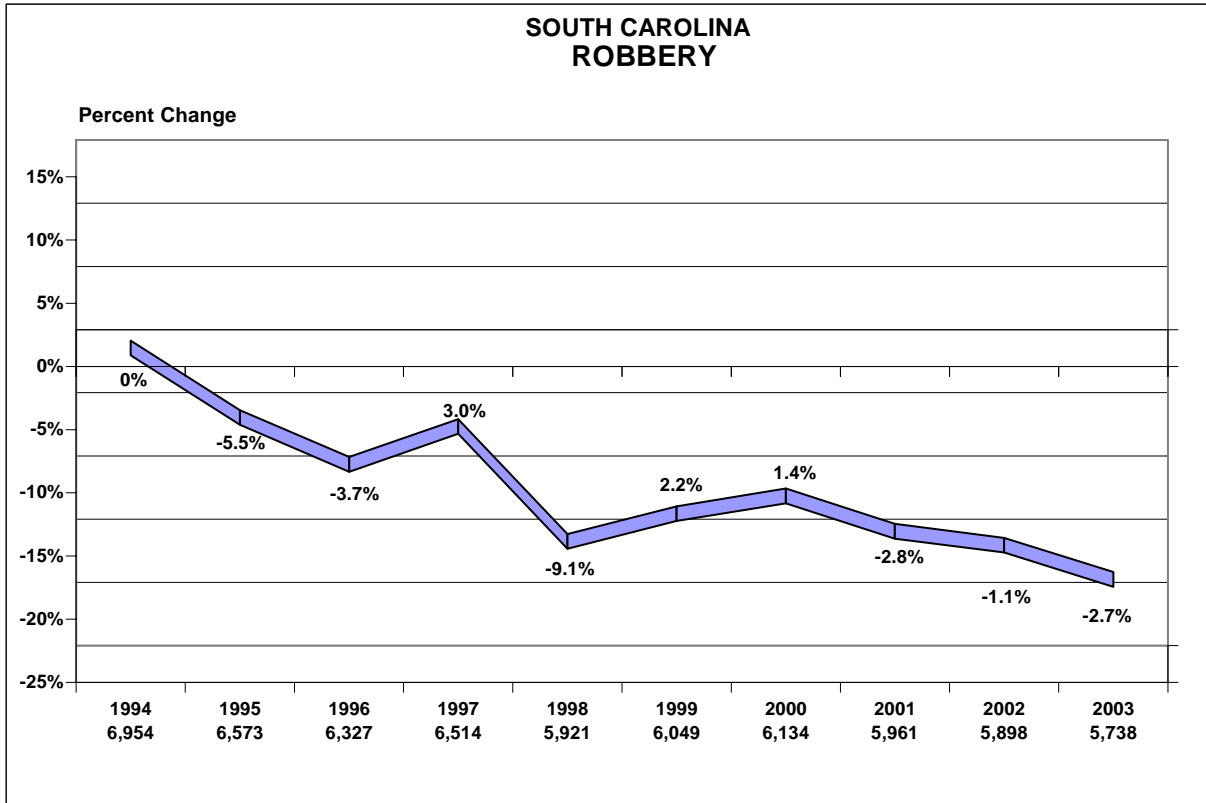


ROBBERY

DEFINITION

Robbery, for UCR purposes, is defined as the unlawful taking of the property of another through the use or threat of force. Robbery is a violent crime in which the element of personal confrontation between the victim and offender is present. Attempts to rob are included in the robbery count. Armed robberies, those involving weapons, and strong-arm robberies, those not involving weapons, make up the two major categories. One robbery is counted for each distinct operation, regardless of the number of victims present at the time.



2003 SUMMARY

There were 5,738 robberies reported in the 2003 crime index. During this year, robberies decreased 2.7 percent compared to those reported in 2002.

There were 1,567 robberies cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, amounting to a clearance rate of 27.3 percent statewide.

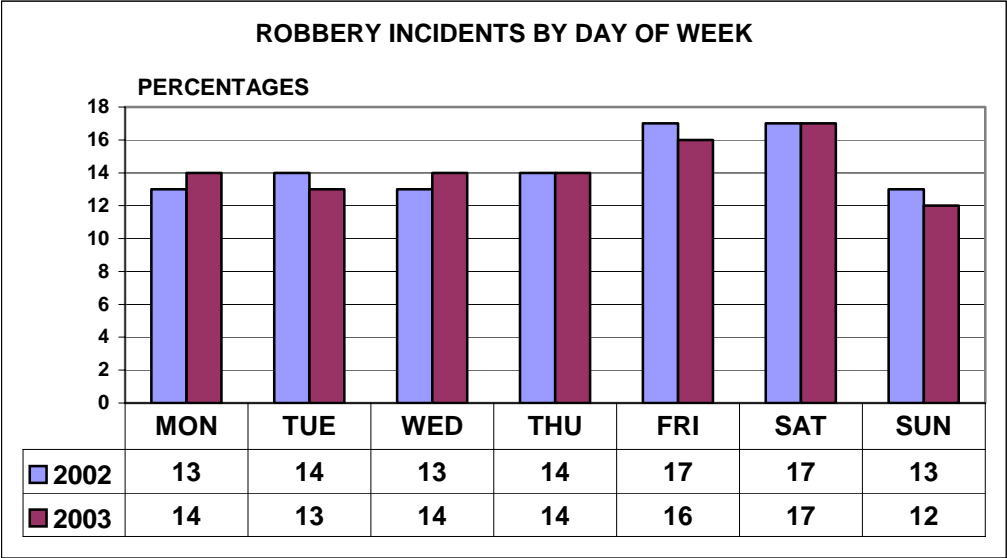
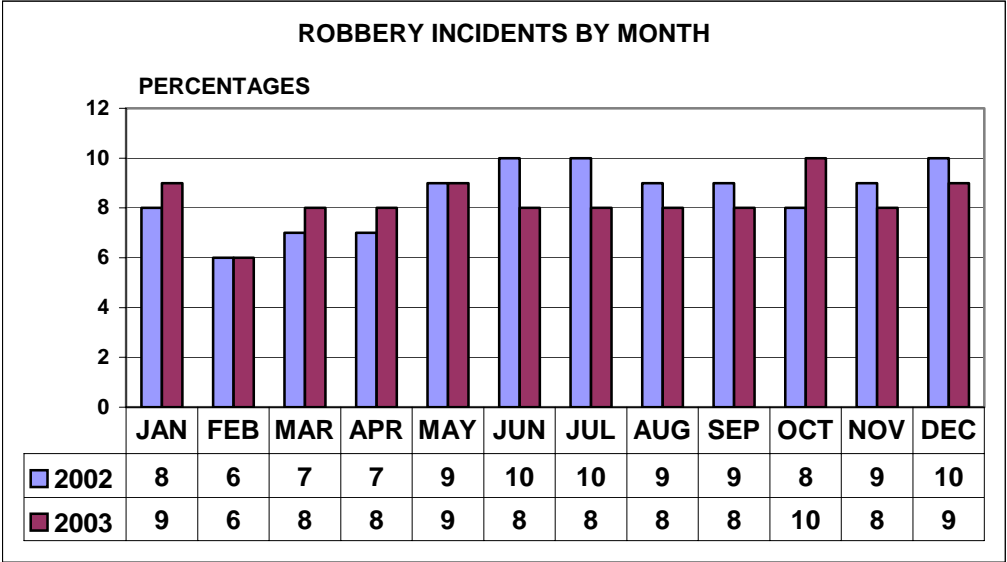
Robberies accounted for 17.4 percent of all violent crimes and 2.6 percent of the total crime index.

The robbery rate in South Carolina was 13.9 per 10,000 persons.

The age group 17-21 accounted for 35.8 percent of persons arrested for robbery, followed by 35.5 percent for 22-34 years of age. Males represented 91.9 percent of the total arrests made. Of all persons arrested for robbery, 22.0 percent were white, 77.9 percent were black, and 0.1 percent were other races.

Firearms were used in 51.2 percent of all robberies, cutting instruments in 7.9 percent, hands and feet in 31.3 percent, other weapons in 5.5 percent, and unknown weapons in 4.1 percent.

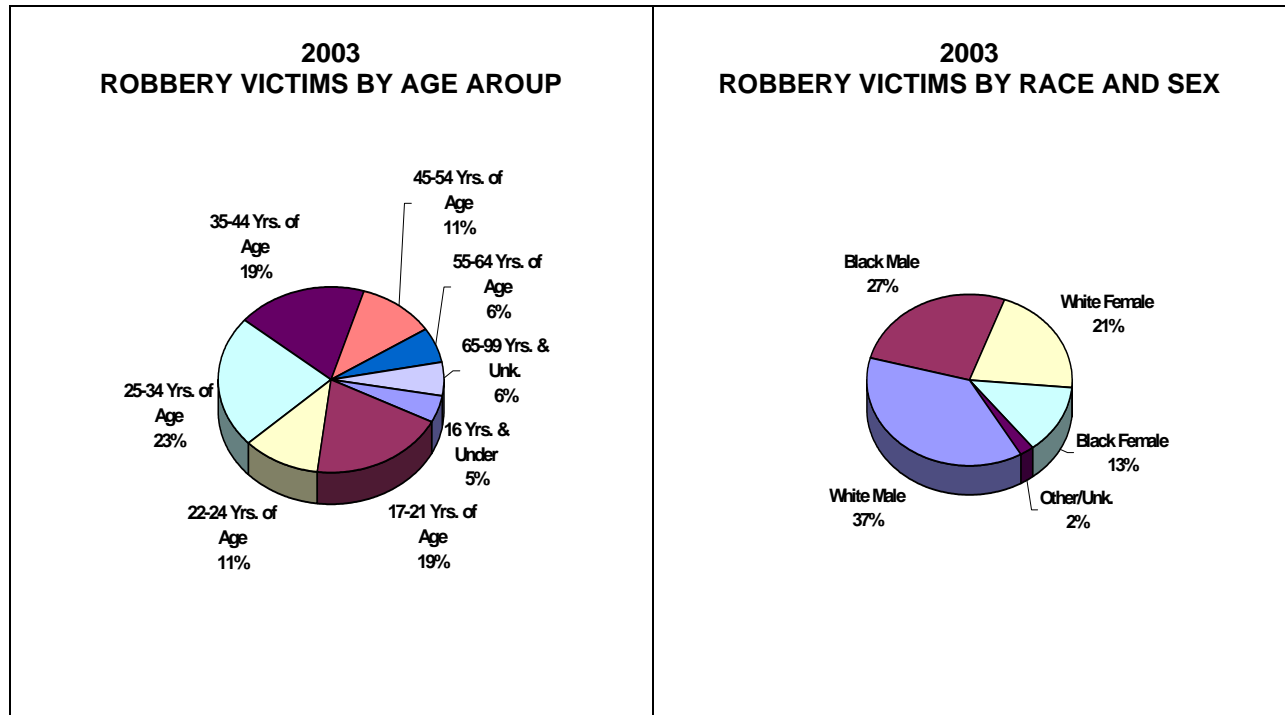
The greatest number of robberies reported for any premise type occurred on streets and highways, accounting for 32.0 percent of the total.



2003 ROBBERY 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
01 – 04	12	6	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	0
05 – 09	37	9	10	1	0	10	6	1	0	0
10 – 16	297	122	104	2	2	34	32	1	0	0
17 – 21	1,393	570	383	8	0	261	164	6	1	0
22 – 24	820	323	218	6	1	145	122	5	0	0
25 – 34	1,651	625	418	24	5	314	255	7	3	0
35 – 44	1,342	474	353	10	0	302	190	12	0	1
45 – 54	814	258	236	16	3	190	105	6	0	0
55 – 64	439	169	105	7	0	119	37	1	0	1
65 – 99	290	118	70	0	0	84	18	0	0	0
Unk, Other	133	30	18	0	3	33	14	1	6	28
State Total	7,228	2,704	1,917	75	14	1,494	944	40	10	30

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.

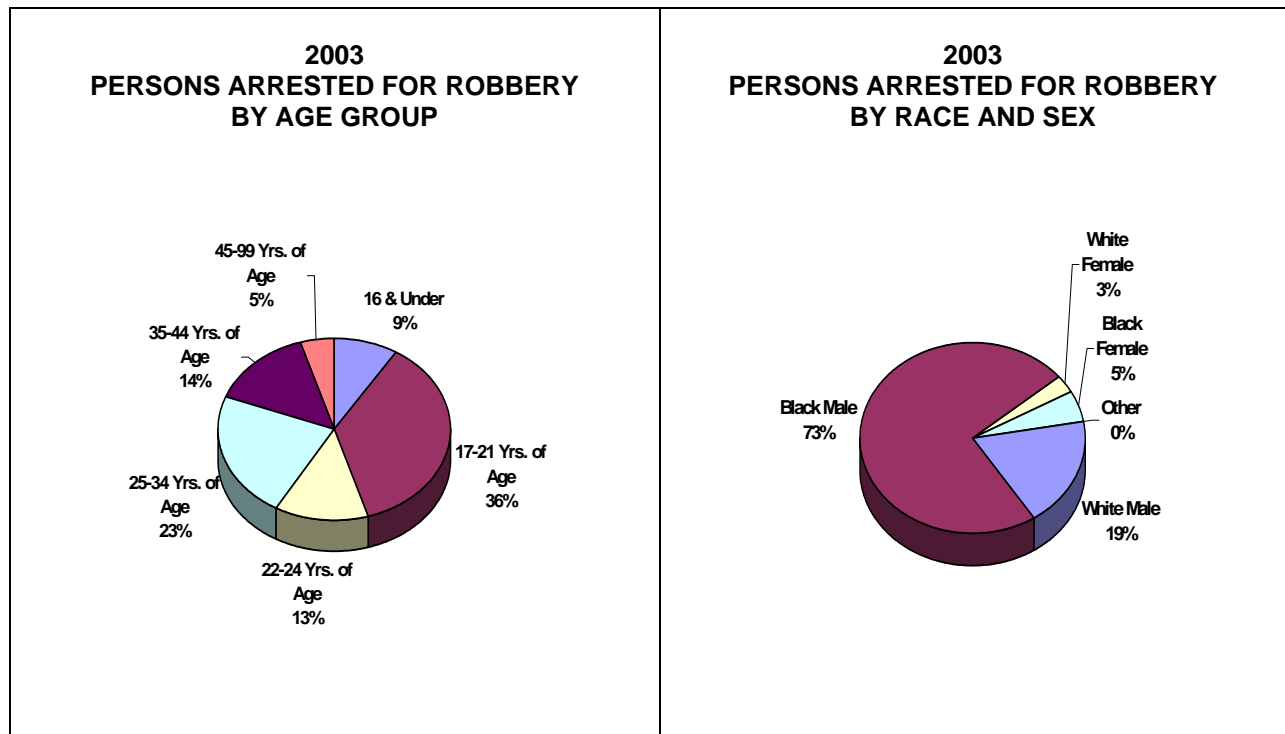


Thirty-seven percent of robbery victims in 2003 were white males, 26 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger; 27 percent were black males, 26 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. Twenty-one percent of robbery victims were white females, 21 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger; 13 percent were black females, 22 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger.

2003 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY BY AGE, SEX, RACE

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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 – 16	148	12	126	0	3	7	0
17 – 21	616	94	484	0	16	22	0
22 – 24	221	40	170	0	4	7	0
25 – 34	381	85	257	0	13	26	0
35 – 44	243	61	153	1	11	17	0
45 – 54	72	17	42	1	6	6	0
55 – 64	8	5	3	0	0	0	0
65 – 99	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
State Total	1,691	314	1,237	2	53	85	0

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.

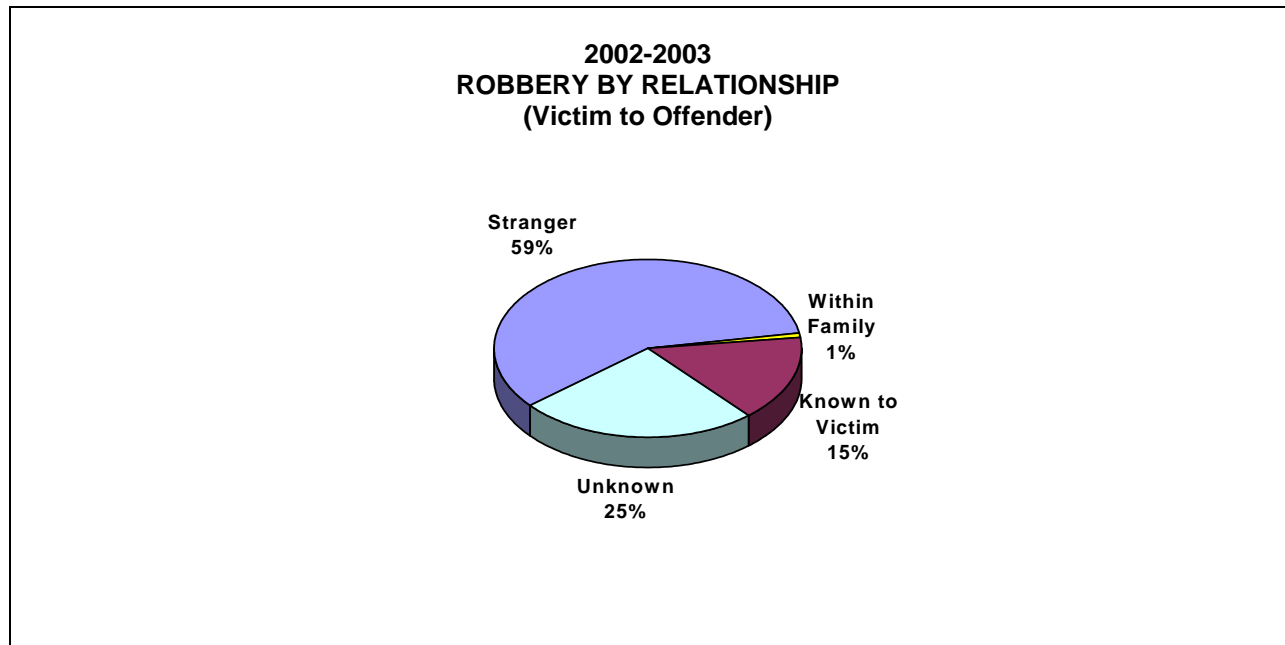


Nineteen percent of persons arrested for robbery in 2003 were white males, 34 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger; 73 percent were black males, 49 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. White females accounted for 3 percent of persons arrested for robbery, while black females accounted for 5 percent. Thirty-six percent of the white females and 34 percent of the black females were 21 years of age or younger.

2001-2003 RELATIONSHIP OF ROBBERY VICTIMS TO OFFENDERS

Relationship Of Victim To Offender	Number of Victims 2001	% Distr.	Number of Victims 2002	% Distr.	Number of Victims 2003	% Distr.
Within Family	N/A	N/A	76	1.0	53	0.7
Spouse	N/A	N/A	13	0.2	6	0.08
Common-Law Spouse	N/A	N/A	4	0.05	4	0.06
Parent, Stepparent	N/A	N/A	14	0.2	14	0.2
Child, Stepchild	N/A	N/A	4	0.05	1	0.01
Sibling, Stepsib.	N/A	N/A	17	0.2	7	0.1
Other Family	N/A	N/A	24	0.3	21	0.3
Known to Victim	N/A	N/A	1,192	16.1	1,072	14.8
Acquaintance	N/A	N/A	1,123	15.1	1,033	14.3
Ex-Spouse	N/A	N/A	3	0.04	3	0.04
Boy/Girlfriend	N/A	N/A	66	0.9	36	0.5
Stranger	N/A	N/A	4,160	56.0	4,388	60.7
Unknown, Other	N/A	N/A	1,994	26.9	1,715	23.7
State Total	N/A	N/A	7,422	100.0	7,228	100.0

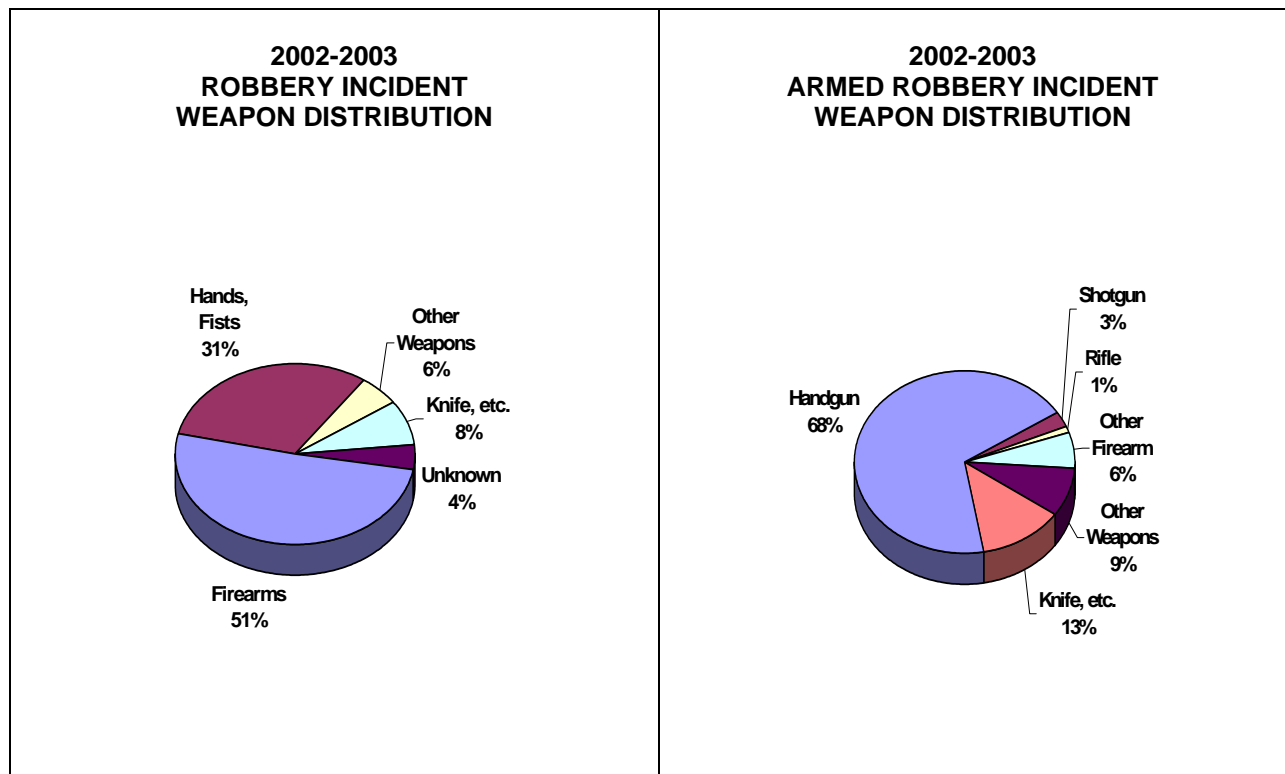
NOTE: The victim counts in this table have not been subjected to the "hierarchy rule" (explained elsewhere), therefore, all victims linked to this offense type are counted. For simplicity, only one relationship category has been counted for each victim. (If there was more than one offender related to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



2001-2003 ROBBERY INCIDENT WEAPON DISTRIBUTION

Weapons	2001 Incidents	% Distr.	2002 Incidents	% Distr.	2003 Incidents	% Distr.
Handgun	N/A	N/A	2,631	44.0	2,567	44.3
Shotgun	N/A	N/A	102	1.7	110	1.9
Rifle	N/A	N/A	49	0.8	42	0.7
Other Firearm	N/A	N/A	239	4.0	249	4.3
Knife, Cutting Instr.	N/A	N/A	493	8.3	456	7.9
Hands, Fists	N/A	N/A	1,838	30.8	1,817	31.3
Other Weapons	N/A	N/A	333	5.6	316	5.5
Unknown	N/A	N/A	289	4.8	239	4.1
State Total	N/A	N/A	5,974	100.0	5,796	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.)



2001-2003 ROBBERY INCIDENTS BY PREMISE

Premise	2001 Incidents	% Distr.	2002 Incidents	% Distr.	2003 Incidents	% Distr.
Residences, Apts.	N/A	N/A	1,418	23.7	1,283	22.1
Roads, Parking Lots, etc.	N/A	N/A	1,746	29.2	1,853	32.0
Commercial	N/A	N/A	1,114	18.6	965	16.6
Nightclubs, Bars	N/A	N/A	99	1.7	108	1.9
Hotels, Motels	N/A	N/A	278	4.7	233	4.0
Convenience Stores, etc.	N/A	N/A	785	13.1	836	14.4
Schools, Churches	N/A	N/A	76	1.3	66	1.1
Woods, etc.	N/A	N/A	66	1.1	78	1.3
Other	N/A	N/A	392	6.6	374	6.5
State Total	N/A	N/A	5,974	100.0	5,796	100.0

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

**2002-2003
ROBBERY INCIDENTS BY PREMISE**

