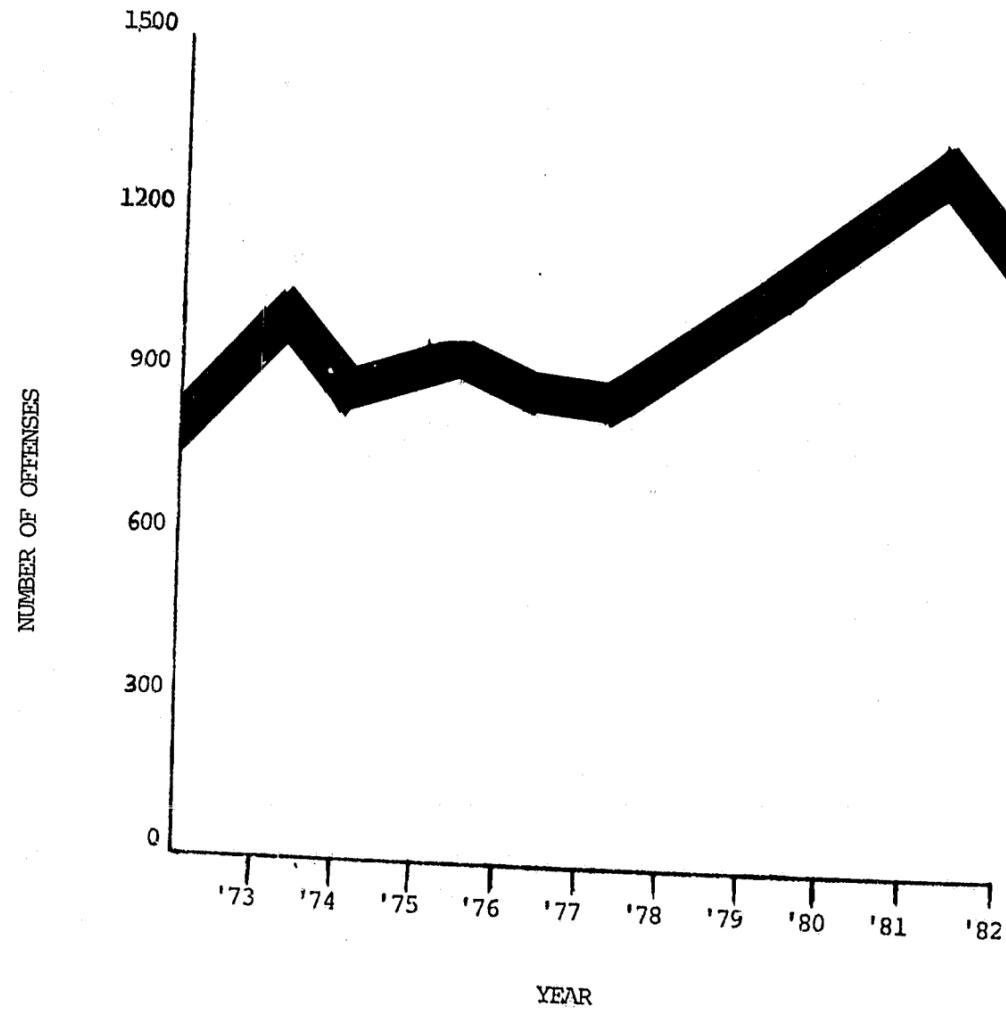
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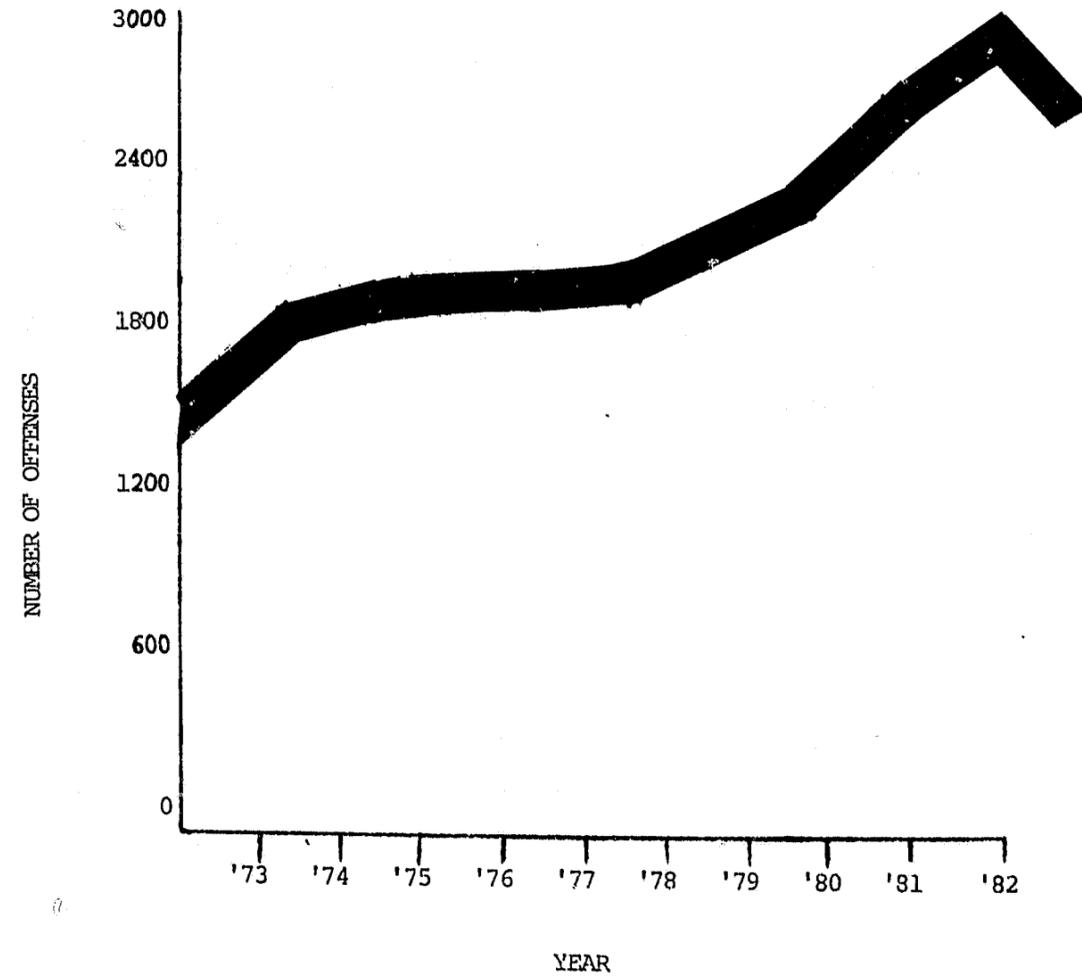
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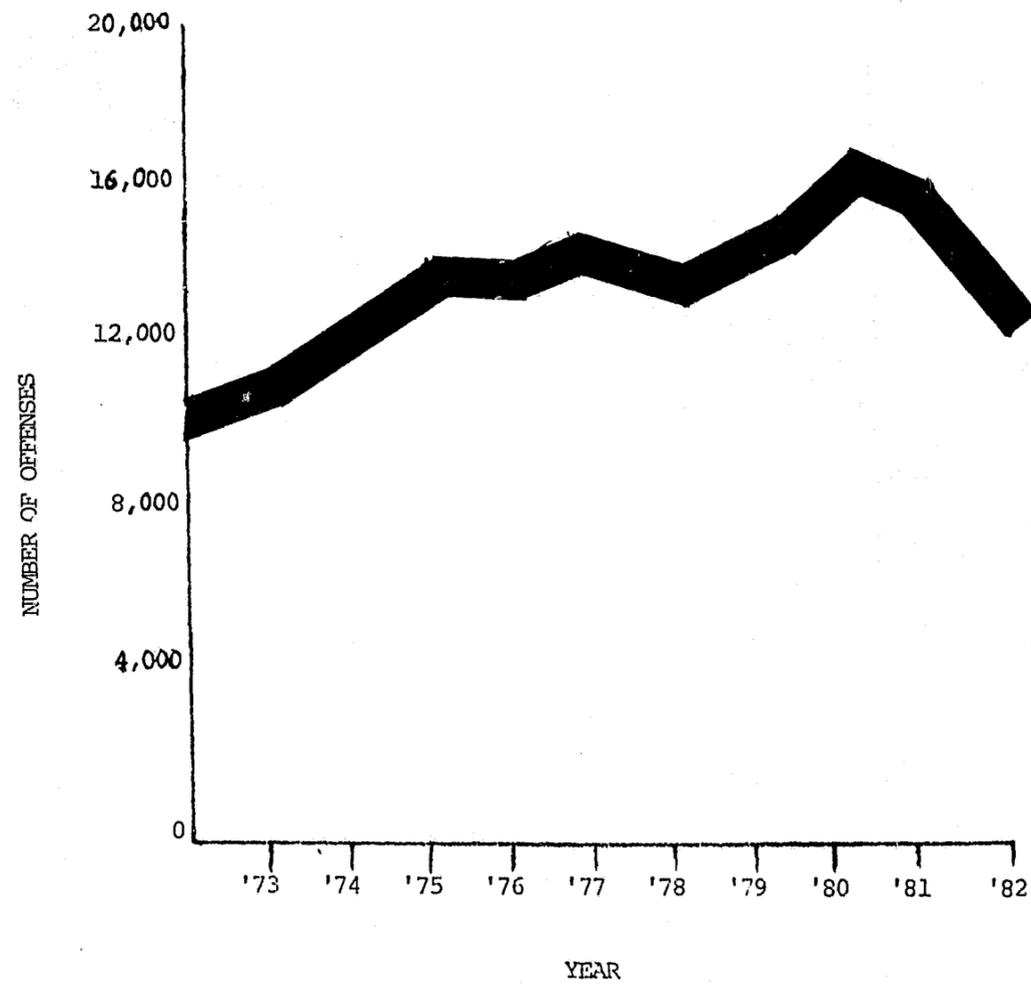
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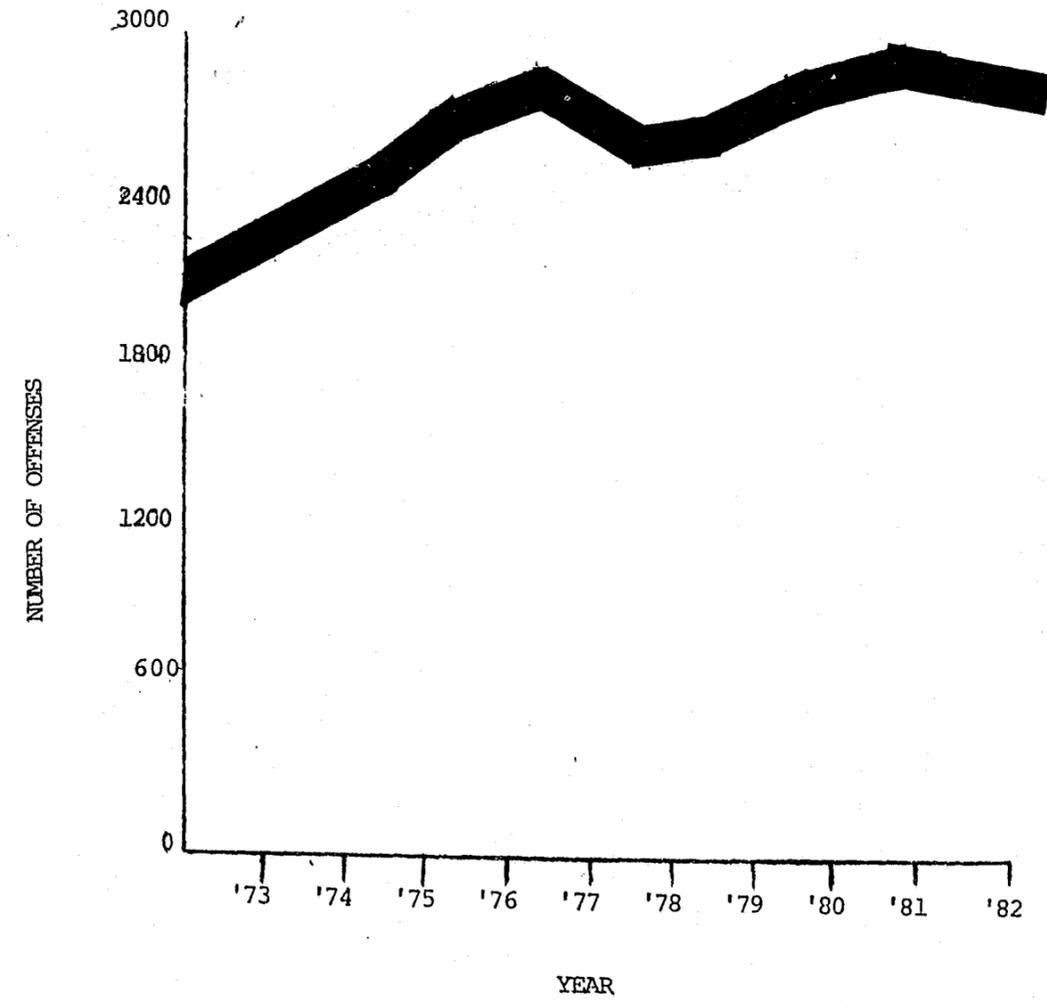
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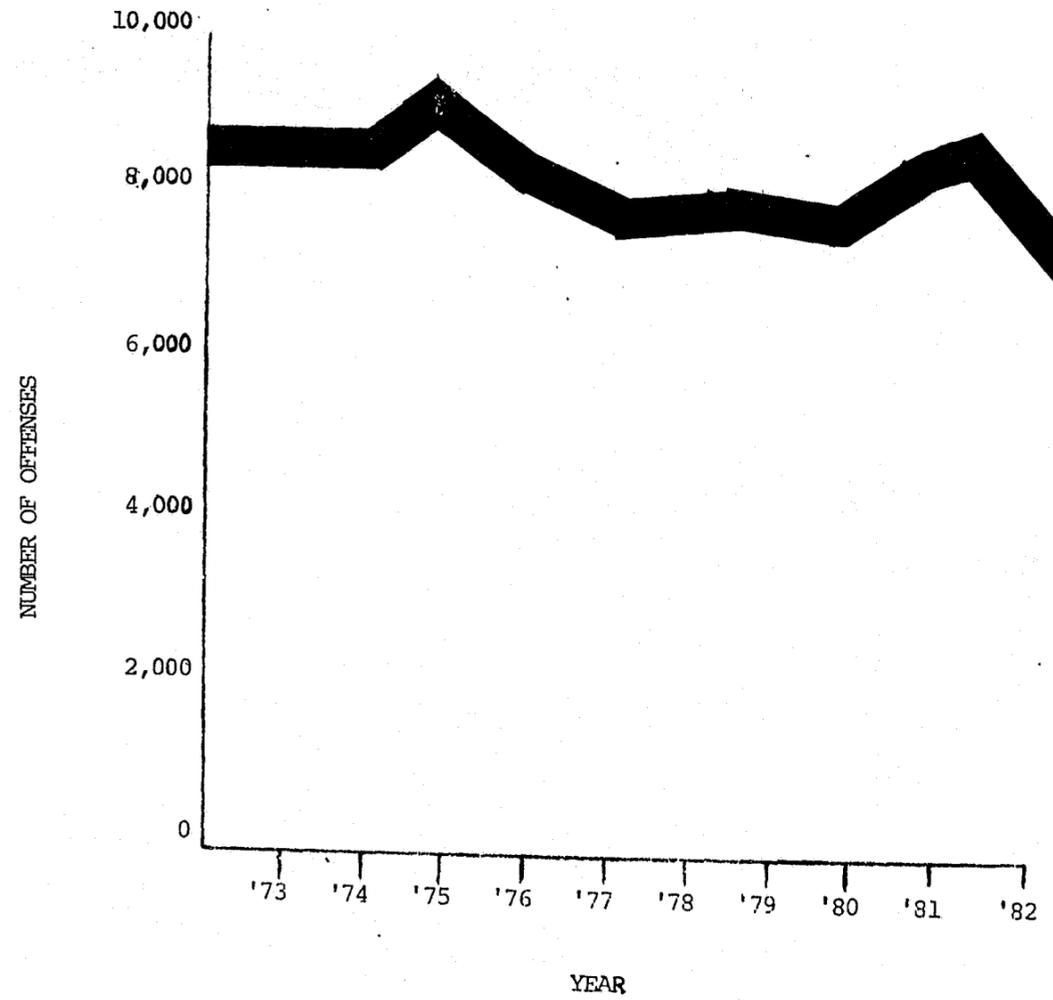
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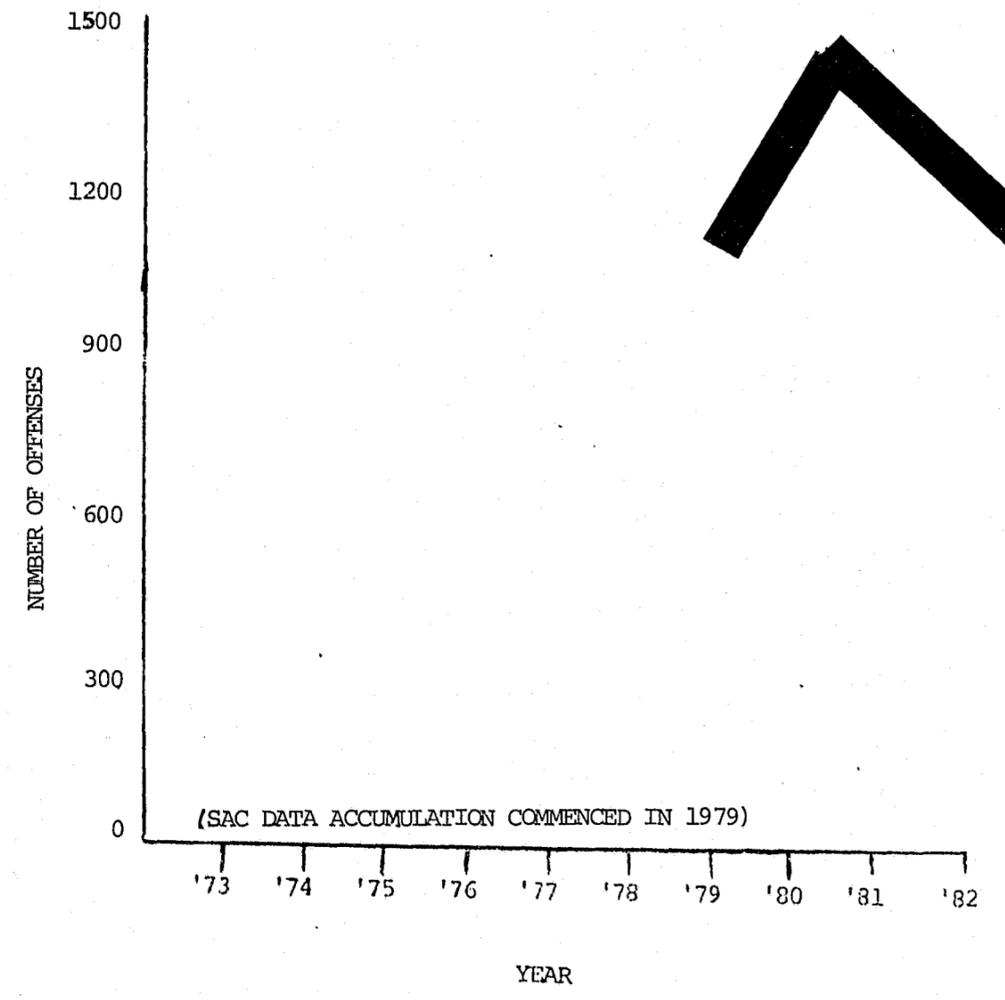
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TREND MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT



TREND ARSON



DEFINITIONS



Definitions

HOMICIDE - Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, as defined in the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, is the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

The classification of this offense, as for all other crime index offenses, is based solely on police investigation as opposed to the determination of a court, medical examiner, coroner, jury, or other judicial body. Not included in the count for this offense classification are deaths caused by negligence, suicide, or accident.

RAPE - Rape (Forcible), as defined in the UCR Program, is the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Assaults or attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are also included; however, statutory rape (without force) and other sex offenses are not included in this category.

ROBBERY - Robbery is the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

ASSAULT - Assault (aggravated) is an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. Attempts are included since it is not necessary that an injury result when a gun, knife, or other weapon is used which could and probably would result in serious personal injury if the crime were successfully completed.

BURGLARY - The UCR Program defines burglary as the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. The use of force to gain entry is not required to classify an offense as burglary. Burglary is categorized into three subclassifications: forcible entry, unlawful entry where no force is used, and attempted forcible entry.

LARCENY - Larceny (theft) is the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. It includes crimes such as shoplifting, pocket-picking, purse-snatching, thefts from motor vehicles, thefts of motor vehicle parts and accessories, bicycle thefts, etc., in which no use of force, violence, or fraud occurs. In the UCR Program, this crime category does not include embezzlement, "con" games, forgery, and worthless checks.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT - In the UCR Program, motor vehicle theft is defined as the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. This definition excludes the taking of a motor vehicle for temporary use by those persons having lawful access.

ARSON - Arson is defined by the UCR Program as any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

Only fires determined through investigation to have been willfully or maliciously set are classified as arsons.

Established criteria/definitions in Rhode Island for incendiary and suspicious acts are as follows:

INCENDIARY - Fires which have been intentionally set; where there is intention to defraud, or where there is intention to conceal for purposes which violate any section of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

SUSPICIOUS - A fire where a definite determination of incendiarism cannot be ascertained, but where there is sufficient reason to believe that the fire may be of incendiary nature.

END