Section Five

INDEX OFFENSE ANALYSIS

- **Population Groups**
- **Urban–Suburban–Rural Municipalities**
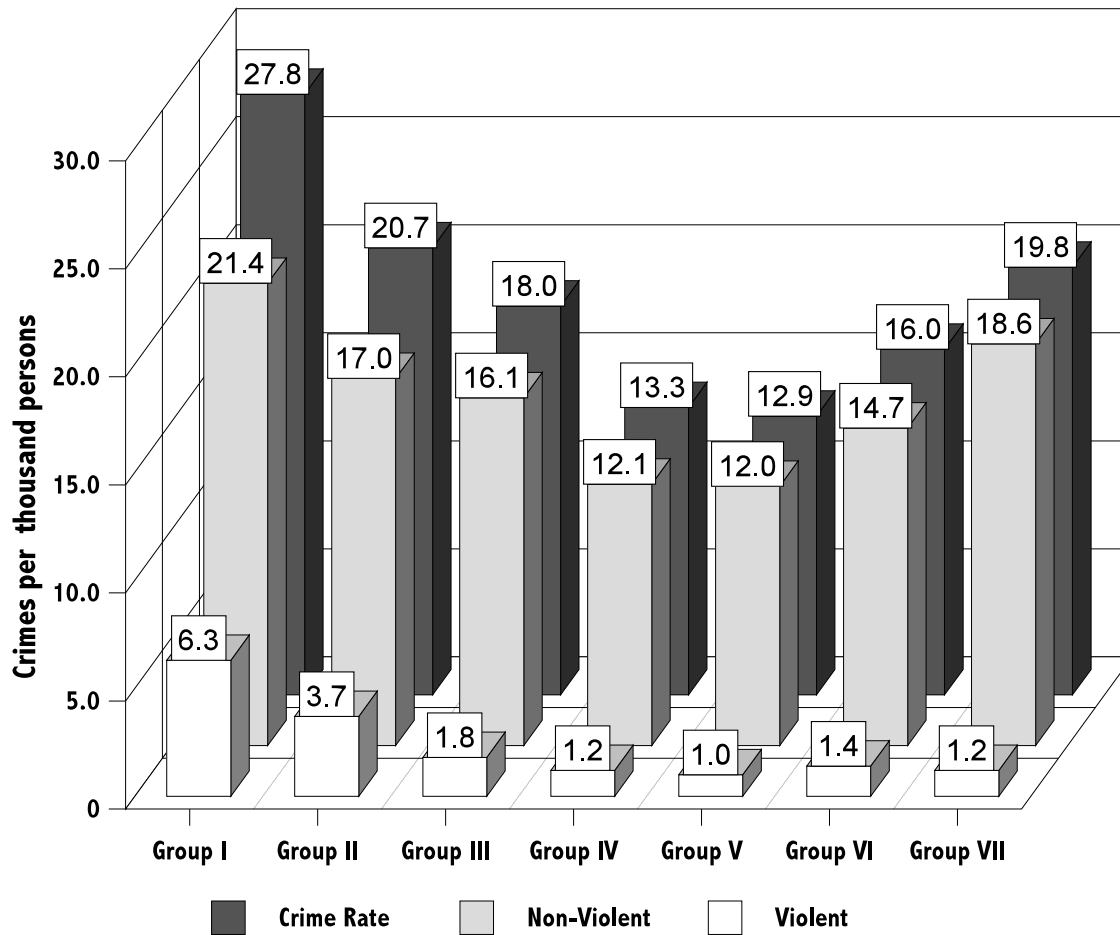- **Colleges and Universities**

CRIME INDEX FOR POPULATION GROUPS – 2016

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	Aggra-vated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft
GROUP I								
6 Municipalities over 100,000	28,537	149	297	3,125	2,943	4,202	13,391	4,430
Population — 1,027,801								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	27.8	0.1	0.3	3.0	2.9	4.1	13.0	4.3
GROUP II								
30 Municipalities 50,000 - 100,000	41,087	111	420	2,779	3,955	6,579	24,326	2,917
Population — 1,986,870								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	20.7	0.1	0.2	1.4	2.0	3.3	12.2	1.5
GROUP III								
64 Municipalities 25,000-50,000	40,144	62	350	1,618	2,070	5,985	28,282	1,777
Population — 2,237,595								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	18.0	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.9	2.7	12.6	0.8
GROUP IV								
69 Municipalities 15,000-25,000	18,134	18	131	680	867	2,881	12,662	895
Population — 1,363,714								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	13.3	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.6	2.1	9.3	0.7
GROUP V								
204 Municipalities 5,000-15,000	23,970	30	190	535	931	3,969	17,326	989
Population — 1,856,158								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	12.9	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.5	2.1	9.3	0.5
GROUP VI								
111 Municipalities 2,000-5,000	6,290	8	51	169	311	1,216	4,297	238
Population — 392,390								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	16.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.8	3.1	11.0	0.6
GROUP VII								
81 Municipalities under 2,000	1,855	0	13	26	76	366	1,310	64
Population — 93,485								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	19.8	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.8	3.9	14.0	0.7

— Index Offense Analysis —

COMPARATIVE CRIME RATES
FOR POPULATION GROUPS
2016

- Group I   -   Six municipalities with populations over 100,000.

- Group II   -   Thirty municipalities with populations between 50,001 and 100,000.

- Group III -   Sixty-four municipalities with populations between 25,001 and 50,000.

- Group IV   -   Sixty-nine municipalities with populations between 15,001 and 25,000.

- Group V   -   Two hundred and four municipalities with populations between 5,001 and 15,000.

- Group VI   -   One hundred and eleven municipalities with populations between 2,000 and 5,000.

- Group VII -   Eighty-one municipalities with populations under 2,000.

URBAN – SUBURBAN – RURAL CRIME
5 YEAR COMPARISON
2012/2016 Summary Analysis

OFFENSES	URBAN			SUBURBAN			RURAL		
	2012	2016	Percent Change	2012	2016	Percent Change	2012	2016	Percent Change
Murder	331	310	-6	44	51	16	12	17	42
Rape	620	904	46	340	391	15	78	157	101
Robbery	9,574	7,322	-24	1,552	1,374	-11	258	236	-9
Aggravated Assault	9,523	8,376	-12	2,606	2,053	-21	804	724	-10
Burglary	23,657	14,050	-41	14,325	8,606	-40	4,402	2,542	-42
Larceny-Theft	60,074	52,205	-13	50,673	41,095	-19	12,023	8,294	-31
Motor Vehicle Theft	13,188	8,925	-32	2,708	1,968	-27	575	417	-27
Total Crime Index	**116,967**	**92,092**	**-21**	**72,248**	**55,538**	**-23**	**18,152**	**12,387**	**-32**
Violent Crime	**20,048**	**16,912**	**-16**	**4,542**	**3,869**	**-15**	**1,152**	**1,134**	**-2**
Nonviolent Crime	**96,919**	**75,180**	**-22**	**67,706**	**51,669**	**-24**	**17,000**	**11,253**	**-34**

*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 2016 to 2012, Rural communities experienced the largest percentage change in Index offenses, a decrease of 32 percent.

- Index crimes in Suburban communities decreased 23 percent, while Urban communities decreased 21 percent.

- Comparing 2016 to 2012, Suburban communities experienced a decrease of 24 percent in non-violent crimes.

- Suburban communities experienced a 15 percent decrease in violent crimes, and Rural communities decreased 2 percent.

- Comparing 2016 to 2012, Rural communities experienced the largest percentage change in nonviolent crimes, a decrease of 34 percent.

- Violent crimes in Suburban communities decreased 15 percent, while Urban communities decreased 16 percent.

URBAN
NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION
2015/2016

Municipalities: 155

Population: 3,957,430

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2015	2016	Percent Change	2015	2016	Percent Change	2015	2016	Percent Change
Murder	313	**310**	-1	0.08	**0.08**	0	84.8	**82.0**	-3
Rape	849	**904**	6	0.22	**0.23**	5	62.3	**62.3**	0
Robbery	8,128	**7,322**	-10	2.06	**1.85**	-10	83.4	**82.0**	-2
Aggravated	8,455	**8,376**	-1	2.14	**2.12**	-1	74.0	**75.1**	1
Assault Burglary	15,644	**14,050**	-10	3.97	**3.55**	-11	56.1	**55.8**	-1
Larceny-Theft	54,052	**52,205**	-3	13.71	**13.19**	-4	51.0	**51.4**	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	9,356	**8,925**	-5	2.37	**2.26**	-5	79.5	**78.9**	-1
Total Crime Index	**96,797**	**92,092**	**-5**	**24.54**	**23.26**	**-5**	**57.4**	**57.5**	*
Violent Crime	**17,745**	**16,912**	**-5**	**4.50**	**4.27**	**-5**	**77.5**	**77.2**	*
Nonviolent Crime	**79,052**	**75,180**	**-5**	**21.06**	**19.00**	**-10**	**54.3**	**54.4**	*

* Less than one-half of one percent.

• There were 92,092 offenses reported in municipalities of Urban character during 2016, this represents a decrease of 5 percent compared to 2015.

• Fifty-seven percent of all Index crimes occurred in Urban areas.

• Violent crime in Urban communities decreased 5 percent and accounted for 77 percent of the state's total violent crime.

• Nonviolent crime in Urban communities decreased 5 percent and accounted for 54 percent of the state's total nonviolent crime.

• The crime rate in Urban communities decreased 5 percent to 23.26 victims for every 1,000 persons.

SUBURBAN
NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION
2015/2016

Municipalities: 253   **Population: 3,957,876**

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2015	2016	Percent Change	2015	2016	Percent Change	2015	2016	Percent Change
Murder	44	51	16	0.01	0.01	0	11.9	13.5	13
Rape	356	391	10	0.09	0.10	11	26.1	26.9	3
Robbery	1,346	1,374	2	0.34	0.35	3	13.8	15.4	12
Aggravated Assault	2,259	2,053	-9	0.57	0.52	-9	19.8	18.4	-7
Burglary	9,485	8,606	-9	2.40	2.17	-10	34.0	34.1	*
Larceny-Theft	42,583	41,095	-3	10.78	10.38	-4	40.2	40.4	*
Motor Vehicle Theft	2,044	1,968	-4	0.52	0.50	-4	17.4	17.4	0
Total Crime Index	58,117	55,538	-4	14.71	14.03	-5	34.5	34.7	1
Violent Crime	4,005	3,869	-3	1.01	.98	-3	17.5	17.6	1
Nonviolent Crime	54,112	51,669	-5	13.70	13.05	-5	37.1	37.4	1

* Less than one-half of one percent.

- Suburban Index offenses decreased 4 percent in 2016.

- Thirty-five percent of reported Index crimes occurred in Suburban communities.

- Violent crime decreased 3 percent and represented 18 percent of the state's violent crime total.

- Nonviolent crime decreased 5 percent and accounted for 37 percent of the nonviolent crime in the state.

- The crime rate was calculated at 14.03 victims per 1,000 inhabitants; a decrease of 5 percent compared to 2015.

RURAL
NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION
2015/2016

Municipalities: 157

Population: 1,042,707

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2015	2016	Percent Change	2015	2016	Percent Change	2015	2016	Percent Change
Murder	12	**17**	42	0.01	**0.02**	100	3.3	**4.5**	36
Rape	157	**157**	0	0.15	**0.15**	0	11.5	**10.8**	-6
Robbery	269	**236**	-12	0.26	**0.23**	-12	2.8	**2.7**	-4
Aggravated Assault	711	**724**	2	0.68	**0.69**	1	6.2	**6.5**	5
Burglary	2,761	**2,542**	-8	2.64	**2.44**	-8	9.9	**10.1**	2
Larceny-Theft	9,424	**8,294**	-12	9.02	**7.95**	-12	8.9	**8.2**	-8
Motor Vehicle Theft	363	**417**	15	0.35	**0.40**	14	3.1	**3.7**	19
Total Crime Index	**13,697**	**12,387**	**-10**	**13.11**	**11.88**	**-9**	**8.1**	**7.8**	**-4**
Violent Crime	**1,149**	**1,134**	**-1**	**1.10**	**1.09**	**-1**	**5.0**	**5.2**	**4**
Nonviolent Crime	**12,548**	**11,253**	**-10**	**12.01**	**10.79**	**-10**	**8.6**	**8.1**	**-6**

* Less than one-half of one percent.

- In 2016 there were 12,387 Index crimes reported in Rural municipalities, a 10 percent decrease compared to 2015.

- Eight percent of the state's Index crime occurred in Rural communities.

- Violent crime decreased 1 percent and accounted for 5 percent of the state's total violent crime.

- Nonviolent crime in Rural communities accounted for 8 percent of the nonviolent crime in the state.

- The crime rate in Rural communities decreased 9 percent to 11.88 victims per 1,000 inhabitants.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE OFFENSE DATA – 2016

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	**23**	**0**	**23**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**22**	**0**	**0**
Essex County College	**49**	**1**	**48**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**47**	**0**	**0**
Cedar Grove Twp.	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Newark City	46	1	45	0	0	1	0	1	44	0	0
West Caldwell Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kean University of New Jersey	**129**	**1**	**128**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**6**	**119**	**3**	**0**
Elizabeth City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hillside Township	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0
Union Township	122	1	121	0	0	1	0	5	113	3	0
Middlesex County College	**17**	**0**	**17**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**17**	**0**	**0**
Monmouth University	**46**	**1**	**45**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**42**	**3**	**0**
Long Branch City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ocean Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Long Branch Borough	46	1	45	0	0	1	0	0	42	3	0
Montclair State University	**87**	**3**	**84**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**82**	**1**	**0**
Clifton City	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Little Falls Township	77	3	74	0	0	0	3	1	72	1	0
Montclair Town	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
NJ Institute of Technology	**107**	**6**	**101**	**0**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**8**	**89**	**4**	**0**
Princeton University	**282**	**8**	**274**	**0**	**3**	**5**	**0**	**28**	**232**	**14**	**0**
Stockton University	**41**	**2**	**39**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**39**	**0**	**0**
Rowan University	**218**	**8**	**210**	**0**	**6**	**0**	**2**	**65**	**144**	**1**	**0**
Camden City	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Glassboro Boro	211	7	204	0	5	0	2	64	139	1	0
Harrison Twp.	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mantua Twp.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Stratford Boro	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Rutgers University	**924**	**46**	**878**	**0**	**12**	**12**	**22**	**73**	**798**	**7**	**1**
Camden Campus	87	7	80	0	0	3	4	4	74	2	0
New Brunswick Campus	571	29	542	0	11	2	16	60	482	0	1
East Brunswick Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edison Township	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Highland Park Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Brunswick Township	365	15	350	0	6	1	8	33	317	0	1
North Brunswick Township	4	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0
Piscataway Township	201	13	188	0	5	0	8	27	161	0	0
Newark Campus	266	10	256	0	1	7	2	9	242	5	0
Stevens Institute of Technology	**17**	**0**	**17**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**16**	**0**	**0**
The College of New Jersey	**95**	**1**	**94**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**24**	**64**	**6**	**1**
William Paterson University	**63**	**0**	**63**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**59**	**0**	**0**
Haledon Borough	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
North Haledon Borough	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Wayne Township	56	0	56	0	0	0	0	4	52	0	0
Total University/College	**2,098**	**77**	**2,021**	**0**	**27**	**23**	**27**	**212**	**1,770**	**39**	**2**

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