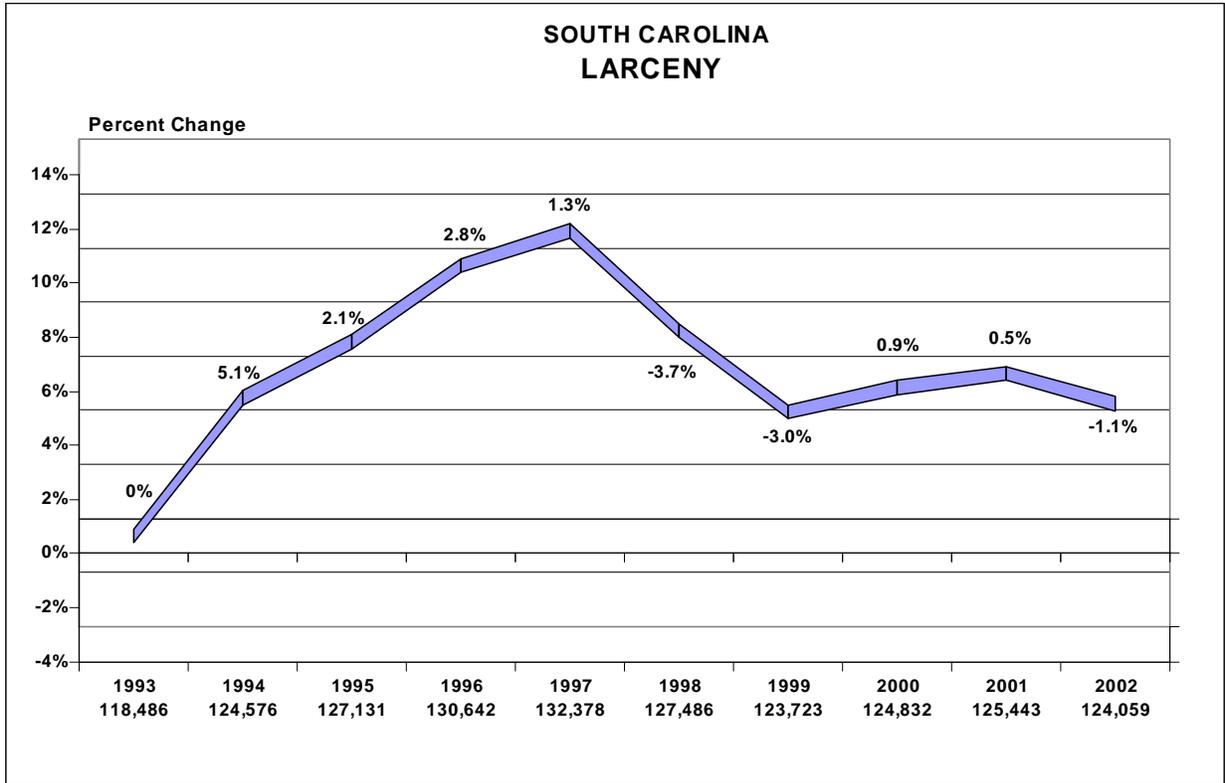


LARCENY

DEFINITION

Larceny, for UCR purposes, is defined as the unlawful taking of the property of another without the use of force or fraud. Larceny does not have the element of unlawful entry. This offense category includes such crimes as shoplifting, purse-snatching, stealing items from vehicles and the like. Larceny does not include thefts by fraud, forgery, embezzlement or similar crimes. Motor vehicle thefts fall under a separate category and are not counted as larcenies. Attempts to commit larceny are included in this category. One offense is counted for each distinct operation, regardless of the number of victims.



2002 SUMMARY

A total of 124,059 larceny offenses was reported in the 2002 crime index. During this year, larcenies decreased 1.1 percent compared to those reported in 2001.

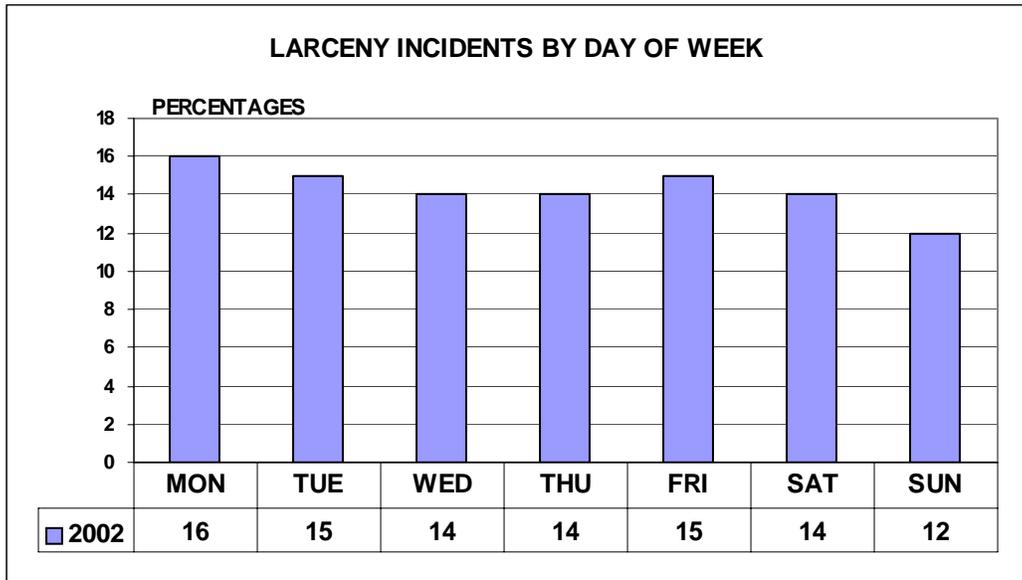
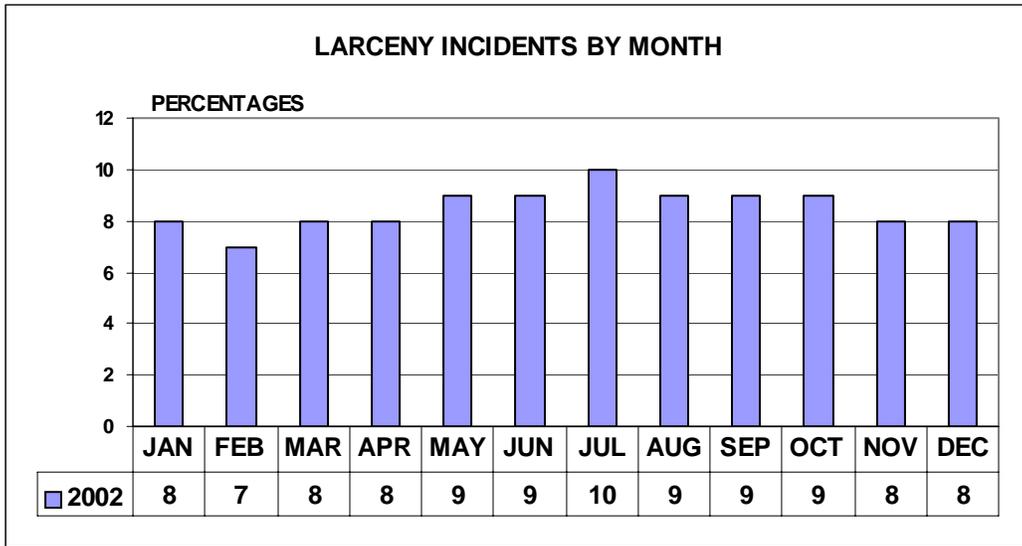
There were 17,856 persons arrested for larceny statewide in 2002.

Larcenies accounted for 67.5 percent of all nonviolent crimes and 56.9 percent of the total crime index.

The larceny rate in South Carolina was 302.1 per 10,000 persons.

Persons under the age of 17 accounted for 18.4 percent of those arrested for all categories of larceny. Arrests of males accounted for 65.4 percent of the total.

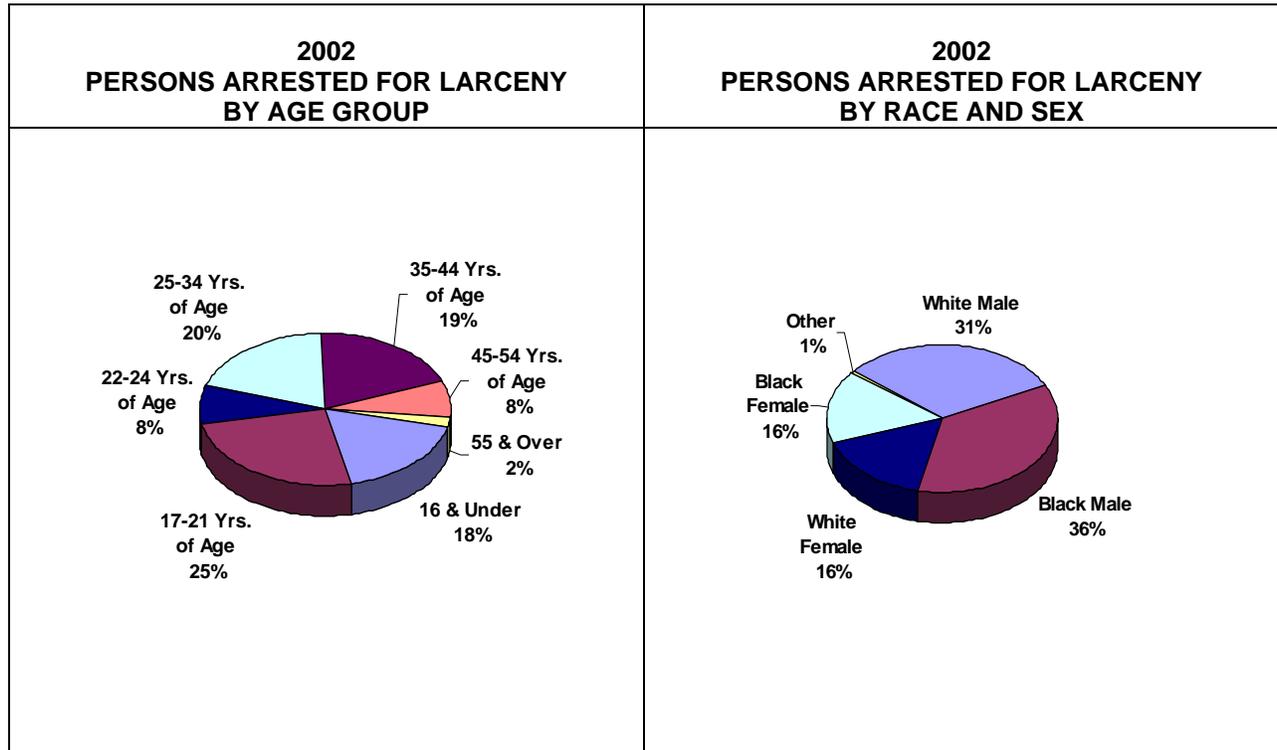
Shoplifting thefts accounted for 13.8 percent of the larceny category, while thefts from motor vehicles made up 23.2 percent, thefts of motor vehicle parts and accessories 9.0 percent, and thefts from buildings 5.8 percent.



2002 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR LARCENY BY AGE, SEX, RACE

Age Group	Total	White Male	Black Male	Other Male	White Female	Black Female	Other Female
01 – 04	3	2	0	0	0	1	0
05 – 09	50	9	32	1	1	7	0
10 – 16	3,479	938	1,306	6	589	637	3
17 – 21	4,974	1,780	1,604	21	745	813	11
22 – 24	1,559	552	469	4	237	293	4
25 – 34	3,841	1,294	1,252	31	631	617	17
35 – 44	3,816	1,069	1,592	9	610	531	5
45 – 54	1,549	374	722	2	260	189	2
55 – 64	272	91	90	5	63	20	3
65 – 99	91	31	16	1	33	8	2
State Total	19,634	6,140	7,083	80	3,168	3,116	47

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.

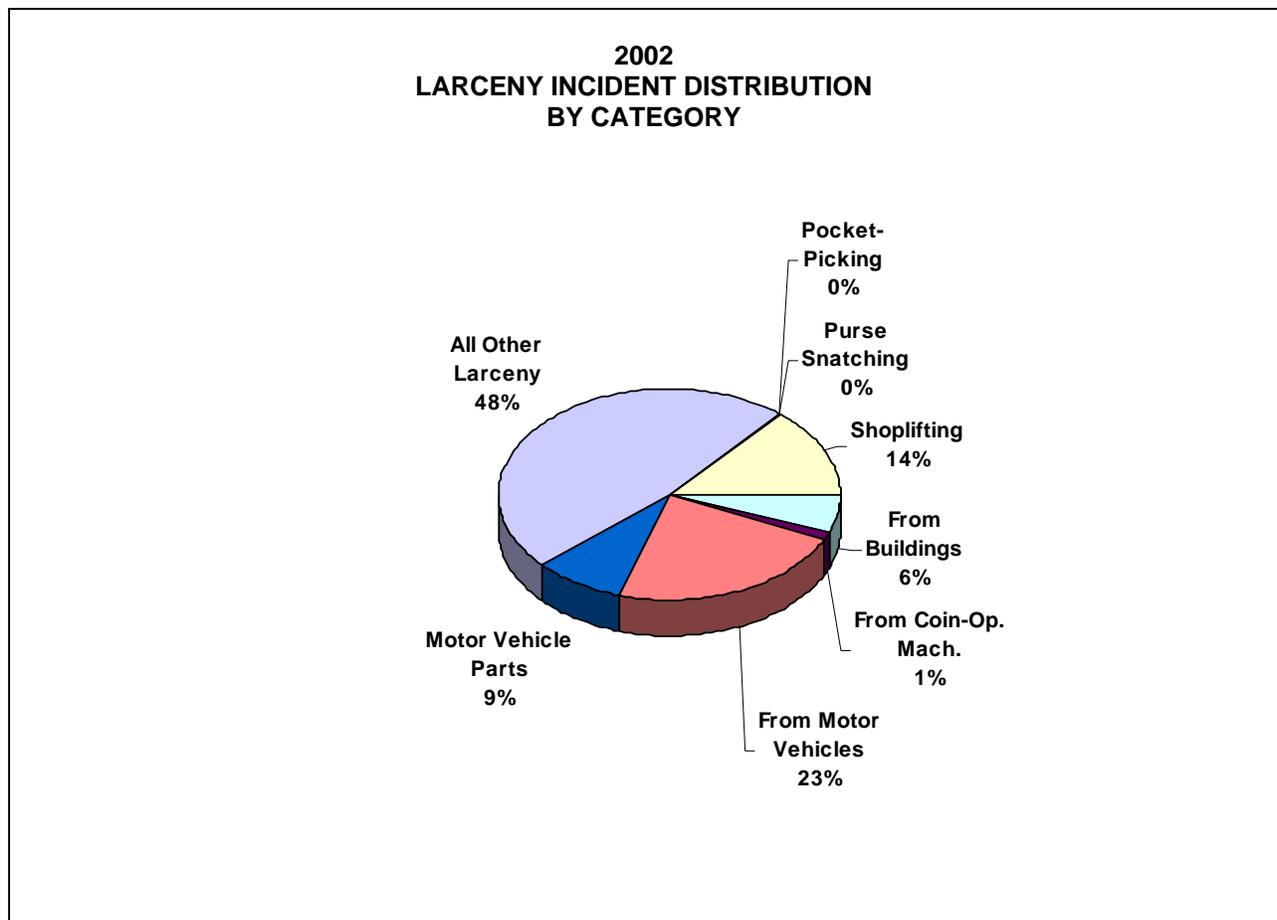


Thirty-one percent of persons arrested for larceny in 2002 were white males, 44 percent of these were 21 years of age or younger; 36 percent were black males, 42 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. White females accounted for 16 percent of persons arrested for larceny, while black females accounted for 16 percent of persons arrested. Forty-two percent of the white females and 47 percent of the black females were 21 years of age or younger.

2000-2002 LARCENY INCIDENT DISTRIBUTION BY CATEGORY

Classification	2000 Incidents	% Distr.	2001 Incidents	% Distr.	2002 Incidents	% Distr.
Pocket Picking	123	0.1	N/A	N/A	150	0.1
Purse Snatching	311	0.2	N/A	N/A	350	0.3
Shoplifting	16,090	12.7	N/A	N/A	17,148	13.6
From Building	8,590	6.8	N/A	N/A	7,151	5.7
From Coin Operated Machines	907	0.7	N/A	N/A	1,362	1.1
From Motor Vehicles	26,975	21.3	N/A	N/A	28,768	22.8
Motor Vehicle Parts	10,616	8.4	N/A	N/A	11,139	8.8
All Other Larceny	62,995	49.8	N/A	N/A	60,238	47.7
State Total	126,607	100.0	N/A	N/A	126,306	100.0

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



2000-2002 LARCENY INCIDENTS BY PREMISE

Premise	2000 Incidents	% Distr.	2001 Incidents	% Distr.	2002 Incidents	% Distr.
Residences, Apts.	46,186	36.5	N/A	N/A	49,875	39.5
Roads, Parking Lots, etc.	11,839	9.4	N/A	N/A	13,745	10.9
Commercial	34,091	26.9	N/A	N/A	30,063	23.8
Nightclubs, Bars	1,126	0.9	N/A	N/A	1,150	0.9
Hotels, Motels	2,515	2.0	N/A	N/A	2,608	2.1
Service Stations	7,295	5.8	N/A	N/A	5,466	4.3
Convenience Stores	9,680	7.6	N/A	N/A	8,998	7.1
Schools, Churches	5,432	4.3	N/A	N/A	5,265	4.2
Other	8,443	6.7	N/A	N/A	9,136	7.2
State Total	126,607	100.0	N/A	N/A	126,306	100.0

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

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LARCENY INCIDENTS BY PREMISE**

