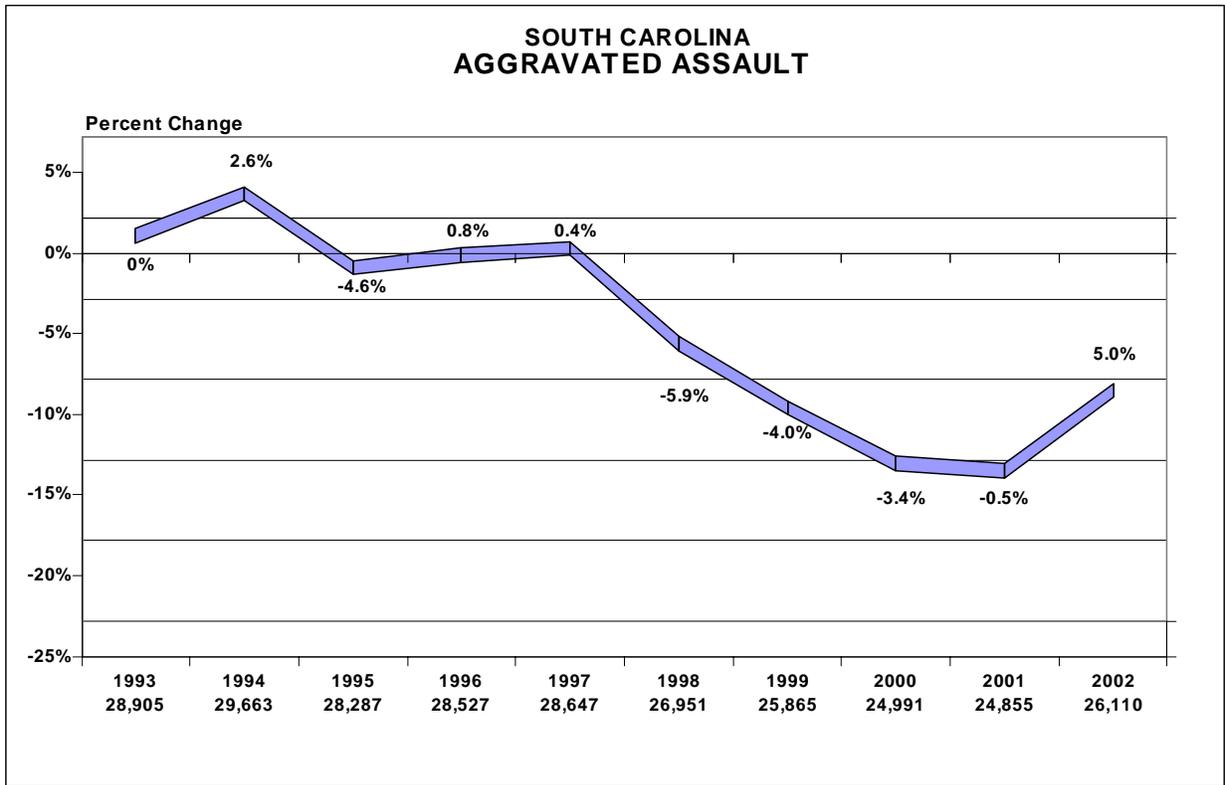


AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

DEFINITION

Aggravated Assault, for UCR purposes, is defined as an unlawful attack by one person upon another with the intent of inflicting serious bodily injury. Aggravated Assaults are frequently accomplished through the use or threatened use of dangerous weapons. However, assaults resulting in serious injury from the use of hands or feet are also counted in this category. Attempts to assault are counted here since it is not necessary that injury result whenever a dangerous weapon is employed. Attempts to commit murder are classified under this category. One offense is counted for each victim of aggravated assault.



2002 SUMMARY

A total of 26,110 aggravated assaults was reported in the 2002 crime index. During this year, aggravated assaults increased 5.0 percent compared to those reported in 2001.

There were 9,459 persons arrested for aggravated assault statewide in 2002.

Aggravated assaults accounted for 76.0 percent of all violent crimes and 12.0 percent of the total crime index.

The aggravated assault rate in South Carolina was 63.6 per 10,000 persons.

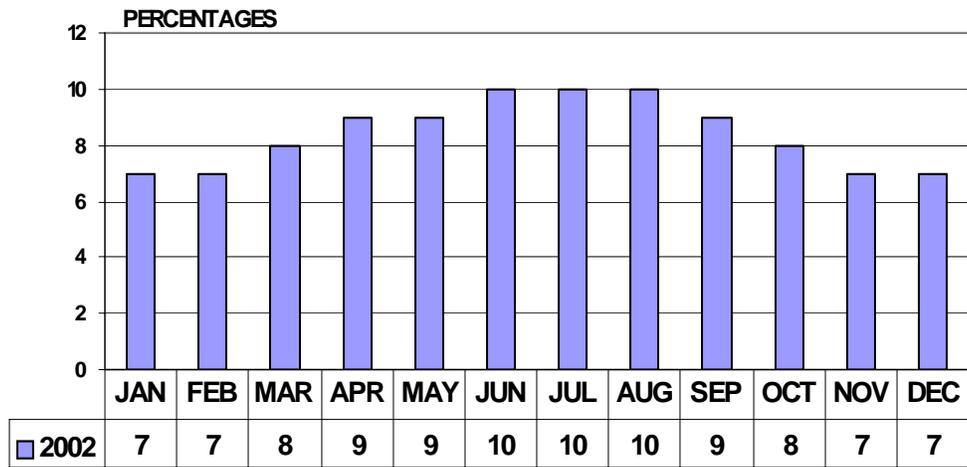
The age group 25-34 accounted for 25.9 percent of persons arrested for aggravated assault. Males represented 77.7 percent of the total arrests made. Of all persons arrested for this offense, 41.4 percent were white, 58.2 percent were black, and 0.4 percent were other races.

Firearms were used in 20.8 percent of all aggravated assaults, cutting instruments in 20.5 percent, hands and feet in 24.3 percent, other weapons in 32.1 percent, and unknown weapons in 2.3 percent.

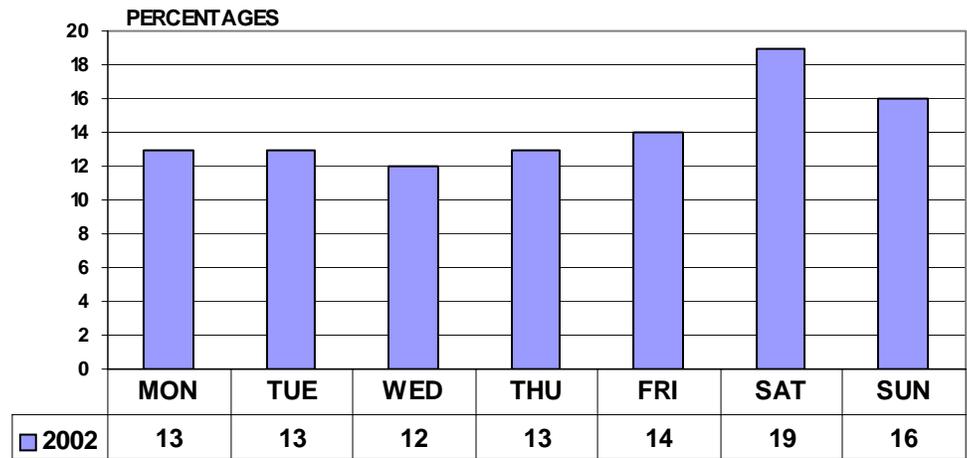
Victims were known to have been using alcohol at the time of the offense in 11.9 percent of the cases, drugs in 0.2 percent, and alcohol and drugs in 0.2 percent.

Offenders were known to have been using alcohol at the time of the offense in 16.6 percent of the cases, drugs in 0.5 percent, and alcohol and drugs in 0.9 percent.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT INCIDENTS BY MONTH



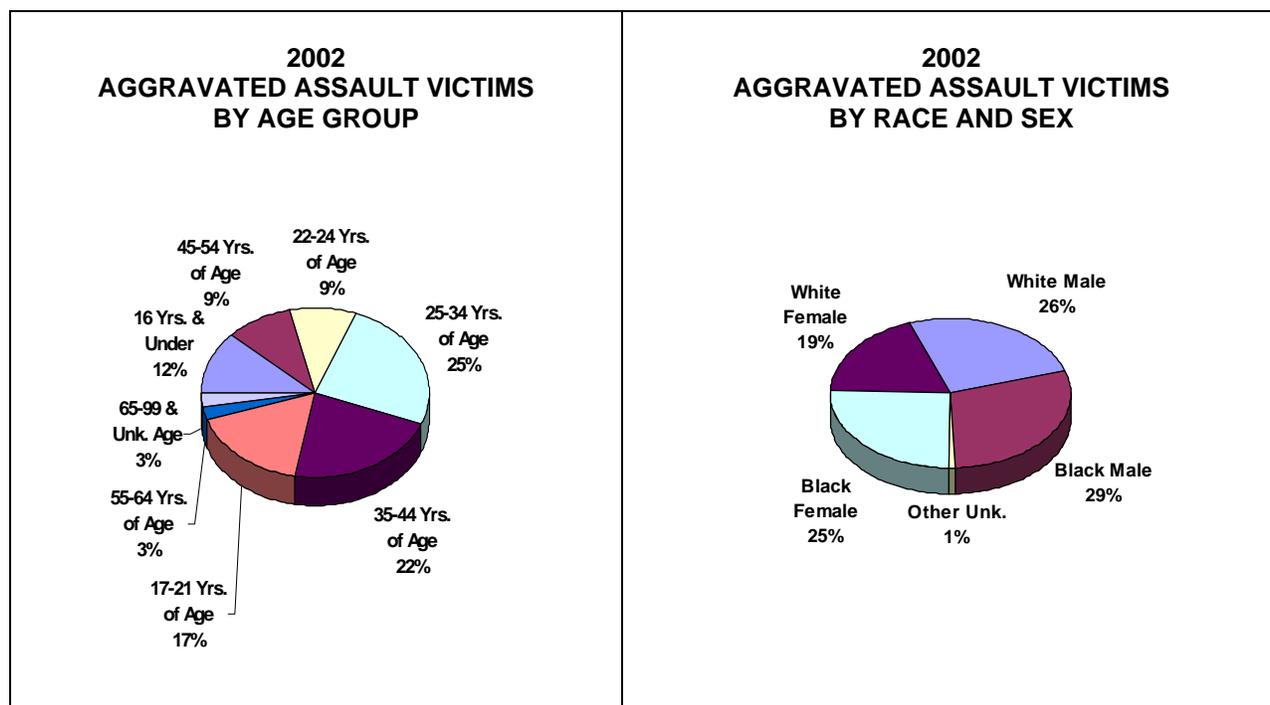
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK



2002 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT VICTIMS BY AGE, SEX, RACE

Age Group	Total	White Male	Black Male	Other Male	Unk Male	White Female	Black Female	Other Female	Unk Female	Unk Unk
Infant	46	11	10	0	0	9	13	0	2	1
01 – 04	207	51	73	0	0	37	45	0	0	1
05 – 09	397	126	122	1	0	59	88	0	0	1
10 – 16	2,463	609	879	3	6	372	588	1	3	2
17 – 21	4,422	1,064	1,365	7	8	710	1,262	3	3	0
22 – 24	2,477	615	682	2	3	449	723	1	2	0
25 – 34	6,646	1,704	1,673	15	11	1,380	1,842	9	10	2
35 – 44	5,664	1,486	1,668	5	6	1,211	1,274	6	8	0
45 – 54	2,486	661	826	7	2	470	507	6	5	2
55 – 64	685	202	240	0	1	134	108	0	0	0
65 – 99	302	86	68	1	1	76	69	0	1	0
Unk, Other	419	76	111	2	17	57	82	0	13	61
State Total	26,214	6,691	7,717	43	55	4,964	6,601	26	47	70

NOTE: The victim counts shown here have not been subjected to the “hierarchy rule” (explained elsewhere); therefore, all victims linked to this offense type are counted.

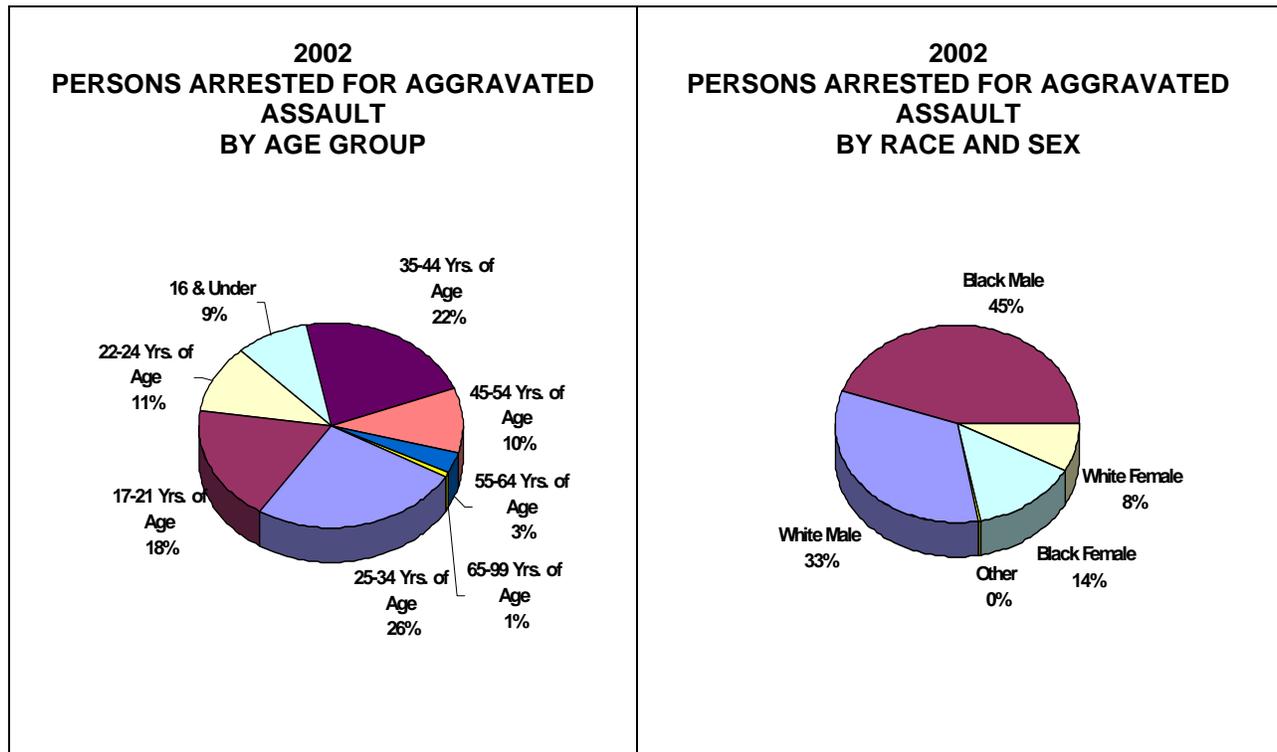


Twenty-six percent of aggravated assault victims in 2002 were white males, 28 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger; 29 percent were black males, 32 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. White females accounted for 19 percent of aggravated assault victims, 24 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger; black females accounted for 25 percent of aggravated assault victims, 30 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger.

2002 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Age Group	Total	White Male	Black Male	Other Male	White Female	Black Female	Other Female
01 – 04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
05 – 09	11	2	8	0	0	1	0
10 – 16	860	199	427	2	57	174	1
17 – 21	1,750	466	891	2	117	271	3
22 – 24	1,047	321	517	6	59	142	2
25 – 34	2,515	912	1,078	8	188	326	3
35 – 44	2,160	821	814	7	229	288	1
45 – 54	975	330	440	2	69	133	1
55 – 64	301	129	121	0	26	25	0
65 – 99	87	46	35	0	5	1	0
State Total	9,706	3,226	4,331	27	750	1,361	11

NOTE: The arrest counts shown here have not been subjected to the “hierarchy rule” (explained elsewhere); therefore, all persons arrested that are linked to this offense type are counted.

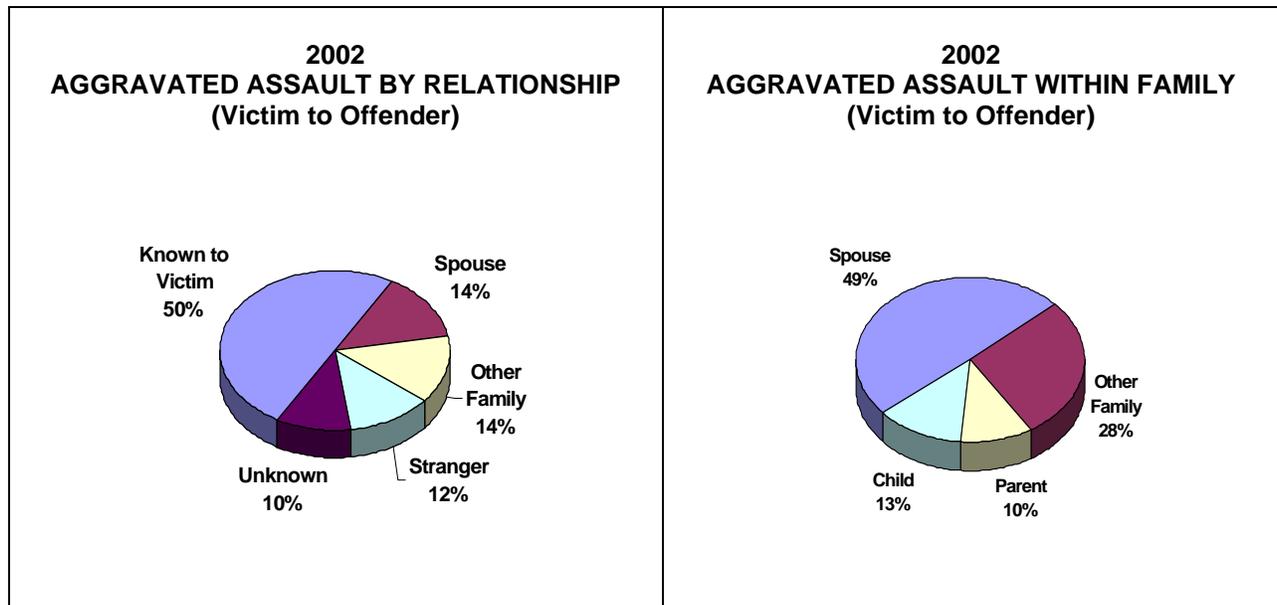


Thirty-three percent of persons arrested for aggravated assault in 2002 were white males, 21 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger, 45 percent were black males, 31 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. White females accounted for 8 percent of persons arrested for aggravated assault, while black females accounted for 14 percent of persons arrested. More than 23 percent of the white females and 33 percent of the black females were 21 years of age or younger.

2000-2002 RELATIONSHIP OF AGGRAVATED ASSAULT VICTIMS TO OFFENDERS

Relationship Of Victim To Offender	Number of Victims 2000	% Distr.	Number of Victims 2001	% Distr.	Number of Victims 2002	% Distr.
Within Family	6,547	26.2	N/A	N/A	7,201	27.6
Spouse	2,293	9.2	N/A	N/A	2,383	9.1
Common-Law Spouse	970	3.9	N/A	N/A	1,170	4.5
Parent, Stepparent	707	2.8	N/A	N/A	734	2.8
Child, Stepchild	758	3.0	N/A	N/A	910	3.5
Sibling, Stepsib.	875	3.5	N/A	N/A	880	3.4
Other Family	944	3.8	N/A	N/A	1,124	4.3
Known to Victim	12,907	51.6	N/A	N/A	13,141	50.3
Acquaintance	10,211	40.8	N/A	N/A	10,284	39.4
Boy/Girlfriend	2,696	10.8	N/A	N/A	2,857	10.9
Stranger	3,197	12.8	N/A	N/A	3,127	12.0
Unknown, Other	2,447	9.4	N/A	N/A	2,745	10.1
State Total	25,098	100.0	N/A	N/A	26,214	100.0

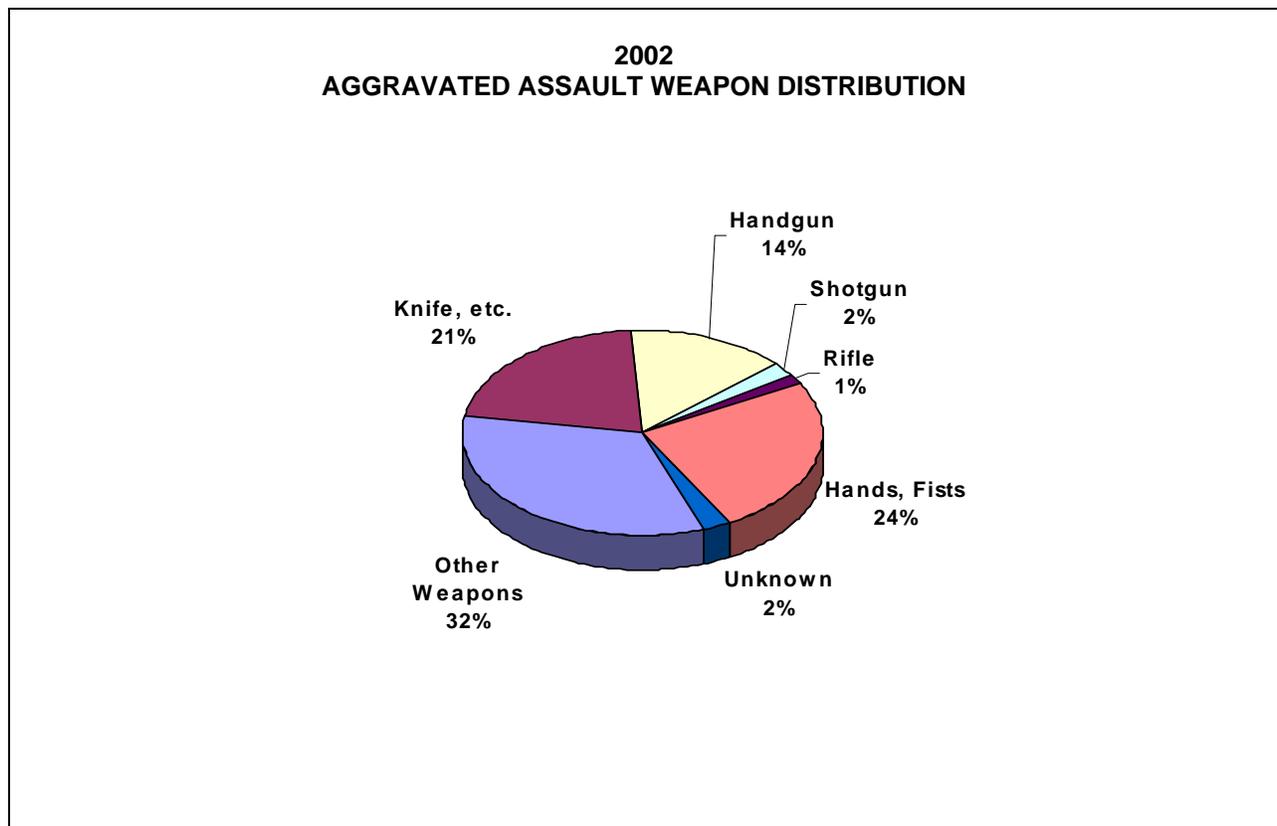
NOTE: The victim counts in this table have not been subjected to the "hierarchy rule" (explained elsewhere), therefore, all victims linked to this offense type are counted. For simplicity, only one relationship category has been counted for each victim. (If there was more than one offender related to a victim, only the relationship "closest" to that victim was counted.)



2000-2002 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WEAPON DISTRIBUTION

Weapons	2000 Incidents	% Distr.	2001 Incidents	% Distr.	2002 Incidents	% Distr.
Handgun	4,508	21.1	N/A	N/A	3,140	14.1
Shotgun	465	2.2	N/A	N/A	465	2.1
Rifle	242	1.1	N/A	N/A	291	1.3
Other Firearm	537	2.5	N/A	N/A	724	3.3
Knife, Cutting Instr.	4,715	22.0	N/A	N/A	4,559	20.5
Hands, Fists	4,606	21.5	N/A	N/A	5,403	24.3
Other Weapons	7,340	34.3	N/A	N/A	7,133	32.1
Unknown	245	1.1	N/A	N/A	519	2.3
State Total	21,414	100.0	N/A	N/A	22,234	100.0

NOTE: The incident counts in this table have not been subjected to the "hierarchy rule" (explained elsewhere), therefore, all incidents in this category are counted. For simplicity, only one weapon type has been counted for each incident. (If there was more than one weapon type used in an incident, only the primary weapon as listed in order in this table - was counted.)



2000-2002 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT INCIDENTS BY PREMISE

Premise	2000 Incidents	% Distr.	2001 Incidents	% Distr.	2002 Incidents	% Distr.
Residences, Apts.	13,222	61.7	N/A	N/A	14,072	63.3
Roads, Parking Lots, etc.	4,296	20.1	N/A	N/A	4,398	19.8
Commercial	1,208	5.6	N/A	N/A	884	4.0
Nightclubs, Bars	947	4.4	N/A	N/A	849	3.8
Hotels, Motels	243	1.1	N/A	N/A	243	1.1
Convenience Stores, etc.	385	1.8	N/A	N/A	391	1.8
Schools, Churches	485	2.3	N/A	N/A	585	2.6
Woods, etc.	127	0.6	N/A	N/A	151	0.7
Other	501	2.3	N/A	N/A	661	3.0
State Total	21,414	100.0	N/A	N/A	22,234	100.0

NOTE: The counts in this table have not been subjected to the "hierarchy rule" (explained elsewhere).

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