

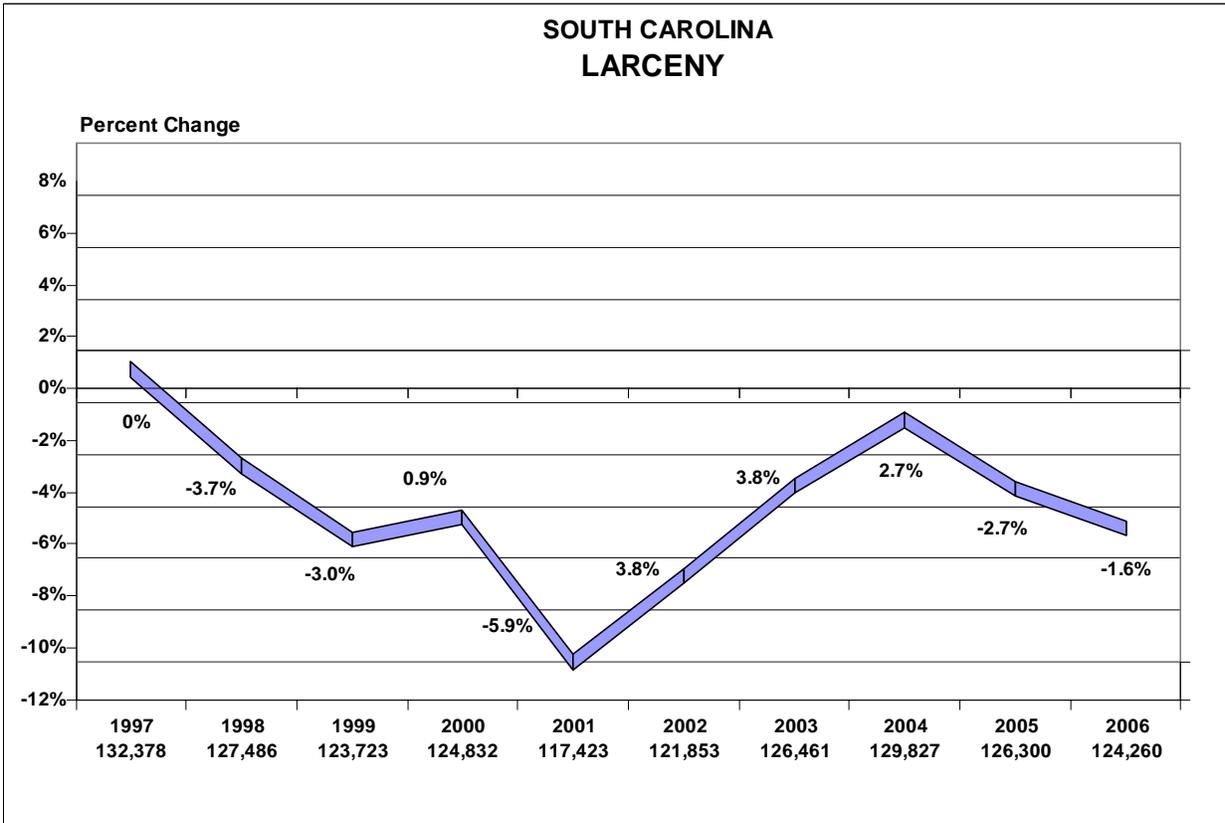
# LARCENY

## **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.

## **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.



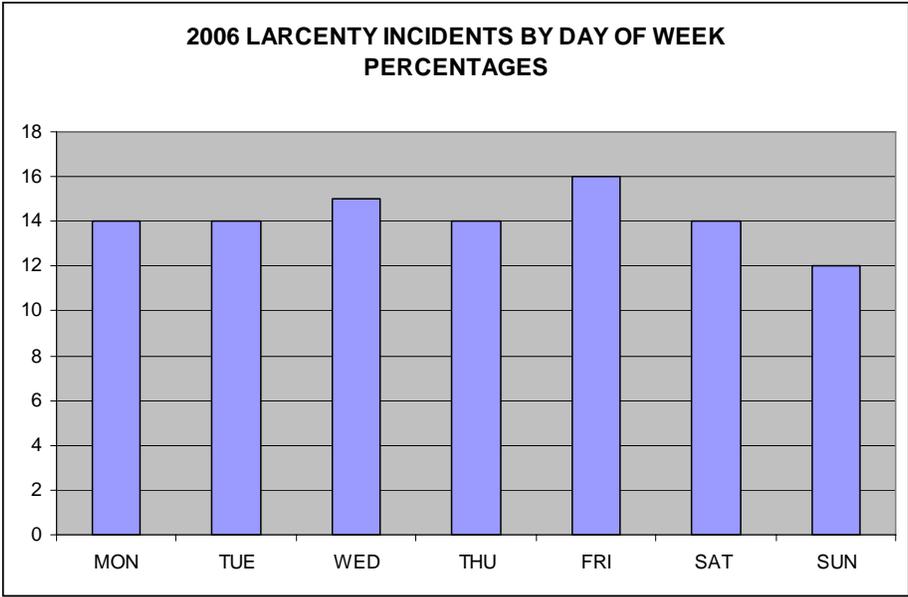
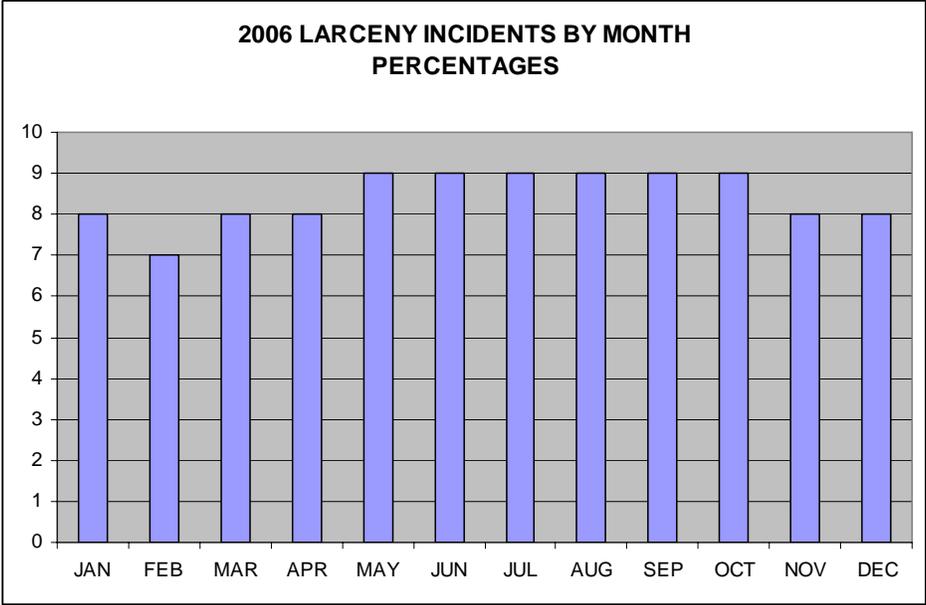
### 2006 SUMMARY

A total of 124,260 larceny offenses was reported in the 2006 crime index. During this year, larcenies decreased 1.6 percent compared to those reported in 2005.

There were 19,046 larcenies cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, amounting to a clearance rate of 17.0 percent statewide.

The larceny rate in South Carolina was 287.57 per 10,000 persons.

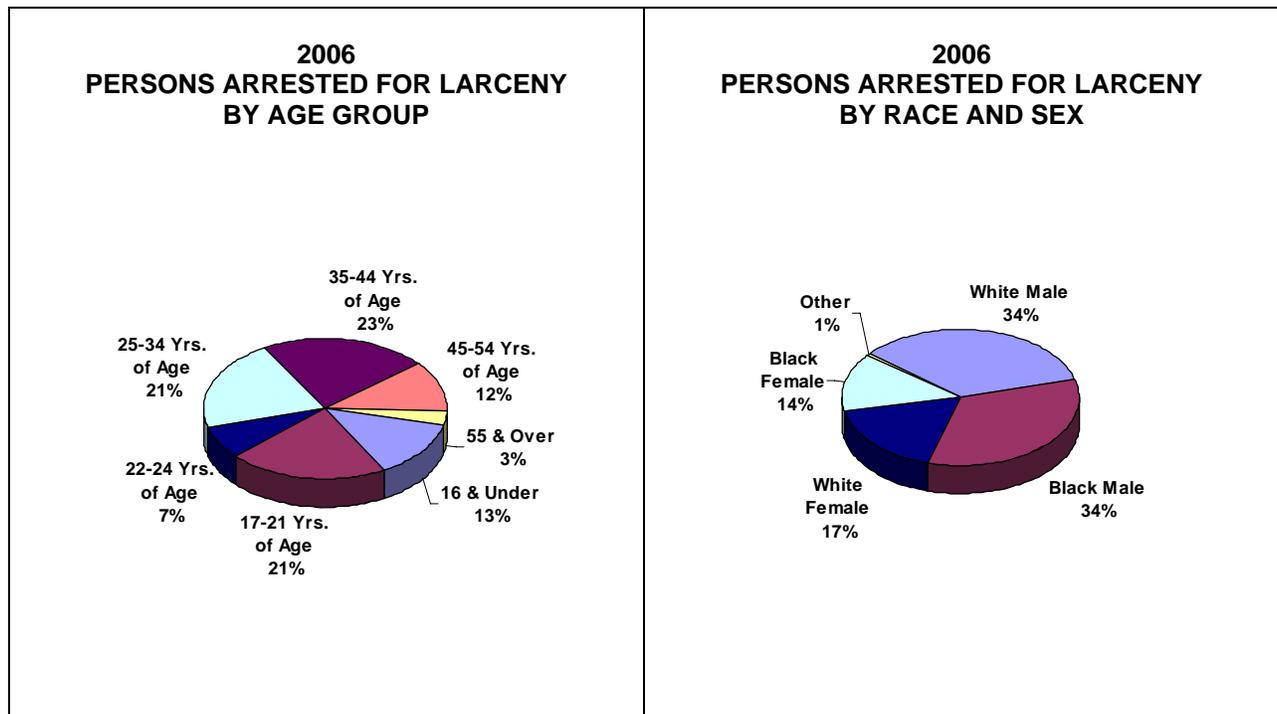
Persons under the age of 17 accounted for 34.0 percent of those arrested for all categories of larceny. Arrests of males accounted for 68.0 percent of the total.



**2006 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR LARCENY BY AGE, SEX, RACE**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>White Male</b>	<b>Black Male</b>	<b>Other Male</b>	<b>White Female</b>	<b>Black Female</b>	<b>Other Female</b>
01 – 09	17	2	10	0	2	3	0
10 – 16	2,515	648	1,013	11	434	400	9
17 – 21	4,026	1,462	1,154	22	667	710	11
22 – 24	1,420	573	344	4	252	245	2
25 – 34	4,035	1,649	1,067	22	772	515	10
35 – 44	4,208	1,393	1,632	20	723	432	8
45 – 54	2,263	685	983	3	341	247	4
55 – 64	480	128	202	0	111	38	1
65 – 99	82	24	24	0	24	9	1
<b>State Total</b>	<b>19,046</b>	<b>6,564</b>	<b>6,429</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>3,326</b>	<b>2,599</b>	<b>46</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.

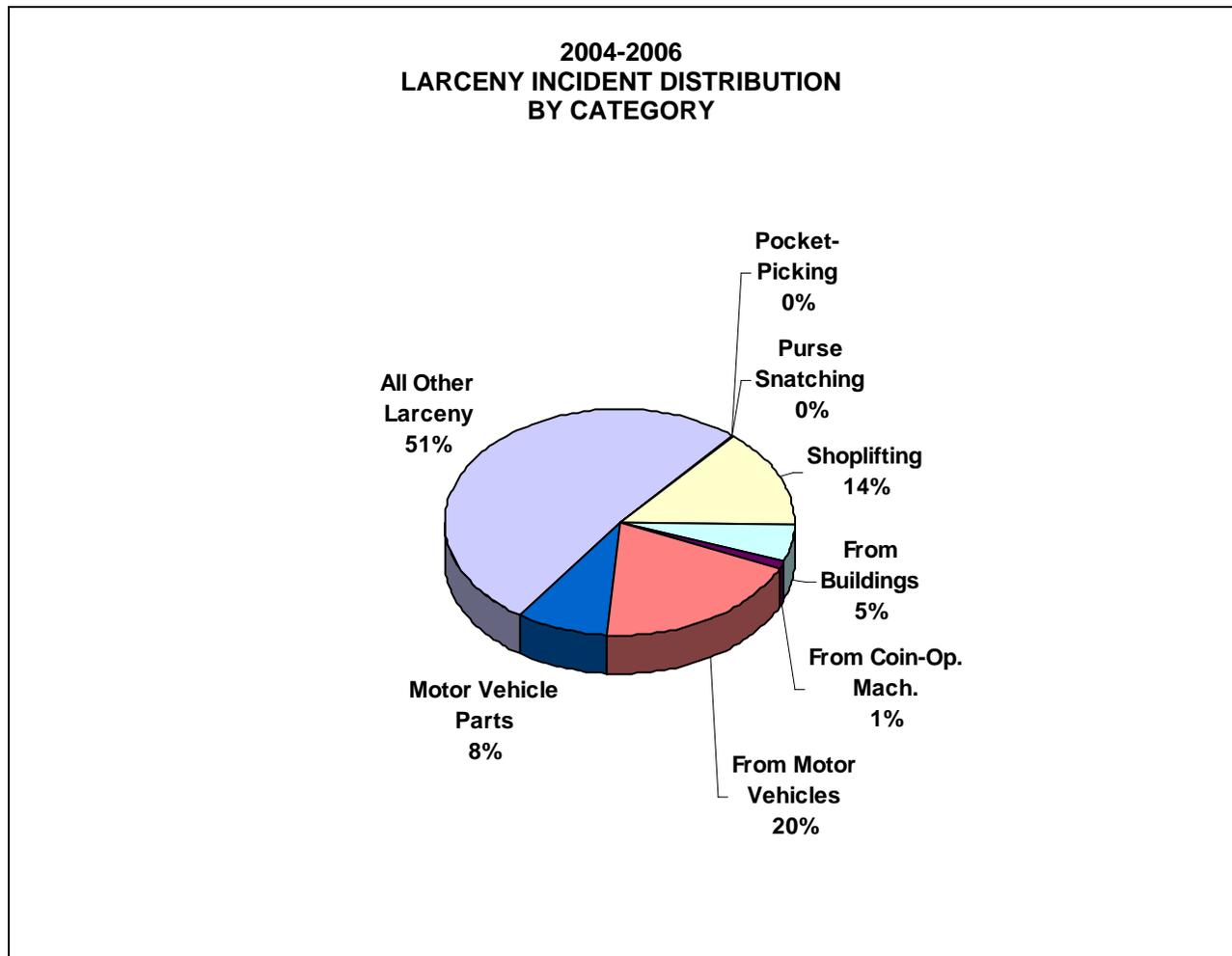


Thirty-four percent of persons arrested for larceny in 2006 were white males; 34 percent were black males. White females accounted for 17 percent of persons arrested for larceny, while black females accounted for 14 percent of persons arrested.

**2004-2006 LARCENY INCIDENT DISTRIBUTION BY CATEGORY**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>2004 Incidents</b>	<b>% Distr.</b>	<b>2005 Incidents</b>	<b>% Distr.</b>	<b>2006 Incidents</b>	<b>% Distr.</b>
Pocket Picking	186	0.1	180	0.1	153	0.1
Purse Snatching	329	0.2	310	0.2	330	0.3
Shoplifting	19,319	14.5	17,816	13.6	16,699	12.9
From Building	7,635	5.7	6,919	5.3	6,873	5.3
From Coin Op. Machines	1,398	1.0	1,326	1.0	1,161	0.9
From Motor Vehicles	27,013	20.2	24,964	19.1	25,213	19.5
Motor Vehicle Parts	12,074	9.0	10,852	8.3	10,259	7.9
All Other Larceny	65,616	49.1	68,206	52.2	68,570	53.0
<b>State Total</b>	<b>133,570</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>130,573</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>129,258</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**2004-2006 LARCENY INCIDENTS BY PREMISE**

<b>Premise</b>	<b>2004 Incidents</b>	<b>% Distr.</b>	<b>2005 Incidents</b>	<b>% Distr.</b>	<b>2006 Incidents</b>	<b>% Distr.</b>
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	123	0.1	185	0.1	161	0.1
Bank/Savings and Loan	297	0.2	269	0.2	302	0.2
Bar/Nightclub	1,226	0.9	1,255	1.0	1,107	0.9
Church/Synagogue	759	0.6	757	0.6	855	0.7
Commercial/ Office Building	6,902	5.2	6,976	5.3	6,424	5.0
Construction Site	1,571	1.2	1,676	1.3	2,082	1.6
Convenience Store	11,359	8.5	10,147	7.8	9,168	7.1
Department/Discount Store	9,894	7.4	9,736	7.5	8,204	6.3
Drugstore/Doctor/Hospital	1,602	1.2	1,549	1.2	1,567	1.2
Field/Woods	753	0.6	752	0.6	734	0.6
Government/Public Building	1,053	0.8	1,060	0.8	1,029	0.8
Grocery/Supermarket	4,623	3.5	4,242	3.2	4,217	3.3
Highway/Road	4,506	3.4	4,022	3.1	4,044	3.1
Hotel/Motel	2,296	1.7	2,601	2.0	2,571	2.0
Jail/Prison	27	0.0	25	0.0	28	0.0
Lake/Waterway	418	0.3	427	0.3	445	0.3
Liquor Store	179	0.1	172	0.1	142	0.1
Parking Lot/Garage	9,978	7.5	9,334	7.1	10,140	7.8
Rental Storage Facility	272	0.2	310	0.2	346	0.3
Residence/Home	46,940	35.1	48,292	37.0	50,080	38.7
Restaurant	2,446	1.8	2,646	2.0	2,600	2.0
School K-12	3,016	2.3	2,901	2.2	2,880	2.2
Service/Gas Station	7,049	5.3	5,547	4.2	4,632	3.6
Specialty Store	3,614	2.7	3,479	2.7	3,274	2.5
Other/Unknown	5,267	3.9	4,964	3.8	5,577	4.3
Colleges	1,722	1.3	1,826	1.4	1,578	1.2
Shopping Mall	957	0.7	942	0.7	837	0.6
Apartment/Condo	4,693	3.5	4,455	3.4	4,202	3.3
Highway Rest Areas	28	0.0	26	0.0	31	0.0
Court/Courthouse	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
<b>State Total</b>	<b>133,570</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>130,573</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>129,258</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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