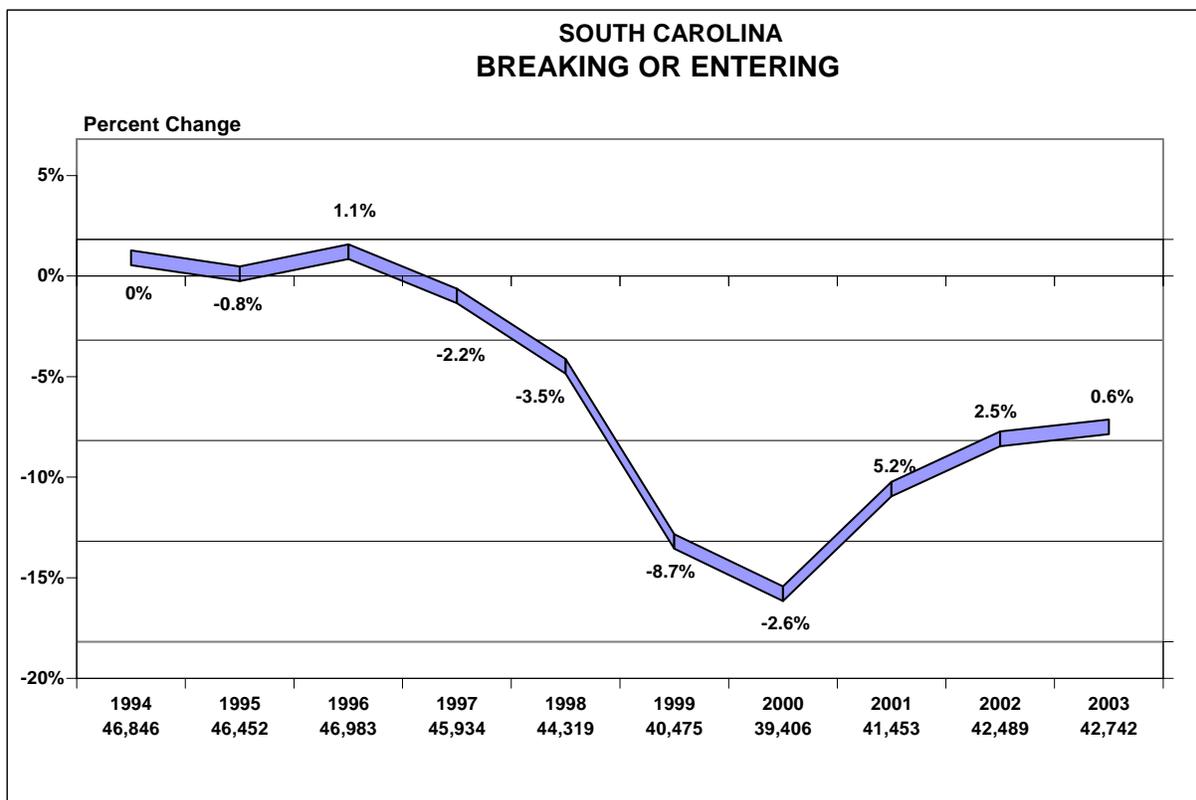


# BREAKING OR ENTERING

## **DEFINITION**

Breaking or Entering, for UCR purposes, is defined as the unlawful entry of a structure with intent to commit a serious crime or theft. It is not necessary that force be used in gaining entry in order for the offense to be classified as an unlawful entry. Neither is it necessary that property loss occur for the crime to be counted in this category. Attempts to unlawfully enter a structure are also counted. One offense is counted for each distinct operation.



### 2003 SUMMARY

A total of 42,742 breaking or entering offenses was reported in the 2003 crime index. During this year, breaking or entering offenses increased 0.6 percent compared to those reported in 2002.

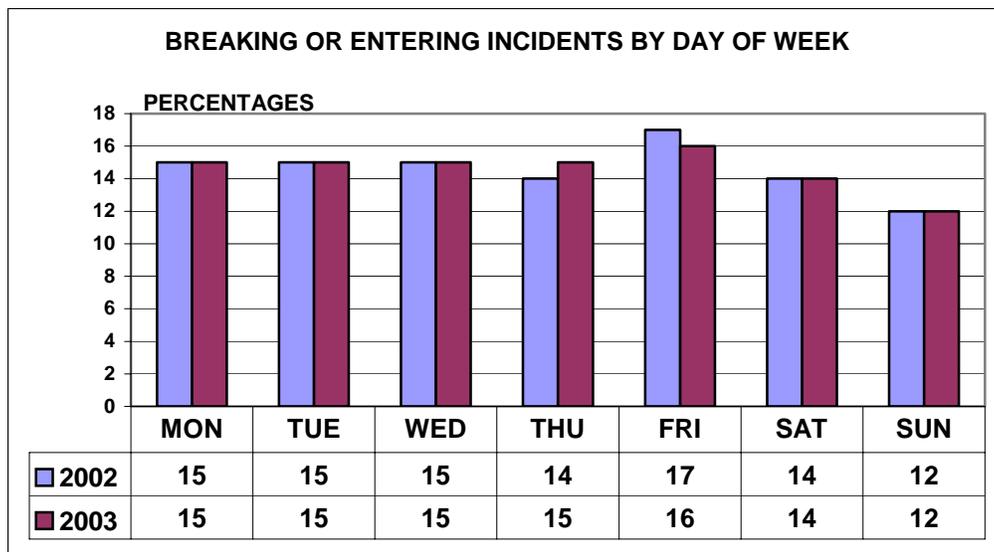
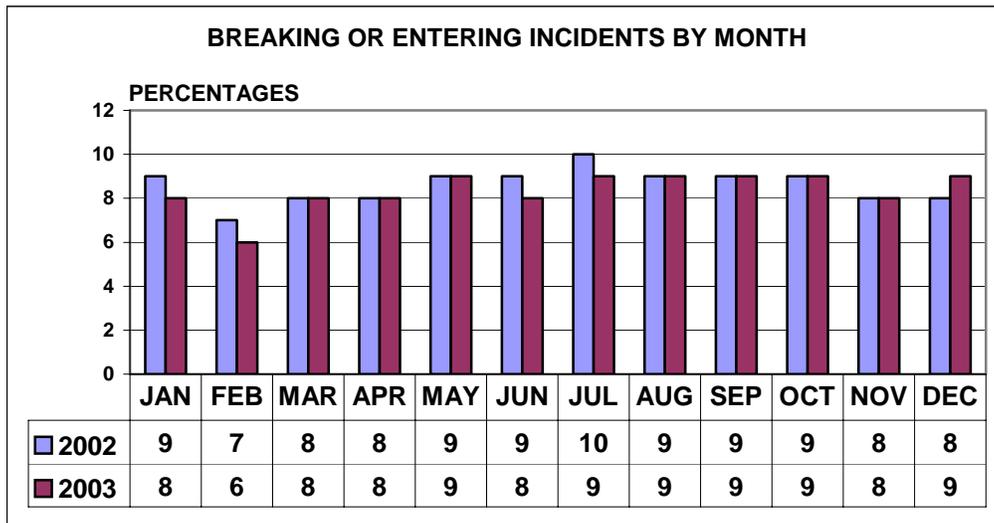
There were 5,302 breaking and entering offenses cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, amounting to a clearance rate of 12.4 percent.

Breaking or entering accounted for 23.1 percent of all nonviolent crimes and 19.6 percent of the total crime index.

The breaking or entering rate in South Carolina was 103.3 per 10,000 persons.

The age group 17-21 accounted for 29.9 percent of persons arrested for breaking or entering. Males represented 89.8 percent of the total arrests made. Of all persons arrested for this offense, 51.7 percent were white, 47.9 percent were black, and 0.4 percent were other races.

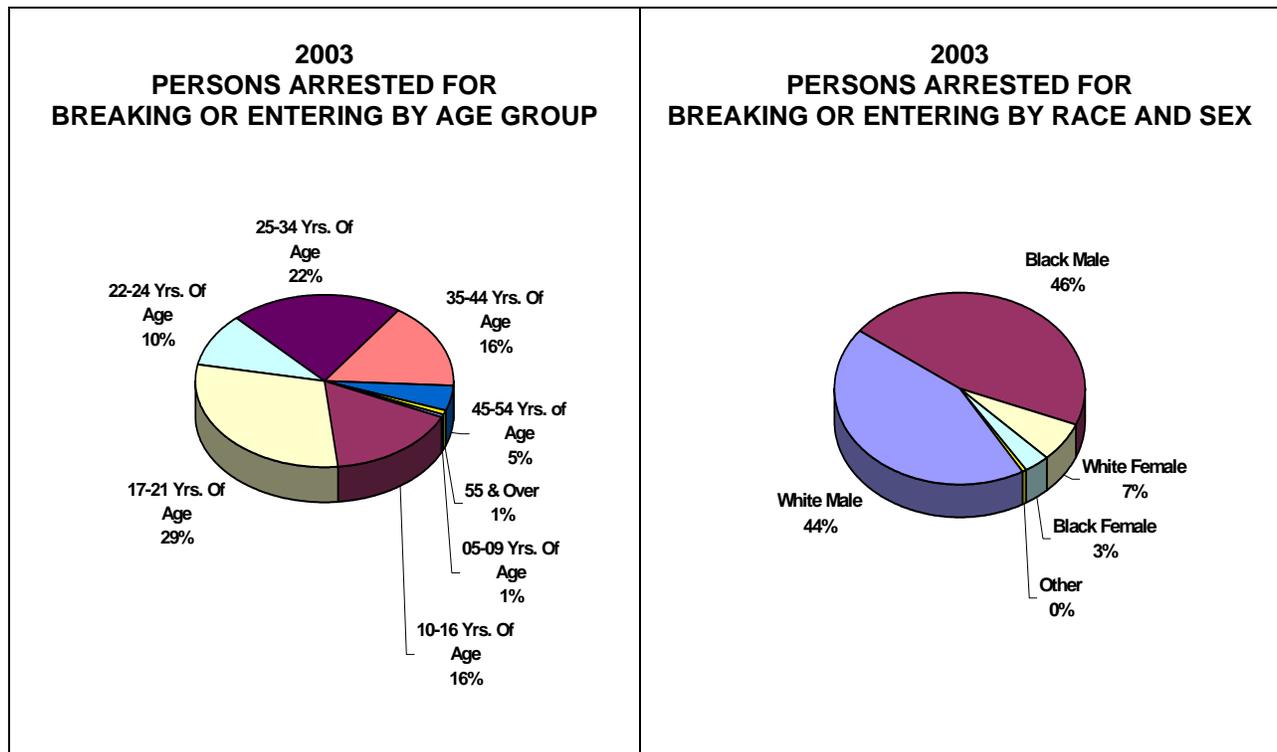
There were 42,742 breaking or entering offenses reported in 2003. Of these 5.5 percent were attempts to commit breaking or entering.



### 2003 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR BREAKING OR ENTERING

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	31	5	25	0	0	1	0
10 – 16	875	374	432	4	46	19	0
17 – 21	1,580	708	745	5	95	26	1
22 – 24	528	260	203	2	38	25	0
25 – 34	1,149	530	471	6	86	55	1
35 – 44	855	329	411	6	67	42	0
45 – 54	262	95	139	0	17	11	0
55 – 64	35	20	12	0	2	1	0
65 – 99	4	4	0	0	0	0	0
<b>State Total</b>	<b>5,319</b>	<b>2,325</b>	<b>2,438</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>2</b>

**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.



Forty-four percent of persons arrested for breaking or entering in 2003 were white males, 47 percent were 21 years of age or younger; 46 percent were black males, 49 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. White females accounted for 7 percent, while black females accounted for 3 percent of persons arrested for breaking or entering. Forty percent of the white females and 26 percent of the black females arrested were 21 years of age or younger.

**2002-2003 BREAKING OR ENTERING INCIDENTS BY PREMISE**

<b>Premise</b>	<b>2001 Incidents</b>	<b>% Distr.</b>	<b>2002 Incidents</b>	<b>% Distr.</b>	<b>2003 Incidents</b>	<b>% Distr.</b>
Residences, Apts.	N/A	N/A	30,092	69.6	30,168	69.5
Nightclubs, Bars	N/A	N/A	431	1.0	434	1.0
Schools, Churches	N/A	N/A	1,699	3.9	1,558	3.6
Commercial	N/A	N/A	6,919	16.0	6,901	15.9
Hotels, Motels	N/A	N/A	787	1.8	815	1.9
Convenience Stores, etc.	N/A	N/A	1,055	2.4	1,098	2.5
Other	N/A	N/A	2,246	5.2	2,456	5.7
<b>State Total</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>43,229</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>43,430</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

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