

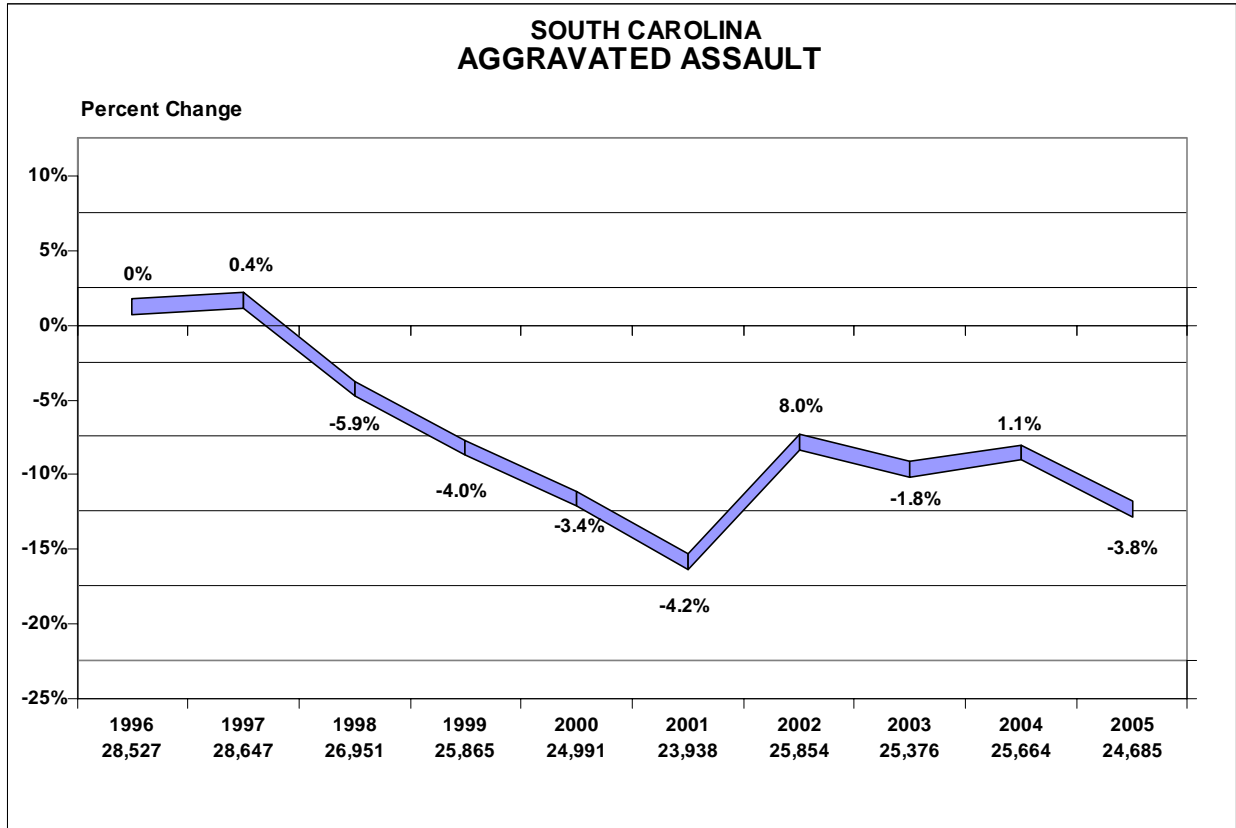
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

DEFINITION

Aggravated Assault, for UCR purposes, is defined as an unlawful attack by one person upon another with the intent of inflicting serious bodily injury. Aggravated Assaults are frequently accomplished through the use or threatened use of dangerous weapons. However, assaults resulting in serious injury from the use of hands or feet are also counted in this category. Attempts to assault are counted here since it is not necessary that injury result whenever a dangerous weapon is employed. Attempts to commit murder are classified under this category. One offense is counted for each victim of aggravated assault.

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

A total of 24,685 aggravated assaults was reported in the 2005 crime index. During this year, aggravated assaults decreased 4.0 percent compared to those reported in 2004.

There were 14,650 aggravated assaults cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, amounting to a clearance rate of 59.3 percent statewide.

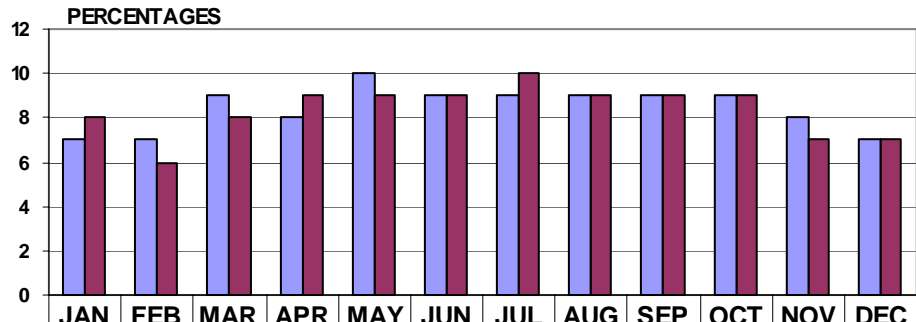
Aggravated assaults accounted for 76.1 percent of all violent crimes and 11.4 percent of the total crime index.

The aggravated assault rate in South Carolina was 58.0 per 10,000 persons.

The age group 25-34 accounted for 25.2 percent of persons arrested for aggravated assault. Males represented 79.7 percent of the total arrests made. Of all persons arrested for this offense, 42.7 percent were white, 56.8 percent were black, and 0.4 percent were other races.

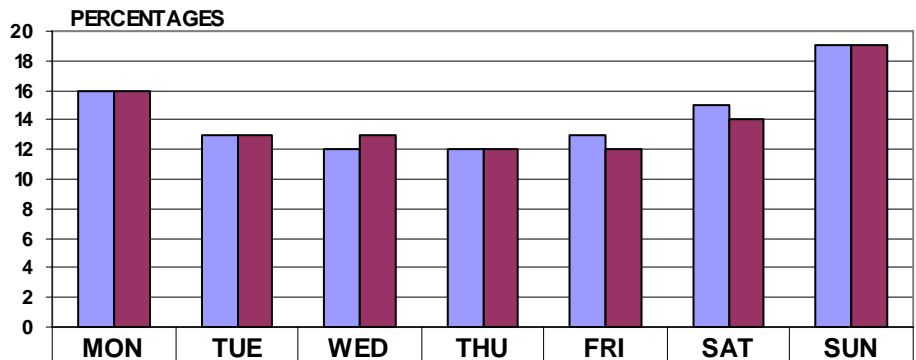
Firearms were used in 22.2 percent of all aggravated assaults, cutting instruments in 18.3 percent, hands and feet in 29.4 percent, other weapons in 28.7 percent, and unknown weapons in 1.4 percent.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT INCIDENTS BY MONTH



2004	7	7	9	8	10	9	9	9	9	9	8	7
2005	8	6	8	9	9	9	10	9	9	9	7	7

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK

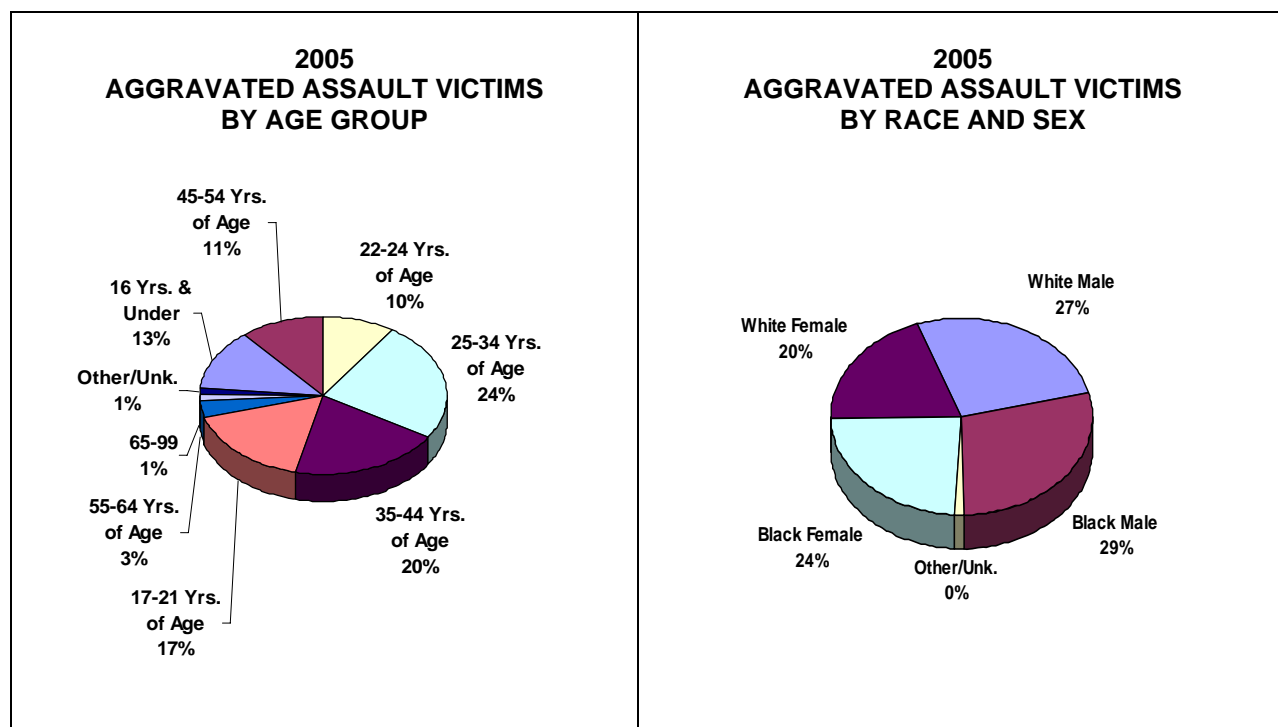


2004	16	13	12	12	13	15	19
2005	16	13	13	12	12	14	19

2005 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT 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
Infant	54	9	21	0	0	10	13	0	1	0
01 – 04	222	59	63	0	0	54	42	2	1	1
05 – 09	335	104	111	2	1	52	61	1	0	3
10 – 16	2,503	636	873	4	3	391	592	3	0	1
17 – 21	4,197	999	1,273	7	4	739	1,161	8	3	3
22 – 24	2,394	611	599	7	1	454	719	2	0	1
25 – 34	6,032	1,672	1,548	20	11	1,266	1,488	13	9	5
35 – 44	4,845	1,304	1,332	17	7	1,086	1,085	10	4	0
45 – 54	2,689	752	843	6	3	537	538	10	0	0
55 – 64	823	249	272	2	0	165	132	1	1	1
65 – 99	368	125	74	0	0	98	70	1	0	0
Other/Unk.	256	83	77	4	4	20	37	0	1	30
State Total	24,718	6,603	7,086	69	34	4,872	5,938	51	20	45

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.

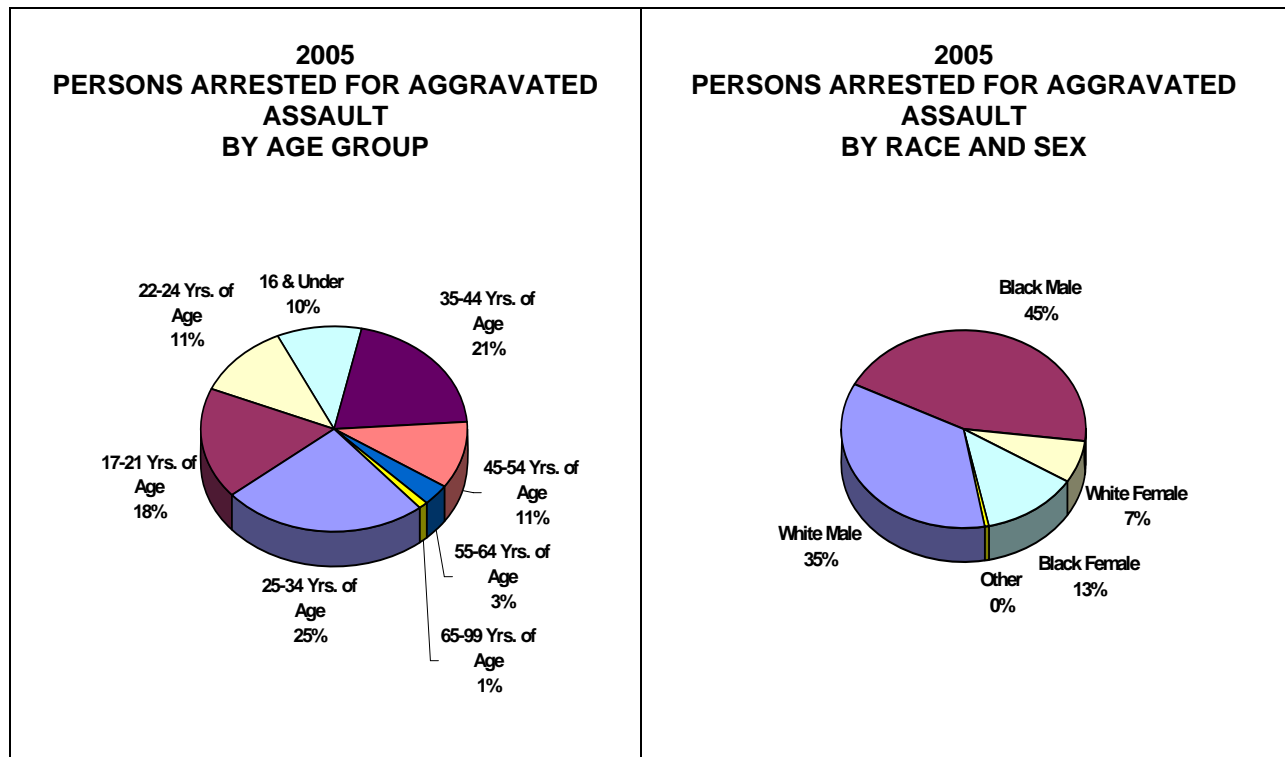


Twenty-seven percent of aggravated assault victims in 2005 were white males, 27 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger; 29 percent were black males, 33 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. White females accounted for 20 percent of aggravated assault victims, 26 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger; black females accounted for 24 percent of aggravated assault victims, 31 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger.

2005 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Age Group	Total	White Male	Black Male	Other Male	White Female	Black Female	Other Female
01 – 09	18	6	9	0	0	3	0
10 – 16	970	235	516	1	52	165	1
17 – 21	1,684	495	882	0	94	212	1
22 – 24	1,098	342	531	4	67	154	0
25 – 34	2,408	923	983	14	176	309	3
35 – 44	1,974	790	737	11	183	251	2
45 – 54	1,025	397	434	4	73	115	2
55 – 64	327	139	146	0	24	18	0
65 – 99	99	56	30	0	6	7	0
State Total	9,603	3,383	4,268	34	675	1,234	9

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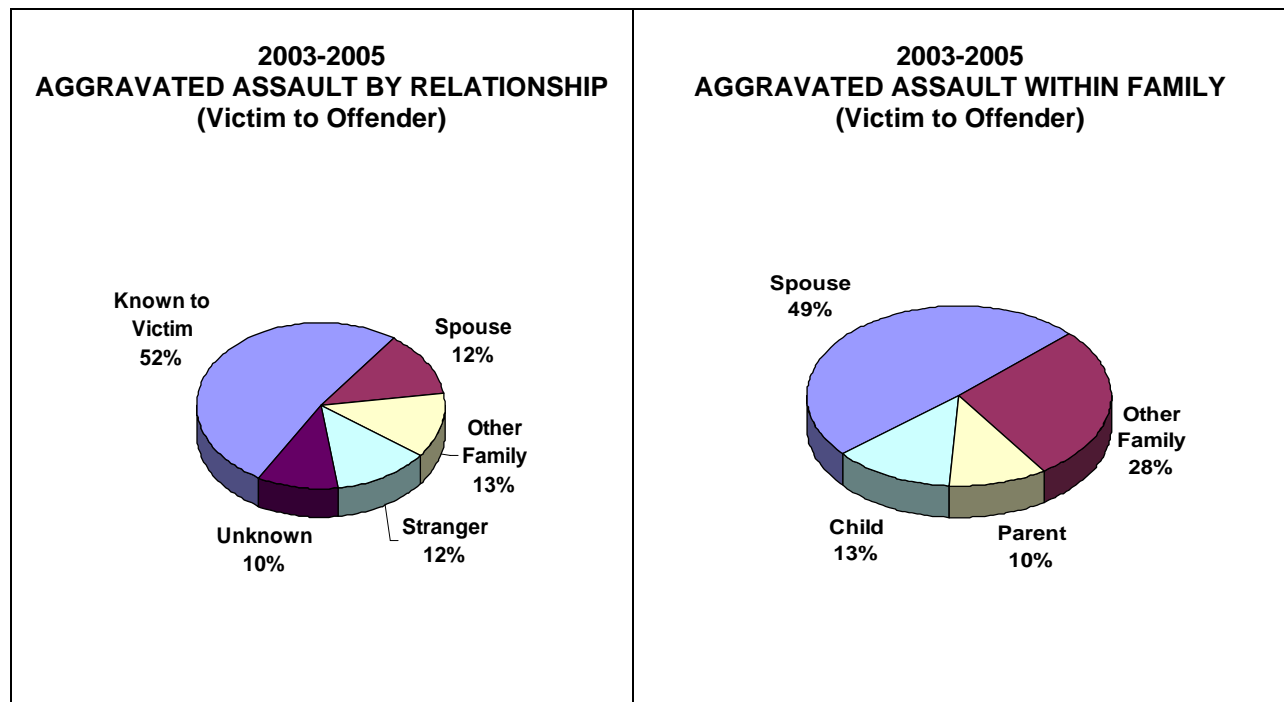


Thirty-five percent of persons arrested for aggravated assault in 2005 were white males, 22 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger, 45 percent were black males, 33 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. White females accounted for 7 percent of persons arrested for aggravated assault, while black females accounted for 13 percent of persons arrested. More than 29 percent of the white females and 44 percent of the black females were 21 years of age or younger.

2003-2005 RELATIONSHIP OF AGGRAVATED ASSAULT 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	6,874	27.0	6,543	25.5	5,815	23.5
Spouse	2,245	8.8	2,063	8.0	1,828	7.4
Common-Law Spouse	1,152	4.5	1,138	4.4	978	4.0
Parent, Stepparent	738	2.9	651	2.5	642	2.6
Child, Stepchild	876	3.4	813	3.2	774	3.1
Sibling, Stepsibling	822	3.2	789	3.1	688	2.8
Other Family	1,041	4.1	1,089	4.2	905	3.7
Known to Victim	13,063	51.3	13,271	51.6	12,820	51.9
Acquaintance	9,990	39.3	10,239	39.8	9,688	39.2
Ex-Spouse	176	0.7	163	0.6	152	0.6
Boy/Girlfriend	2,897	11.4	2,869	11.2	2,980	12.1
Stranger	3,183	12.5	3,223	12.5	3,053	12.4
Other/ Unknown	2,328	9.1	2,664	10.4	3,030	12.3
State Total	25,448	100.0	25,701	100.0	24,718	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.)

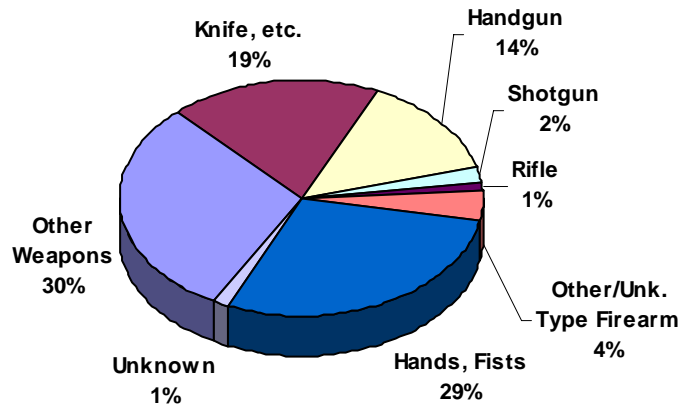


2003-2005 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WEAPON DISTRIBUTION

Weapons	2003 Incidents	% Distr.	2004 Incidents	% Distr.	2005 Incidents	% Distr.
Handgun	2,889	13.7	2,951	13.8	2,932	14.2
Shotgun	442	2.1	413	1.9	397	1.9
Rifle	232	1.1	237	1.1	222	1.1
Other/Unk. Type Firearm	738	3.5	911	4.3	1,015	4.9
Knife, Cutting Instruments	4,189	19.9	3,904	18.2	3,775	18.3
Hands, Fists	5,673	27	6,299	29.4	6,101	29.5
Other Weapons	6,579	31.3	6,414	30.0	5,929	28.7
Unknown	286	1.4	274	1.3	286	1.4
State Total	21,028	100.0	21,403	100.0	20,657	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
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2003-2005 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT INCIDENTS BY PREMISE

Premise	2003 Incidents	% Distr.	2004 Incidents	% Distr.	2005 Incidents	% Distr.
Residences, Apts.	13,009	61.9	13,147	61.4	12,509	60.6
Roads, Parking Lots, etc.	4,447	21.1	4,510	21.1	4,545	22.0
Commercial	821	3.9	774	3.6	737	3.6
Nightclubs, Bars	820	3.9	883	4.1	823	4.0
Hotels, Motels	243	1.2	236	1.1	281	1.4
Convenience Stores, etc.	342	1.6	384	1.8	363	1.8
Schools, Churches	595	2.8	594	2.8	623	3.0
Woods, etc.	156	0.7	183	0.9	182	0.9
Other	595	2.8	692	3.2	594	2.9
State Total	21,028	100.0	21,403	100.0	20,657	100.0

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