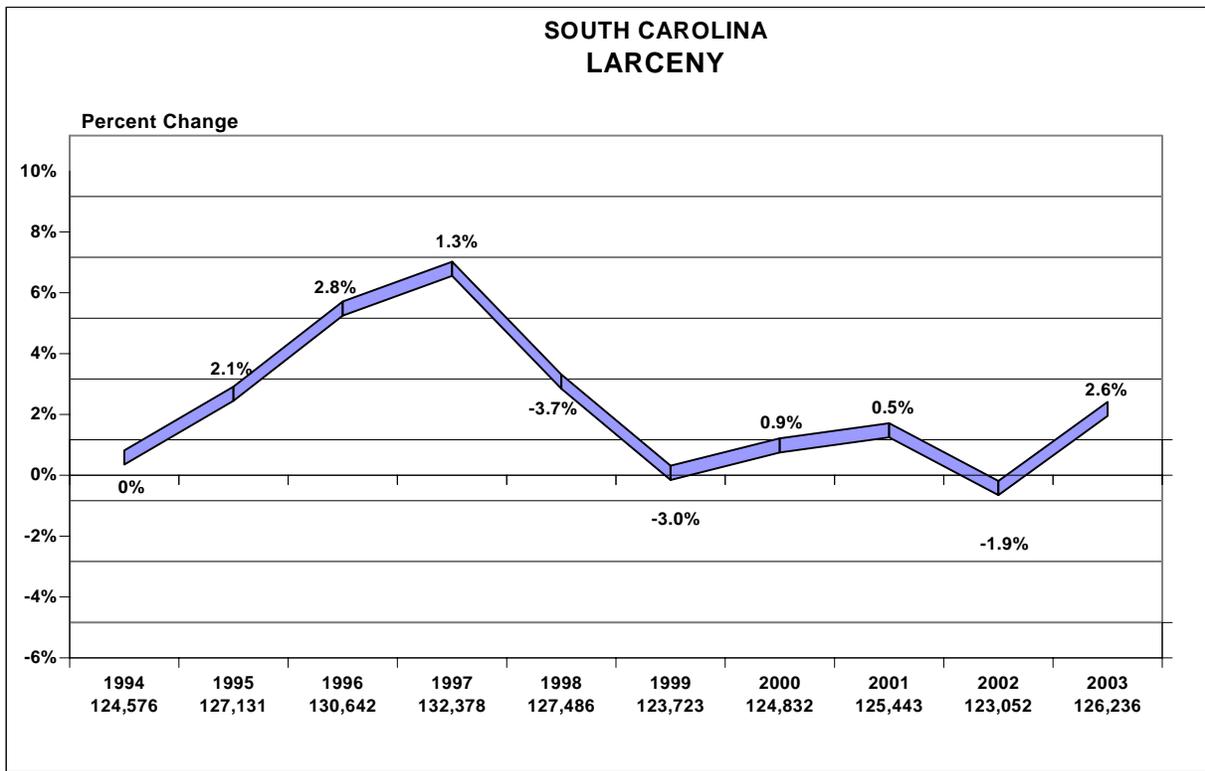


LARCENY

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.



2003 SUMMARY

A total of 126,236 larceny offenses was reported in the 2003 crime index. During this year, larcenies increased 2.6 percent compared to those reported in 2002.

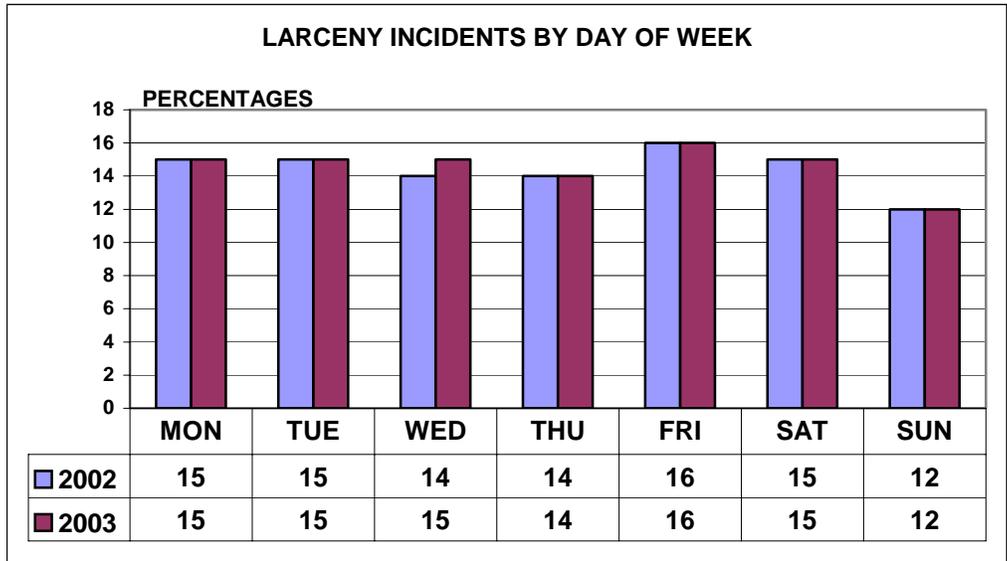
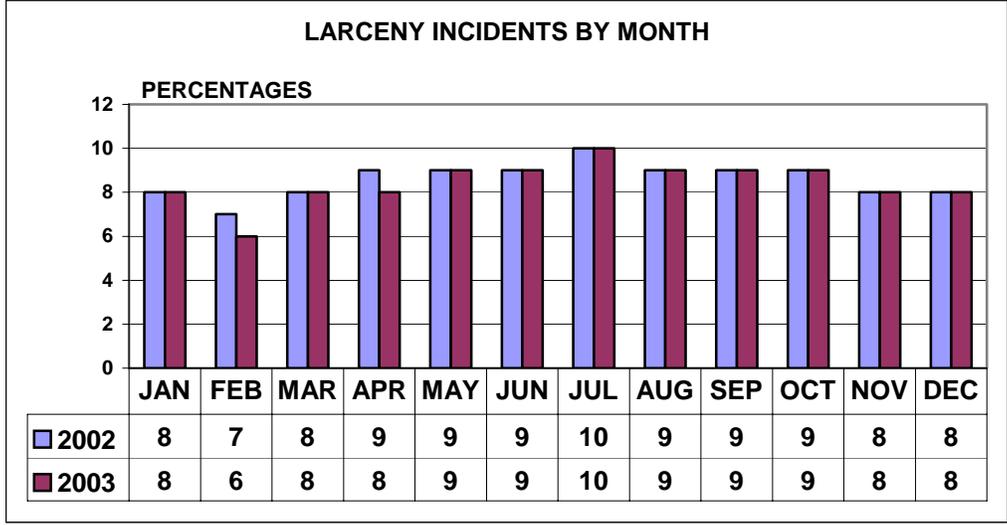
There were 21,116 larcenies cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, amounting to a clearance rate of 16.7 percent statewide.

Larcenies accounted for 68.3 percent of all nonviolent crimes and 58.0 percent of the total crime index.

The larceny rate in South Carolina was 305.2 per 10,000 persons.

Persons under the age of 17 accounted for 17.9 percent of those arrested for all categories of larceny. Arrests of males accounted for 65.1 percent of the total.

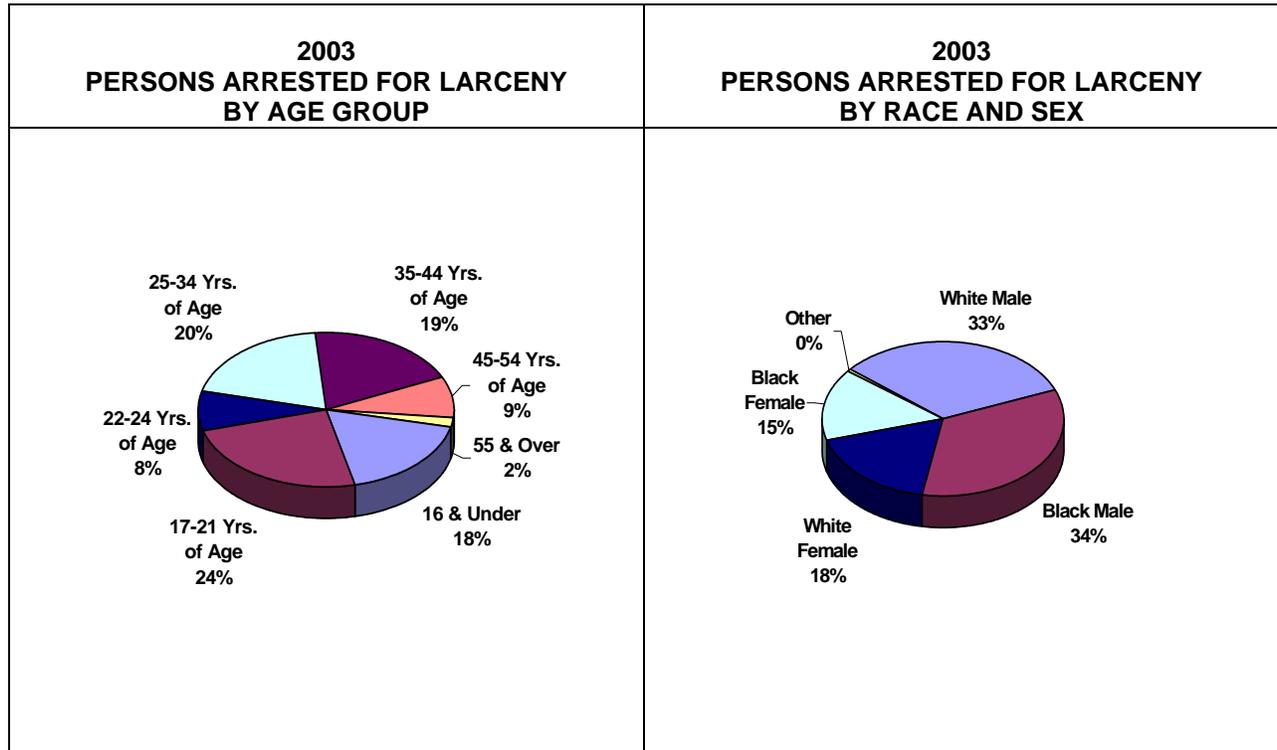
Shoplifting thefts accounted for 14.8 percent of the larceny category, while thefts from motor vehicles made up 20.9 percent, thefts of motor vehicle parts and accessories 9.9 percent, and thefts from buildings 6.2 percent.



2003 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	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
05 – 09	40	6	28	0	2	4	0
10 – 16	3,583	975	1,363	8	604	626	7
17 – 21	4,900	1,809	1,440	9	849	784	9
22 – 24	1,697	638	434	11	321	289	4
25 – 34	4,012	1,446	1,111	10	831	607	7
35 – 44	3,956	1,170	1,601	9	635	531	10
45 – 54	1,732	477	771	5	268	209	2
55 – 64	346	104	131	2	82	26	1
65 – 99	70	30	8	0	26	6	0
State Total	20,338	6,656	6,887	54	3,619	3,082	40

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.

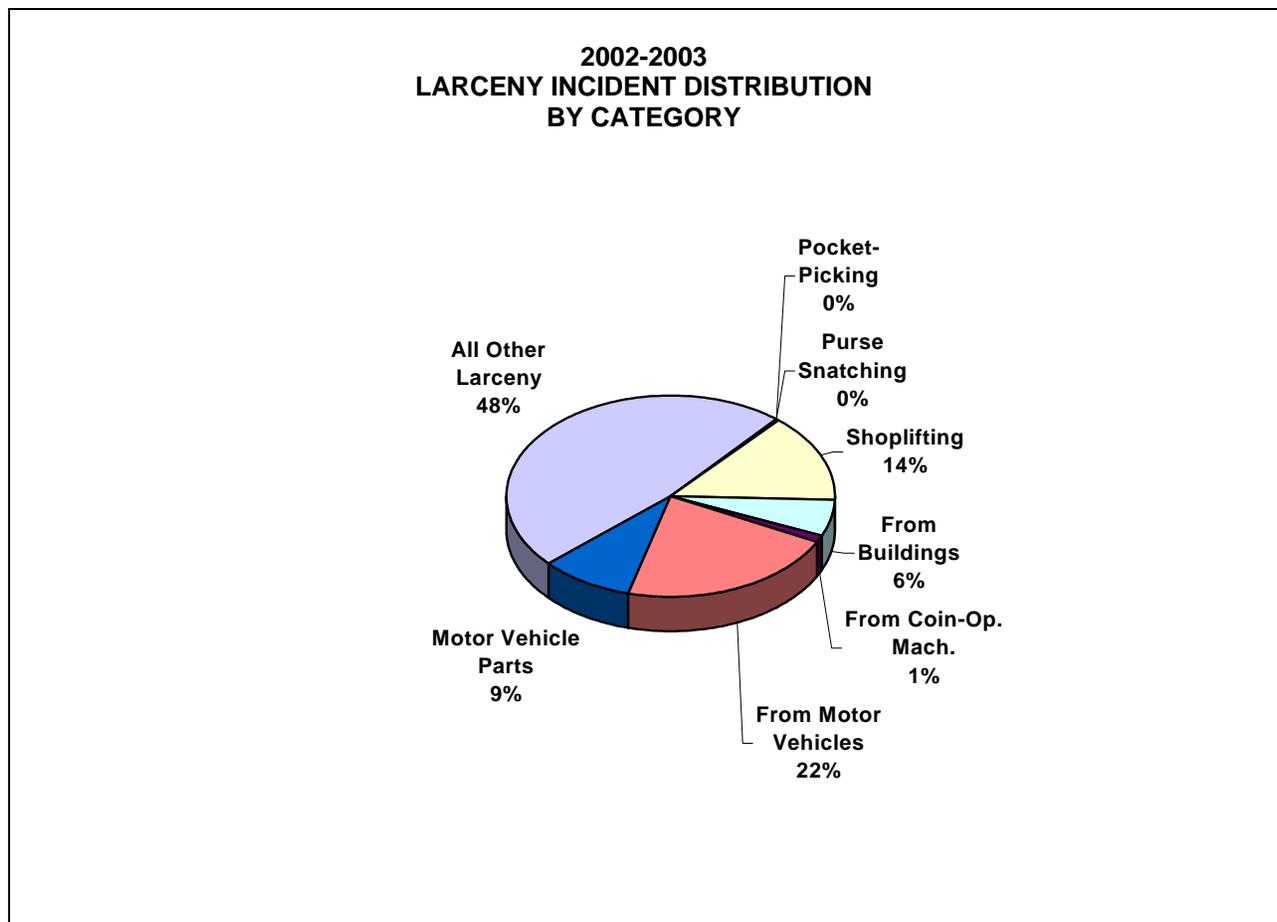


Thirty-three percent of persons arrested for larceny in 2003 were white males, 42 percent of these were 21 years of age or younger; 34 percent were black males, 41 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. White females accounted for 18 percent of persons arrested for larceny, while black females accounted for 15 percent of persons arrested. Forty percent of the white females and 46 percent of the black females were 21 years of age or younger.

2002-2003 LARCENY INCIDENT DISTRIBUTION BY CATEGORY

Classification	2001 Incidents	% Distr.	2002 Incidents	% Distr.	2003 Incidents	% Distr.
Pocket Picking	N/A	N/A	150	0.1	180	0.1
Purse Snatching	N/A	N/A	347	0.3	327	0.3
Shoplifting	N/A	N/A	17,104	13.7	18,680	14.4
From Building	N/A	N/A	7,073	5.6	7,771	6.0
From Coin Operated Machines	N/A	N/A	1,353	1.1	1,403	1.1
From Motor Vehicles	N/A	N/A	28,544	22.8	26,395	20.4
Motor Vehicle Parts	N/A	N/A	10,946	8.7	12,460	9.6
All Other Larceny	N/A	N/A	59,674	47.7	62,140	48.0
State Total	N/A	N/A	125,191	100.0	129,356	100.0

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



2002-2003 LARCENY INCIDENTS BY PREMISE

Premise	2001 Incidents	% Distr.	2002 Incidents	% Distr.	2003 Incidents	% Distr.
Residences, Apts.	N/A	N/A	49,269	39.4	49,272	38.1
Roads, Parking Lots, etc.	N/A	N/A	13,779	11.0	13,691	10.6
Commercial	N/A	N/A	29,796	23.8	30,651	23.7
Nightclubs, Bars	N/A	N/A	1,143	0.9	1,269	1.0
Hotels, Motels	N/A	N/A	2,607	2.1	2,398	1.9
Service Stations	N/A	N/A	5,397	4.3	6,996	5.4
Convenience Stores	N/A	N/A	9,006	7.2	11,196	8.7
Schools, Churches	N/A	N/A	5,144	4.1	5,295	4.1
Other	N/A	N/A	9,050	7.2	8,588	6.6
State Total	N/A	N/A	125,191	100.0	129,356	100.0

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

**2002-2003
LARCENY INCIDENTS BY PREMISE**

