

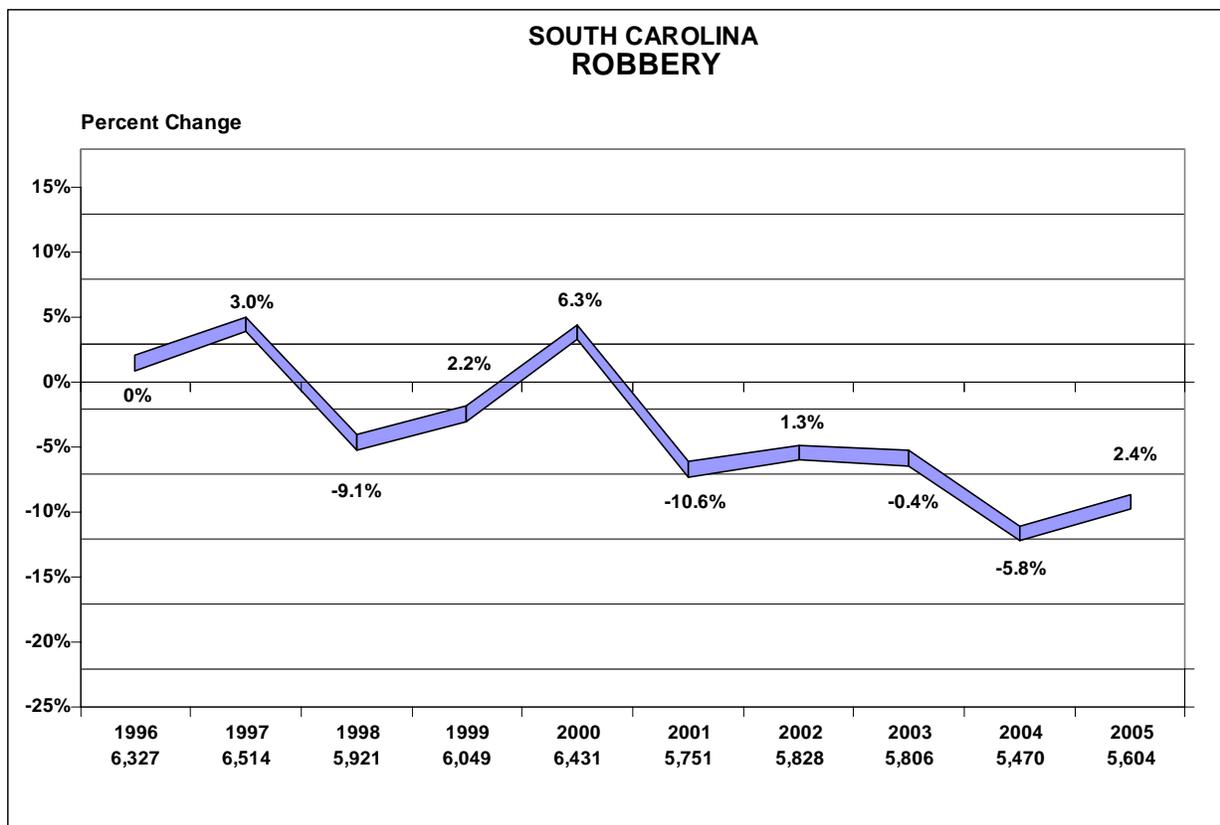
ROBBERY

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.

ROUNDING

Percentages shown in the tables and charts may not add to 100% due to rounding. Rates per 10,000 population and percent changes also have been rounded.



2005 SUMMARY

There were 5,604 robberies reported in the 2005 crime index. During this year, robberies increased 3.0 percent compared to those reported in 2004.

There were 1,725 robberies cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, amounting to a clearance rate of 30.8 percent statewide.

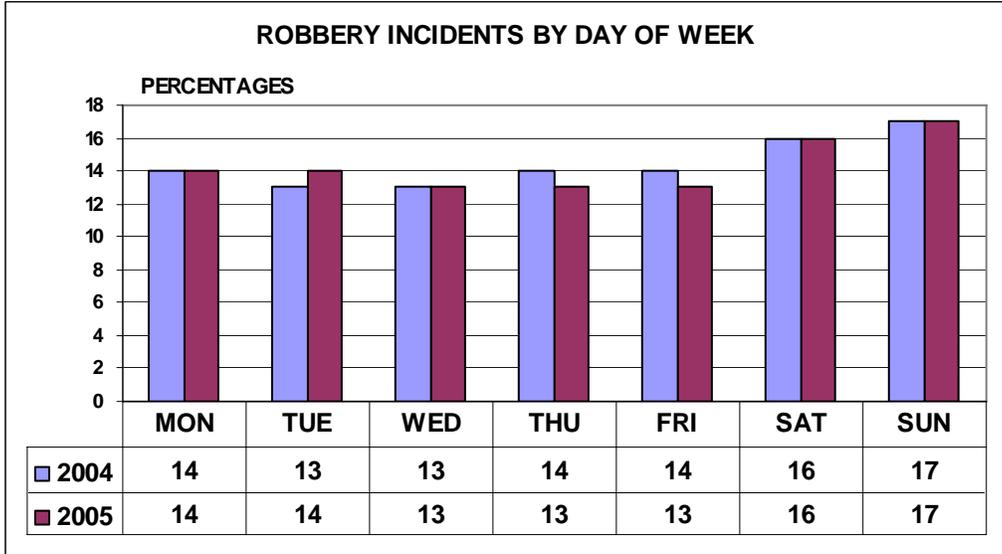
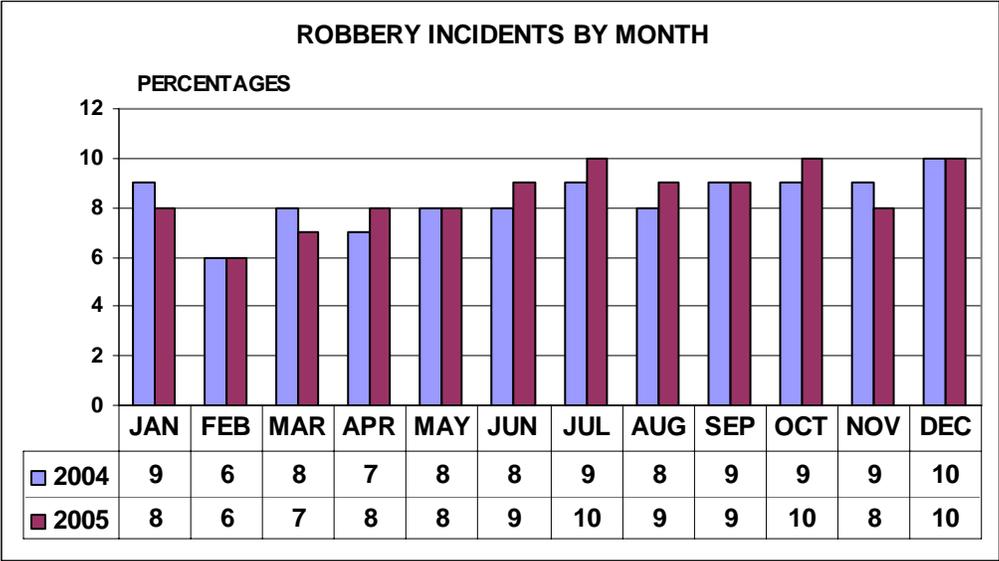
Robberies accounted for 17.3 percent of all violent crimes and 2.6 percent of the total crime index.

The robbery rate in South Carolina was 13.2 per 10,000 persons.

The age group 17-21 accounted for 38.1 percent of persons arrested for robbery, followed by 34.1 percent for 22-34 years of age. Males represented 92.0 percent of the total arrests made. Of all persons arrested for robbery, 22.5 percent were white, 77.4 percent were black, and 0.2 percent were other races.

Firearms were used in 52.4 percent of all robberies, cutting instruments in 8.1 percent, hands and feet in 30.4 percent, other weapons in 5.5 percent, and unknown weapons in 3.6 percent.

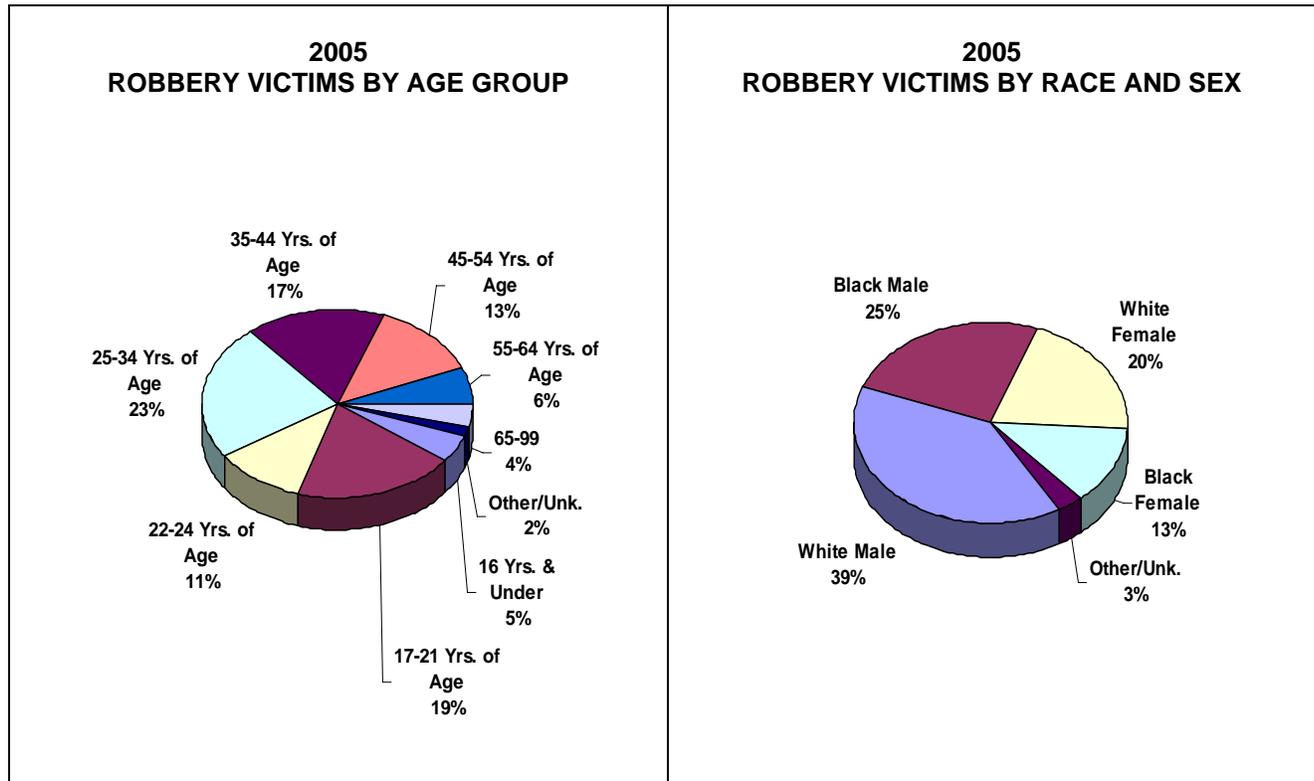
The greatest number of robberies reported for any premise type occurred on streets and highways, accounting for 32.5 percent of the total.



2005 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	17	7	2	0	0	4	4	0	0	0
05 – 09	13	5	3	0	0	3	2	0	0	0
10 – 16	310	124	118	1	1	31	33	1	0	1
17 – 21	1,386	547	357	12	1	274	182	6	3	4
22 – 24	783	311	182	6	2	145	134	3	0	0
25 – 34	1,649	677	370	32	4	317	228	13	7	1
35 – 44	1,202	430	306	25	1	263	167	8	2	0
45 – 54	923	329	267	18	3	198	96	12	0	0
55 – 64	457	187	91	14	0	116	42	7	0	0
65 – 99	291	126	70	1	0	77	17	0	0	0
Other/Unk.	113	47	17	0	2	19	10	0	4	14
State Total	7,144	2,790	1,783	109	14	1,447	915	50	16	20

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.

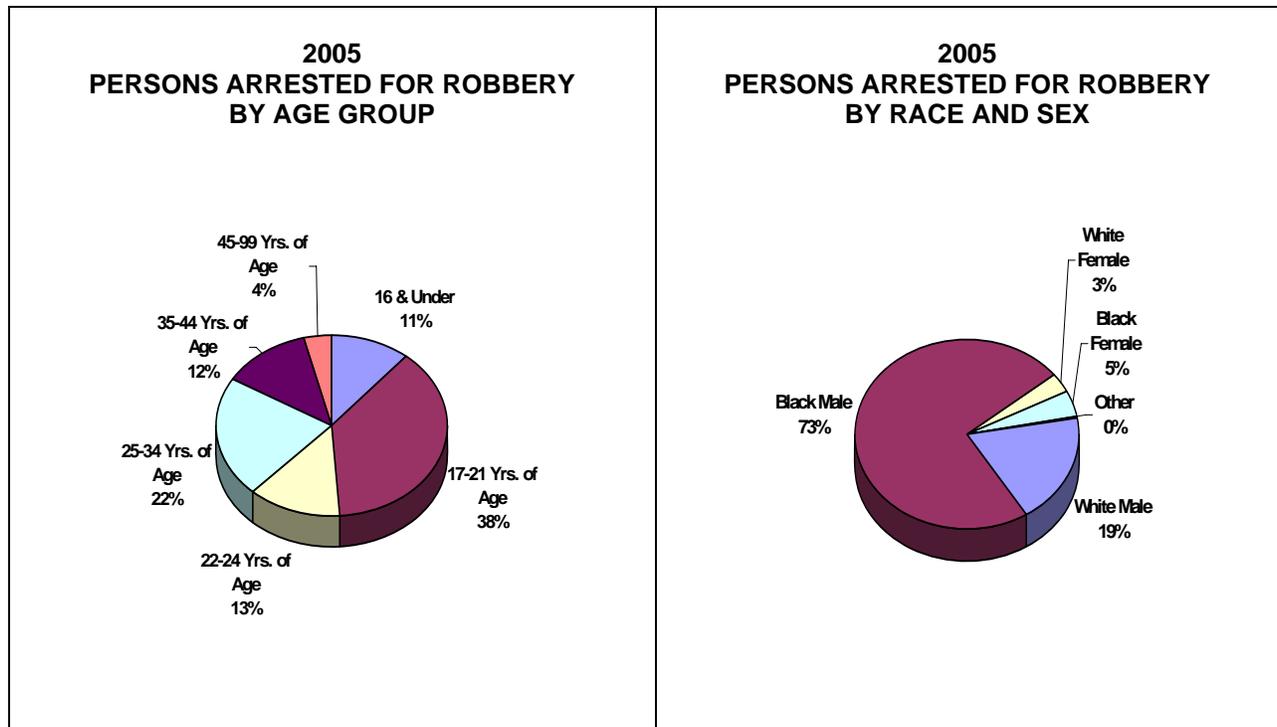


Thirty-nine percent of robbery victims in 2005 were white males, 25 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger; 25 percent were black males, 28 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. Twenty-one percent of robbery victims were white females, 19 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger; 13 percent were black females, 23 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger.

2005 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY BY AGE, SEX, RACE

Age Group	Total	White Male	Black Male	Other Male	White Female	Black Female	Other Female
01 – 09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 – 16	212	15	180	0	4	13	0
17 – 21	712	99	573	1	14	25	0
22 – 24	246	36	188	1	13	8	0
25 – 34	411	127	251	1	17	15	0
35 – 44	235	60	142	0	13	20	0
45 – 54	66	18	42	0	2	4	0
55 – 64	5	1	4	0	0	0	0
65 – 99	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
State Total	1,888	356	1,380	3	63	86	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.



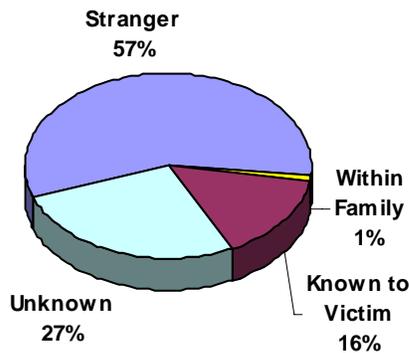
Nineteen percent of persons arrested for robbery in 2005 were white males, 32 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger; 73 percent were black males, 55 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. White females accounted for 3 percent of persons arrested for robbery, while black females accounted for 5 percent. Twenty-nine percent of the white females and 44 percent of the black females were 21 years of age or younger.

2003-2005 RELATIONSHIP OF ROBBERY VICTIMS TO OFFENDERS

Relationship Of Victim To Offender	Number of Victims 2003	% Distr.	Number of Victims 2004	% Distr.	Number of Victims 2005	% Distr.
Within Family	56	0.8	55	0.8	67	0.9
Spouse	6	0.1	5	0.1	9	0.1
Common-Law Spouse	4	0.1	3	0.0	3	0.0
Parent, Stepparent	16	0.2	14	0.2	18	0.3
Child, Stepchild	1	0.0	5	0.1	0	0.0
Sibling, Stepsibling	8	0.1	4	0.1	4	0.1
Other Family	21	0.3	24	0.3	33	0.5
Known to Victim	1,092	14.9	1,101	16.0	1,051	14.7
Acquaintance	1,052	14.4	1,060	15.4	1,007	14.1
Ex-Spouse	3	0.0	2	0.0	2	0.0
Boy/Girlfriend	37	0.5	39	0.6	42	0.6
Stranger	4,475	61.3	3,812	55.4	3,892	54.5
Other/Unknown	1,683	23.0	1,914	27.8	2,134	29.9
State Total	7,306	100.0	6,882	100.0	7,144	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.)

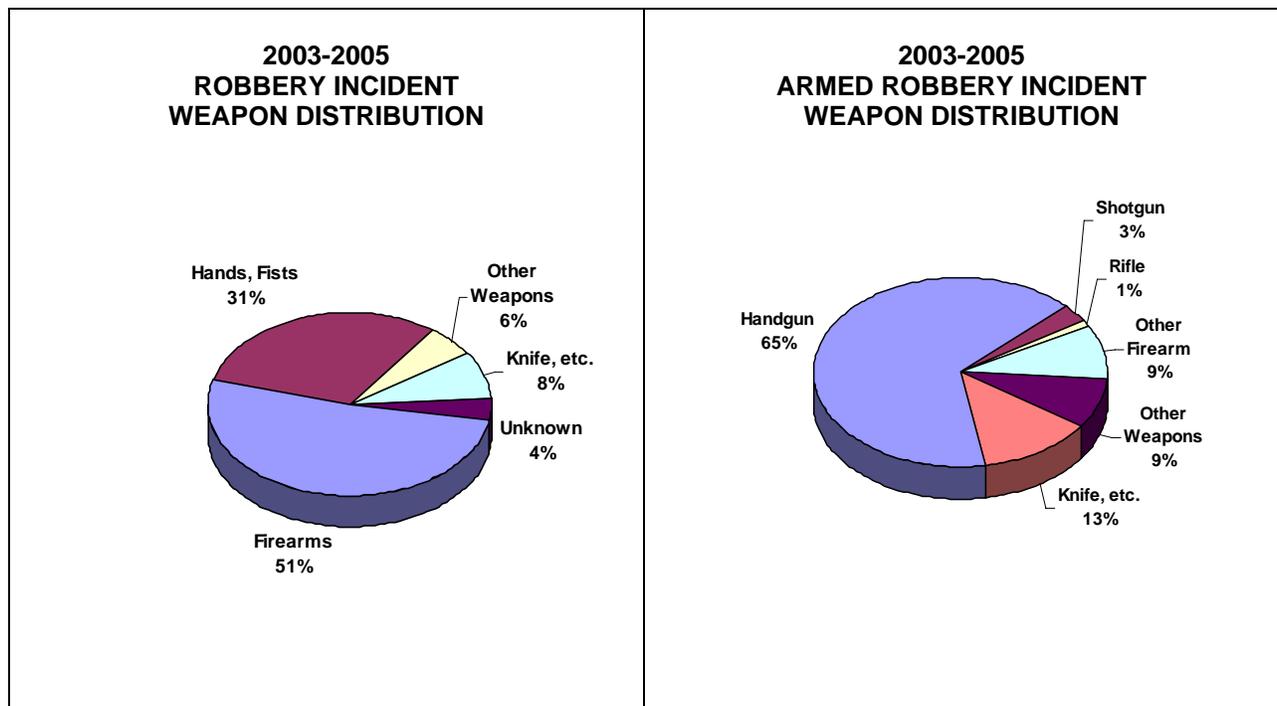
**2003-2005
ROBBERY BY RELATIONSHIP
(Victim to Offender)**



2003-2005 ROBBERY INCIDENT WEAPON DISTRIBUTION

Weapons	2003 Incidents	% Distr.	2004 Incidents	% Distr.	2005 Incidents	% Distr.
Handgun	2,596	44.3	2,331	42.2	2,335	41.3
Shotgun	112	1.9	114	2.1	132	2.3
Rifle	42	0.7	29	0.5	41	0.7
Other Firearm	252	4.3	306	5.5	455	8.0
Knife, Cutting Instrument	461	7.9	480	8.7	457	8.1
Hands, Fists	1,832	31.3	1,732	31.4	1,719	30.4
Other Weapons	322	5.5	316	5.7	314	5.5
Unknown	241	4.1	214	3.9	207	3.7
State Total	5,858	100.0	5,522	100.0	5,660	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.)



2003-2005 ROBBERY INCIDENTS BY PREMISE

Premise	2003 Incidents	% Distr.	2004 Incidents	% Distr.	2005 Incidents	% Distr.
Residences, Apts.	1,288	22.0	1,365	24.7	1,431	25.3
Roads, Parking Lots, etc.	1,886	32.1	1,683	30.5	1,841	32.5
Commercial	964	16.5	898	16.3	843	14.9
Nightclubs, Bars	106	1.8	98	1.8	87	1.5
Hotels, Motels	244	4.2	218	3.9	279	4.9
Convenience Stores, etc.	850	14.5	802	14.5	746	13.2
Schools, Churches	67	1.1	73	1.3	66	1.2
Woods, etc.	80	1.4	64	1.2	64	1.1
Other	373	6.4	321	5.8	303	5.4
State Total	5,858	100.0	5,522	100.0	5,660	100.0

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