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FOREWORD

Crime in Montana is an annual report prepared by the Criminal Justice Data Center of the Montana Board of Crime Control. This report presents an overview of the nature and extent of crime in our state. It also includes, for the first time, a summary of index crimes reported by law enforcement agencies.

With our crime reporting program eight years old, we have achieved a level of reliability which enhances the utility of the data. As you will read in this report, crime has decreased in our state for the third year in a row. This decrease can only be credited to greater sophistication and professionalism within the law enforcement community as well as a greater awareness concerning crime and its prevention on the part of Montana's citizens.

Special appreciation is extended to the Montana criminal justice community, whose voluntary efforts in providing the source data make this publication possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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INTRODUCTION

This report by the Criminal Justice Data Center contains the most complete and accurate information currently available concerning crime in Montana. It contains an extensive collection of facts along with detailed analyses of the prevalence of different crimes, crime trends, arrests and crime by law enforcement agency; in short, the nature, extent and location of crime in the state.

While this report addresses not only the informational needs of law enforcement agencies, planners, local government officials and legislators it should afford citizens an opportunity to assess the state's crime situation.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA CENTER

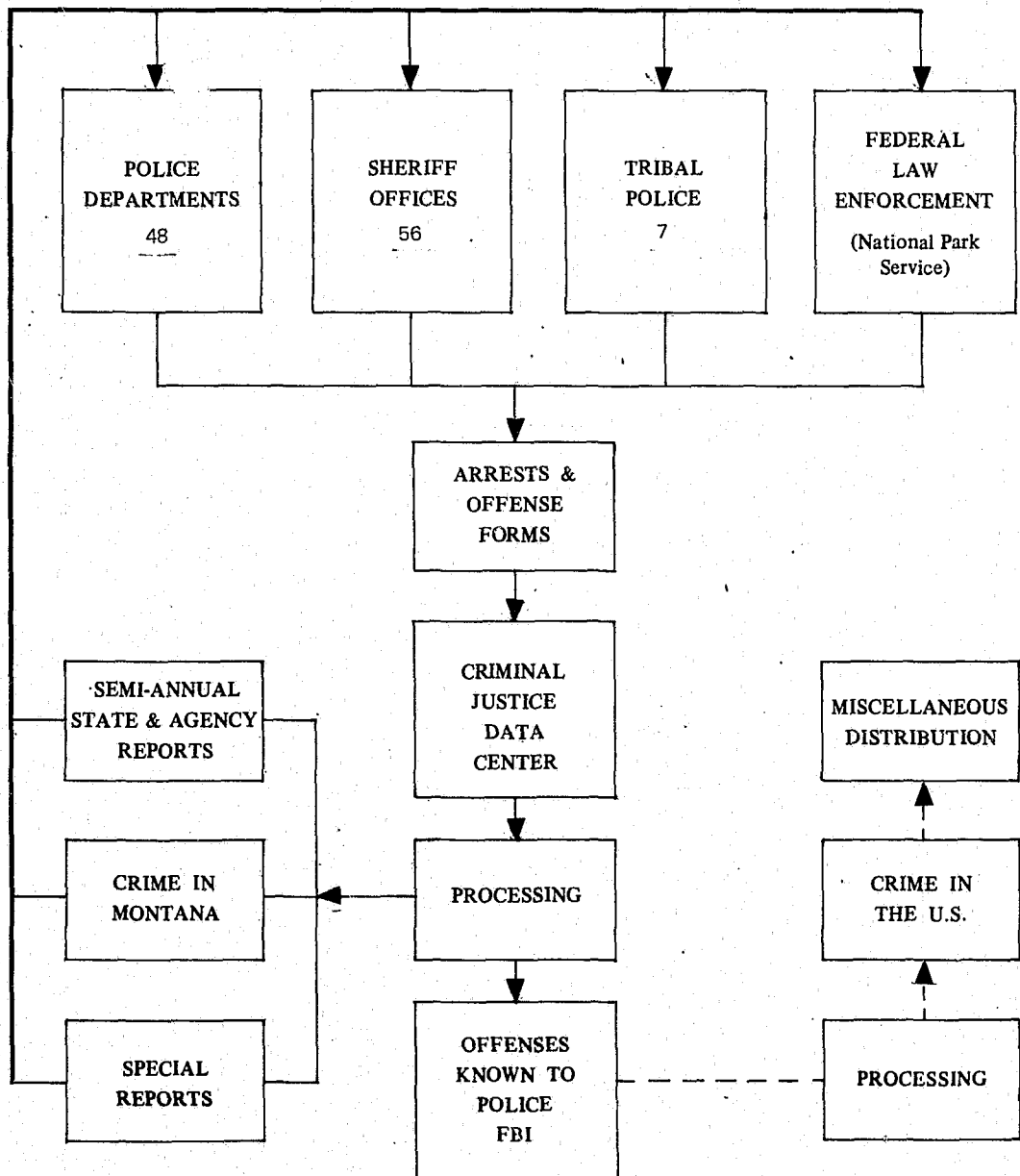
The major mission of the Montana Criminal Justice Data Center has been the development, implementation and maintenance of data collection systems to provide both essential information on crime as it occurs within the state and on the offenders who are apprehended and enter the criminal justice system, and a statistical analysis of criminal justice data. The Criminal Justice Data Center serves as a statewide clearinghouse for criminal justice information.

Criminal justice data is furnished to the Criminal Justice Data Center by county law enforcement agencies, city police departments and government agencies such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Park Service. Although reporting is voluntary, nearly all law enforcement agencies participate, as shown on pages 41 through 49.

MONTANA UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING PROGRAM

In September, 1978, Montana became involved in the National Uniform Crime Reporting program in which the responsibility of data collection was transferred to the Montana Board of Crime Control's Criminal Justice Data Center from the Uniform Crime Reporting Division of the F.B.I. This transfer has enhanced crime data collection by giving the state more control over the crime reporting and closer contact with local law enforcement.

Illustration 1.
**MONTANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA CENTER
 ARRESTS AND OFFENSES STATISTICS SYSTEM**



The development of Montana's Uniform Crime Reporting program has encouraged law enforcement participation in record keeping, data collection, and data analysis and its use. The law enforcement agencies are wholly responsible for compiling and completing their own crime reports and submitting them to the Data Center. On a monthly basis, law enforcement agencies (as shown on the previous page) report the number of offenses that become known, property stolen by type, value and classification, age, sex and race of persons arrested, homicides, arsons and law enforcement officers killed or assaulted.

The Montana Uniform Crime Reporting program involves two distinct data systems: the Arrest Information System and the Offense Information System. The Arrest Information System compiles and summarizes felony and misdemeanor arrests by age, race and sex of the offender, time of day and the day, week and month on which the arrest occurred. The Offense Information System summarizes the type of crimes actually being committed and reported to law enforcement agencies.

Nearly all of the law enforcement agencies in the state participate by reporting the incidence of serious crimes and arrests on a monthly basis. A reporting summary and crime index by contribution is included on pages 41 through 49. The reporting agencies include all 56 sheriff departments, seven tribal police departments, the National Park Service at Glacier Park, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and 48 local police departments. In addition, many small police departments and campus police units report to the sheriff departments in their counties and the data is forwarded to the Data Center. Several law enforcement agencies have combined during the year while others have elected to do their own jurisdictional crime reporting.

A particularly important service of the Montana Crime Reporting program is statistical feedback to contributors. Data is summarized and returned to them in the form of computerized summaries of offenses and arrests, showing crime by offense and arrest categories, clearances, volume of arrests and offenses — all of which is useful to departments in terms of resource distribution, identification of needs and problems, manpower deployment, budget allocations, and public relations.

CRIME IN MONTANA—1978

CRIME FACTORS

The amount and type of crime reported in this section is based on offenses reported to the police and does not measure those offenses which the law enforcement community never becomes aware of. A considerable volume of crime is not reported to law enforcement agencies because the victims may consider the offenses against them of very little consequence, they believe there is very little the police can do about them, or they fear publicity of a police investigation or retaliation from offenders. Recent national victimization surveys indicate that the actual number of certain index offenses committed may be fully double the number that are made known to police.

A report on the number and types of crime alone doesn't tell the whole story of criminal activity within the state. Other factors which may influence the type and volume of crime are:

- density and size of community
- composition of the population with reference to age, race, and sex
- economic status of the population
- stability of population such as seasonal workers and tourism
- educational, recreational and religious characteristics
- effective strength of the police force
- policies of the prosecuting officials and the courts
- attitude of the public toward law and law enforcement

STATISTICAL METHOD OF REPORTING

Several statistical measurements are used to make the crime data more meaningful: *crime index*, *crime rate* and *crime seriousness*. These are discussed below.

CRIME INDEX

The crime index has been used nationwide for many years as a standard for comparing the amount and extent of serious crime.

The index includes seven crimes divided into two groups. The sub-classification allows comparison and contrast of the groups.

Violent Crimes	Homicide
	Rape
	Robbery
	Assault
Property Crimes.	Burglary
	Larceny/theft
	Motor Vehicle Theft

These seven crimes are recognized as the most serious crimes in our society and the most likely to be reported to law enforcement. The numerous other felony and serious misdemeanor offenses are not included in the crime index but are included and reported on page 8, Illustration 3.

The crime index is only an indication of the amount and type of crime occurring in a jurisdiction. It is not an absolute measure. If multiple crimes were committed during an incident and reported, only the most serious is recorded in the index.

CRIME RATE

One of the most commonly used statistical measurements is the crime rate, which calculates the number of incidents which occur for every 100,000 residents. The crime rate is useful in comparing the amount of crime in two areas with unequal populations.

The crime rate is calculated by dividing the total number of serious crimes (usually it is the seven major index crimes) by the population or estimated population and multiplying the answer by 100,000 as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Number of Crimes}}{\text{Population of Law Enforcement Jurisdiction}} \times 100,000 = \text{Rate per 100,000}$$

According to the F.B.I. and Bureau of the Census, Montana's 1978 population is 785,000. This is the figure on which the crime rates are based in the following illustration.

Illustration 2.
1978 MONTANA INDEX OFFENSE CRIME RATES

Violent Crimes			Property Crimes		
Index Offenses	Number Of Offenses	Rate Per 100,000 Population	Index Offenses	Number Of Offenses	Rate Per 100,000 Population
Homicide	37	4.7	Burglary	6,270	798.7
Rape	146	18.6	Larceny/Theft	20,563	2,619.5
Robbery	259	33.0	Motor Vehicle Theft .	2,452	312.4
Assault	1,519	193.5			
Total	1,961	249.8	Total	29,285	3,730.6
GRAND TOTAL				31,246	3,980.4

Comparison of the amount of crime and estimated population for the state shows a crime rate of 3,980. This means that 3,980 out of every 100,000 Montanans were victims of a major crime — or more simply:

3,980.4 crimes per 100,000 persons
398.0 crimes per 10,000 persons
39.8 crimes per 1,000 persons
4.0 crimes per 100 persons

Out of every 100 Montanans, 4.0 were victims of an index crime. In 1977, the level of victimization was 4.2 per 100 persons — a 4.8 percent decrease in 1978.

CRIME INCIDENCE COMPARISON

A comparison of the number of crimes reported in 1978 to that reported in the previous year provides a measure of the fluctuation in criminal activity.

For the third time in three years, the number of index crimes has decreased. The total of 31,246 index crimes reported in 1978 is 654 fewer than the 31,900 reported in the previous year. A breakdown by offense for both years is shown in the following illustration with the percentage of change in the right column.

Illustration 3.
CRIME INCIDENCE COMPARISON
 1977 - 1978

Offense	1977	1978	Percent Change
Homicide	40	37	- 7.5
Rape	138	146	5.8
Robbery	295	259	-12.2
Aggravated Assault	1,437	1,519	5.7
Total Offenses Against Persons	1,910	1,961	2.7
Burglary	6,363	6,270	- 1.5
Larceny/Theft	21,214	20,563	- 3.1
Motor Vehicle Theft	2,413	2,452	1.6
Total Offenses Against Property	29,990	29,285	- 2.4
Total 7 Major Offenses	31,900	31,246	- 2.1
Negligent Manslaughter	25	14	-44.0
Other Assaults	1,520	1,232	-19.0
Arson	174	136	-21.8
Forgery and Counterfeiting	521	491	- 5.8
Fraud	1,624	1,336	-17.7
Embezzlement	10	10	-0-
Stolen Property	329	191	-42.0
Vandalism	10,149	9,442	- 7.0
Weapons	525	381	-27.4
Prostitution	29	12	-58.6
Sex Offenses	360	303	-15.8
Drugs	1,499	882	-39.1
Gambling	40	14	-65.0
Offenses Against Family	984	1,003	1.9
Total Other Offenses	17,789	15,447	-13.2
GRAND TOTAL	49,689	46,693	- 6.0

The major decrease was in property crimes. Burglary and larceny/theft decreased by 1.5 percent and 3.7 percent respectively. Overall, a 2.4 percent decrease in property crime occurred in 1978.

While property crimes decreased 2.4 percent, reported violent crimes of rape, robbery and aggravated assault accounted for a 2.7 percent increase; with aggravated assault recording

a 5.7 percent increase, robbery recording a 12.2 percent decrease and rape a 5.8 percent increase.

The volume decrease in the property crime categories accounted for the general crime decrease in the seven major index offenses.

The high-volume non-index property crime of vandalism decreased 7.0 percent. Receiving/possessing stolen property decreased 42 percent from 329 reported cases in 1977 to 191 in 1978.

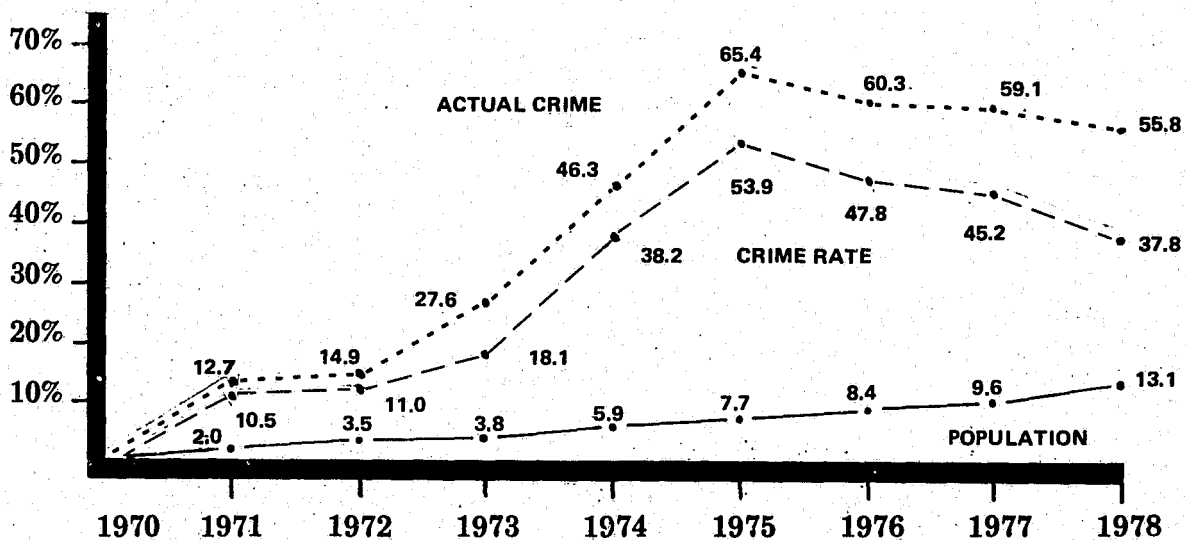
Illustration 3 on the previous page shows the specific changes in the seven major index crimes as well as the other felony and serious misdemeanor classifications.

CRIME AND POPULATION

In order to demonstrate the crime trend and the population trend over a period of years, a percent change is calculated using 1970 as the base year. In 1970, Montana recorded 20,052 index crimes with a crime rate of 2,887.6 per 100,000 and a population of 694,409. The rapid increase in crime in the earlier years of this decade corresponds to very small increases in the state population. By 1978, the crime rate had increased 53.9 percent over 1970 while the state population had grown only 13.1 percent in that same period.

The 1976 through 1978 crime trend figures indicate a leveling off and decrease from the peak in 1975. The population trend shows a steady increase to an estimated 785,000 in 1978.

Illustration 4.
CRIME RATE AND POPULATION CHANGES — 1970 - 1978
 (By Percent Change From 1970)

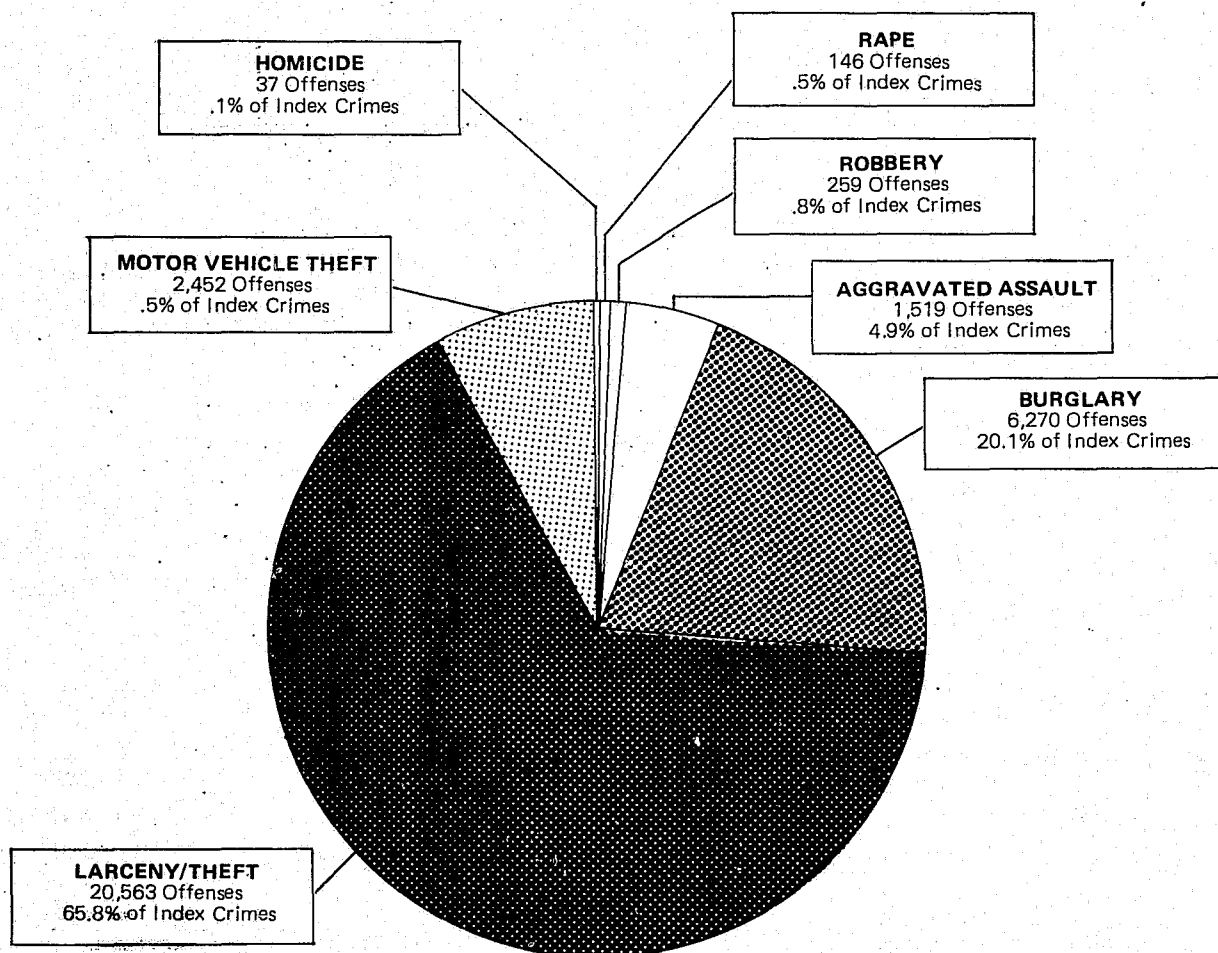


CRIME OFFENSE PROFILE

The circle graph below shows the proportion of each index crime to the total of all the index crimes reported in 1978.

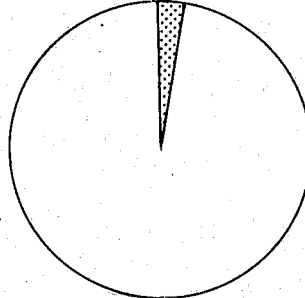
Three property crimes — burglary, larceny/theft and motor vehicle theft — account for 93.7 percent of all major crimes reported in 1978. Violent crimes of homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault accounted for 6.3 percent of the index offenses.

Illustration 5.
CRIME PROFILE - 1978



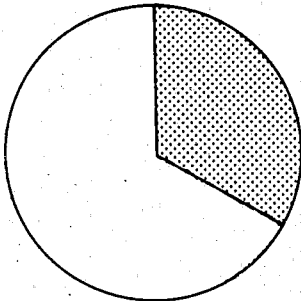
**Illustration 6.
CRIME CLOCKS - 1978**

INDEX CRIMES



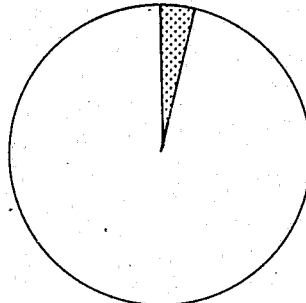
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VIOLENT CRIMES



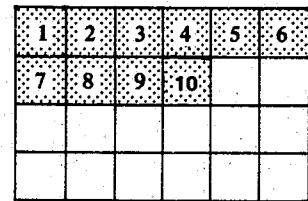
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PROPERTY CRIMES



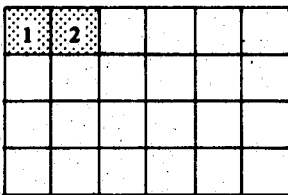
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HOMICIDE



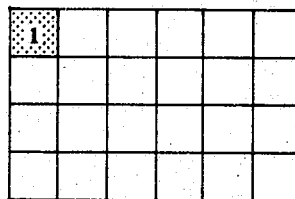
One every 10 days

RAPE



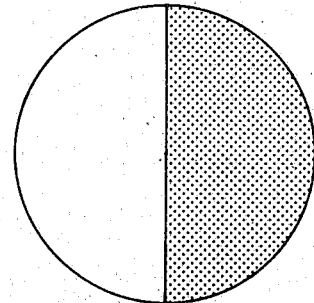
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ROBBERY



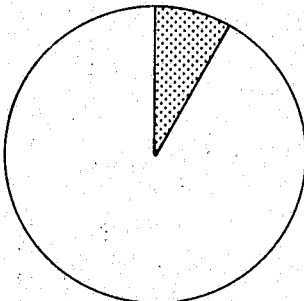
One every day

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT



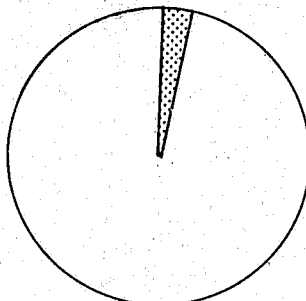
One every 6 hrs.

BURGLARY



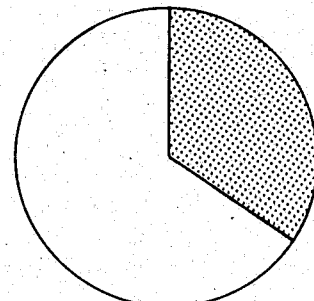
One every hour

LARCENY/THEFT



One every 26 min.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT



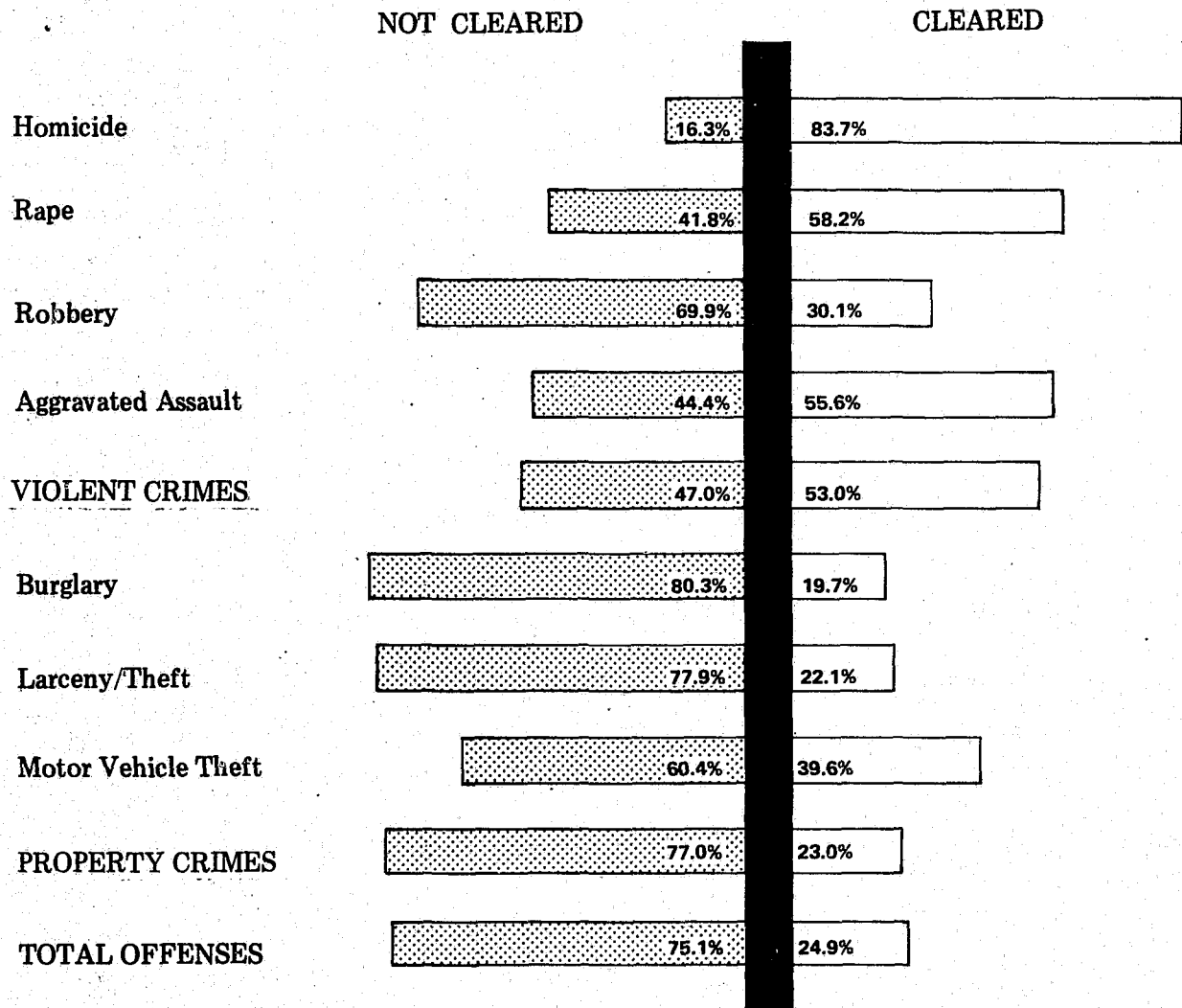
One every 4 hrs.

CLEARANCES

An offense is considered cleared when a law enforcement agency has identified the offender and gathered sufficient evidence and filed a charge. The arrest of one person can clear several crimes or conversely, several persons may be arrested in the process of clearing one crime.

The following illustration shows the percent of offenses cleared by arrest. Note that property crimes — burglary, larceny/theft and motor vehicle theft — have the lowest percent of clearance, while violent crimes or crimes against persons have a higher percentage of clearance.

Illustration 7.
PERCENT OF OFFENSES CLEARED BY ARREST
1978



CRIME BY COUNTY

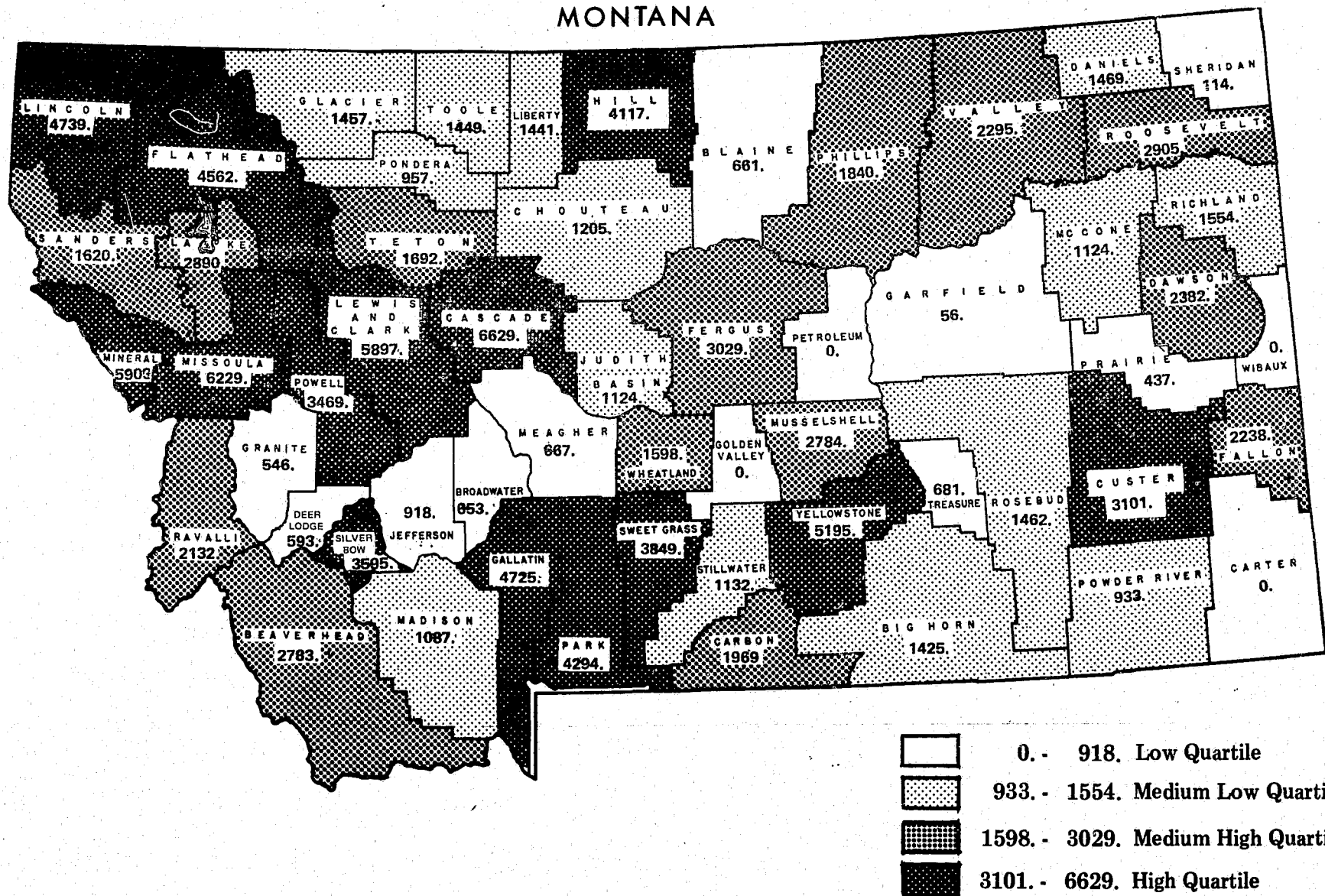
The crime rate for each county in Montana is listed below. Ten counties are above the statewide average of 3,980.4 crimes reported per 100,000 population. These ten counties containing 55.7 percent of the total state population were the scene of 76.9 percent of known index crimes.

As shown on the map on the following page, the ten counties are not one geographical, high-crime area; rather, they correspond to the high population areas of the state. Only two of the ten counties, Mineral and Park, have small populations. In such sparsely populated jurisdictions, any fluctuation in the number of crimes creates a major impact on the crime rate.

Illustration 8.
CRIME RATE BY COUNTY
1978 Ranking

1.	Cascade	6629.3	29.	Richland	1553.8
2.	Missoula	6228.9	30.	Daniels	1469.2
3.	Mineral	5902.8	31.	Rosebud	1461.7
4.	Lewis & Clark	5897.4	32.	Glacier	1457.1
5.	Yellowstone	5194.7	33.	Toole	1448.8
6.	Lincoln	4738.8	34.	Liberty	1440.7
7.	Gallatin	4724.6	35.	Big Horn	1424.9
8.	Flathead	4561.5	36.	Chouteau	1204.5
9.	Park	4293.6	37.	Stillwater	1132.1
10.	Hill	4117.0	38.	Judith Basin	1124.4
	STATE AVERAGE	3980.4	39.	McCone	1124.4
11.	Sweet Grass	3848.6	40.	Madison	1087.1
12.	Silver Bow	3595.4	41.	Pondera	957.1
13.	Powell	3469.4	42.	Powder River	933.3
14.	Custer	3101.3	43.	Jefferson	917.8
15.	Fergus	3029.2	44.	Treasure	680.8
16.	Roosevelt	2904.6	45.	Meagher	666.7
17.	Lake	2889.6	46.	Blaine	660.5
18.	Musselshell	2783.6	47.	Broadwater	653.2
19.	Beaverhead	2782.6	48.	Deer Lodge	593.3
20.	Dawson	2381.6	49.	Granite	546.4
21.	Valley	2295.3	50.	Prairie	437.2
22.	Fallon	2238.1	51.	Sheridan	113.5
23.	Ravalli	2131.8	52.	Garfield	55.7
24.	Carbon	1968.9	53.	Carter	-0-
25.	Phillips	1839.7	54.	Golden Valley	-0-
26.	Teton	1692.0	55.	Petroleum	-0-
27.	Sanders	1620.0	56.	Wibaux	-0-
28.	Wheatland	1598.4			

Illustration 9.
CRIME RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION - 1978
OFFENSES KNOWN TO POLICE



The previous discussion of crime in Montana dealt with the traditional methods of presenting criminal statistics: crime indexes and crime rates. These methods have been criticized for presenting a one-dimensional view of the crime problem; that is, both the crime index and the crime rate deal with the quantitative aspects of criminal behavior. One homicide is counted in the same way as one larceny/theft, with the net effect of equating the impact of the two crimes. The traditional measures of crime also fail to account for diversities in population; that is, areas with large populations show a higher crime index because of the probability of greater numbers of offenders in the population as well as possible victims.

A qualitative measure is needed to reduce the inherent bias in equating fear crimes with property crimes and high population densities. Such a measure was developed by Sellin and Wolfgang¹ and applied to Montana crime data.

The measure is a weighted scale in which the seriousness of a crime is ranked by a range of scores from 2 to 26 as follows:

CRIME	SERIOUS WEIGHING SCORE
Homicide.....	26
Rape.....	11
Robbery.....	5
Aggravated Assault.....	4
Burglary.....	3
Theft.....	2

From this scale of weighted scores, a crime seriousness index can be calculated for a single law enforcement agency, city, county or geographical area. The crime seriousness index is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Crime Seriousness} = \frac{(26 \times \text{No. of Homicides}) + (11 \times \text{No. of Rapes}) + (5 \times \text{No. of Robberies}) + (4 \times \text{No. of Assaults}) + (3 \times \text{No. of Burglaries}) + (2 \times \text{No. of Thefts})}{\text{Total Number of Above Crimes}}$$

This measure is used to relate crime seriousness to the volume of index crimes through the following formula:

$$\text{Crime Level} = (\text{Crime Rate}) \times (\text{Crime Seriousness})$$

¹ Thorsten Sellin & M.E. Wolfgang. *The Measurement of Delinquency*, (New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1964).

Illustration 10 shows the crime level by county and pinpoints the state average. Note how several counties — particularly Sweet Grass and Hill — assume a higher rank in the crime level scale when compared to the crime rate scale on page 13. This change indicates a large proportion of violent crimes occurring in these counties.

The crime level continues to follow population concentration in the state just as the crime rate does, thus reaffirming that crime is more prevalent with higher populations.

Illustration 10.
CRIME LEVEL COMPARISON
1978

1.	Cascade	15,910.3	29.	Rosebud	4,531.3
2.	Missoula	14,326.5	30.	Teton	4,060.8
3.	Lewis & Clark	14,153.8	31.	Glacier	3,934.2
4.	Mineral	13,576.4	32.	Toole	3,766.9
5.	Yellowstone	12,467.3	33.	Richland	3,573.7
6.	Lincoln	11,373.1	34.	Jefferson	3,395.9
7.	Flathead	10,947.6	35.	Daniels	3,232.2
8.	Gallatin	10,866.6	36.	Stillwater	3,169.9
9.	Sweet Grass	9,621.5	37.	Liberty	3,169.5
	STATE AVERAGE . . .	9,553.0	38.	Judith Basin	3,148.3
10.	Hill	9,469.1	39.	Chouteau	3,131.7
11.	Park	9,445.9	40.	McCone	3,059.9
12.	Roosevelt	9,294.7	41.	Madison	2,826.5
13.	Silver Bow	8,988.5	42.	Powder River	2,239.9
14.	Lake	8,668.8	43.	Pondera	2,201.3
15.	Phillips	8,646.6	44.	Blaine	2,179.7
16.	Powell	8,326.6	45.	Granite	1,639.2
17.	Fergus	7,270.1	46.	Treasure	1,633.9
18.	Custer	7,133.0	47.	Broadwater	1,633.0
19.	Musselshell	6,402.3	48.	Deer Lodge	1,542.6
20.	Beaverhead	6,121.7	49.	Meagher	1,400.1
21.	Fallon	5,595.3	50.	Prairie	1,267.9
22.	Carbon	5,512.9	51.	Sheridan	340.5
23.	Dawson	5,477.7	52.	Carter	-0-
24.	Valley	5,279.2	53.	Garfield	-0-
25.	Wheatland	4,955.0	54.	Petroleum	-0-
26.	Ravalli	4,903.1	55.	Wibaux	-0-
27.	Big Horn	4,702.2	56.	Golden Valley	-0-
28.	Sanders	4,698.3			

Illustration 11a.
CRIME INDEX REPORT

STATE SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 1, 1978 THRU DECEMBER 31, 1978

Population or Estimate: 785,000

Sq. Mi.: 146,869

Population Density: 5.3

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	Number Of Actual Offenses	Crime Index Per 100,000 Population	Offense Occurs Every	Number Cleared By Arrest	Percent Cleared By Arrest
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	37	4.7	10 DA	31	83.7
Forcible Rape	146	18.6	2 DA	85	58.2
Robbery	259	33.0	1 DA	78	30.1
Aggravated Assault	1,519	193.5	6 HR	846	55.6
TOTAL OFFENSES AGAINST PERSONS	1,961 *	249.8 *	4 HR *	1,040 *	53.0 *
Burglary	6,270	798.7	1 HR	1,236	19.7
Larceny/Theft.....	20,563	2,619.5	26 MIN	4,551	22.1
Motor Vehicle Theft	2,452	312.4	4 HR	973	39.6
TOTAL OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY	29,285 *	3,730.6 *	18 MIN *	6,760 *	23.0 *
TOTAL SEVEN MAJOR OFFENSES	31,246 **	3,980.4 **	17 MIN **	7,800 **	24.9 **
Manslaughter by Negligence	14	1.8	26 DA	10	71.4
Other Assaults - Simple - Not Aggravated	1,232	156.9	7 HR	793	64.3
Arson	136	17.3	3 DA	44	32.3
Forgery and Counterfeiting	491	62.5	18 HR	215	43.7
Fraud	1,336	170.2	7 HR	542	40.5
Embezzlement	10	1.3	1 MO	3	30.0
Stolen Property: Buying, Receiving, Possessing..	191	24.3	2 DA	91	47.6
Vandalism	9,442	1,202.8	56 MIN	1,250	13.2
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, Etc.	381	48.5	23 HR	209	54.3
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	12	1.5	1 MO	7	58.3
Sex Offenses	303	38.6	1 DA	145	47.8
Narcotic Drug Laws	882	112.4	10 HR	744	84.3
Gambling	14	1.8	26 DA	6	42.8
Offenses Against Family and Children	1,003	127.8	9 HR	716	71.3
TOTAL OTHER OFFENSES	15,447 **	1,967.8 **	34 MIN **	4,775 **	30.9 **
GRAND TOTAL ..	46,693 ***	5,948.2 ***	11 MIN ***	12,575 ***	26.9 ***

* Indicates Totals.

Illustration 11b.
OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE
 STATE SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 1, 1978 THRU DECEMBER 31, 1978

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	Offenses			Number of Offenses	
	Reported Or Known By Police	Unfounded Offenses	Actual Offenses	Cleared By Arrest	Cleared By Arrest Under 18
Criminal Homicide	53 *	2 *	51 *	41 *	3 *
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	39	2	37	31	2
† Manslaughter By Negligence	14	0	14	10	1
Forcible Rape	171 *	25 *	146 *	85 *	13 *
Rape By Force	131	18	113	68	9
Attempts To Commit Forcible Rape	40	7	33	17	4
Robbery	281 *	22 *	259 *	78 *	20 *
Firearm	145	7	138	43	10
Knife Or Cutting Instrument	31	0	31	15	3
Other Dangerous Weapon	27	5	22	9	3
Strong Arm - Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.	78	10	68	11	4
Assault	2,880 *	129 *	2,751 *	1,639 *	195 *
Firearm	253	19	234	167	17
Knife Or Cutting Instrument	206	10	196	119	14
Other Dangerous Weapon	144	4	140	83	10
Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc. -- Aggravated Injury	980	31	949	477	60
† Other Assaults - Simple - Not Aggravated	1,297	65	1,232	793	94
TOTAL OFFENSES AGAINST PERSONS	3,385 **	178 **	3,207 **	1,843 **	231 **
Burglary	6,556 *	286 *	6,270 *	1,236 *	537 *
Forcible Entry	4,199	146	4,053	899	404
Unlawful Entry - No Force	1,806	94	1,712	277	108
Attempted Forcible Entry	551	46	505	60	25
Larceny/Theft	21,074 *	511 *	20,563 *	4,551 *	1,857 *
Motor Vehicle Theft	2,792 *	340 *	2,452 *	973 *	291 *
Autos	1,699	249	1,450	602	193
Trucks and Buses	674	60	614	245	68
Other Vehicles	419	31	388	126	30
TOTAL OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY	30,422 **	1,137 **	29,285 **	6,760 **	2,685 **
TOTAL OFFENSES AGAINST PERSONS & PROPERTY	33,807 ***	1,315 ***	32,492 ***	8,603 ***	2,916 ***

†Not included in the UCR 7 major offenses. * Indicates totals.

Illustration 11b. (Con't.)
OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE
 STATE SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 1, 1978 THRU DECEMBER 31, 1978

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	Offenses		Actual Offenses	Number of Offenses	
	Reported Or Known By Police	Unfounded Offenses		Cleared By Arrest	Cleared By Arrest Under 18
Arson	147 *	11 *	136 *	44 *	20 *
Forgery and Counterfeiting	503 *	12 *	491 *	215 *	50 *
Fraud	1,355 *	19 *	1,336 *	542 *	35 *
Embezzlement	11 *	1 *	10 *	3 *	0 *
Stolen Property: Buying, Receiving, Possessing	195 *	4 *	191 *	91 *	23 *
Vandalism	9,603 *	161 *	9,442 *	1,250 *	597 *
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, Etc.	411 *	30 *	381 *	209 *	25 *
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	12 *	0 *	12 *	7 *	0 *
Sex Offenses	313 *	10 *	303 *	145 *	20 *
Narcotic Drug Laws	927 *	45 *	882 *	744 *	204 *
Opiates	17	0	17	16	1
Marijuana	705	29	676	571	181
Dangerous Drugs	154	10	144	127	12
Other	51	6	45	30	10
Gambling	15 *	1 *	14 *	6 *	1 *
Offenses Against Family and Children	1,130 *	127 *	1,003 *	716 *	169 *
TOTAL OTHER OFFENSES	14,622 ***	421 ***	14,201 ***	3,972 ***	1,144 ***
GRAND TOTAL	48,429 ****	1,736 ****	46,693 ****	12,575 ****	4,060 ****

*Indicates totals.

OFFENSE SUMMARY

- * For the third year in a row, the index for seven major crimes has decreased. Offenses against property decreased by 2.4 percent while offenses against persons increased by 2.7 percent.
- * Crimes against property accounted for 93.7 percent of all reported offenses.
- * Crimes against persons accounted for 5.9 percent of all reported offenses.
- * An index crime occurs every 17 minutes with a property crime occurring every 18 minutes. Violent crime occurs every 4 hours.
- * From 1970 through 1978, the number of crimes increased 55.8 percent while the estimated population increased only 13.1 percent.
- * Crime rates relate the incidence of crime to population. The crime rate can be considered a victim risk rate because it demonstrates the risk of becoming a crime victim. Thus, of every 100 Montanans, 4 were victims of an index crime and 5.9 were victims of an index crime and serious crime combined.
- * Of the 31,246 major offenses known, only one of every four was cleared, either by arrest or exceptional means.

CRIME PROJECTION

STATISTICAL METHOD

It is estimated that Montana's population will reach 816,000 by 1980, a 17.5 percent increase over 1970. However, there appears to be little correlation between population growth and crime. The crime rate is increasing much faster than population, as illustrated by the graph on page 9.

Two methods are used in developing the crime projection. The first, a straight-line method, uses the average yearly increase of 7.1 percent for the eight-year period from 1970 to 1978. This increment, accumulated each year, indicates actual crimes will reach 39,189 in 1980. This figure divided by the 1980 population estimate indicates a crime rate of 4,802.6 per 100,000.

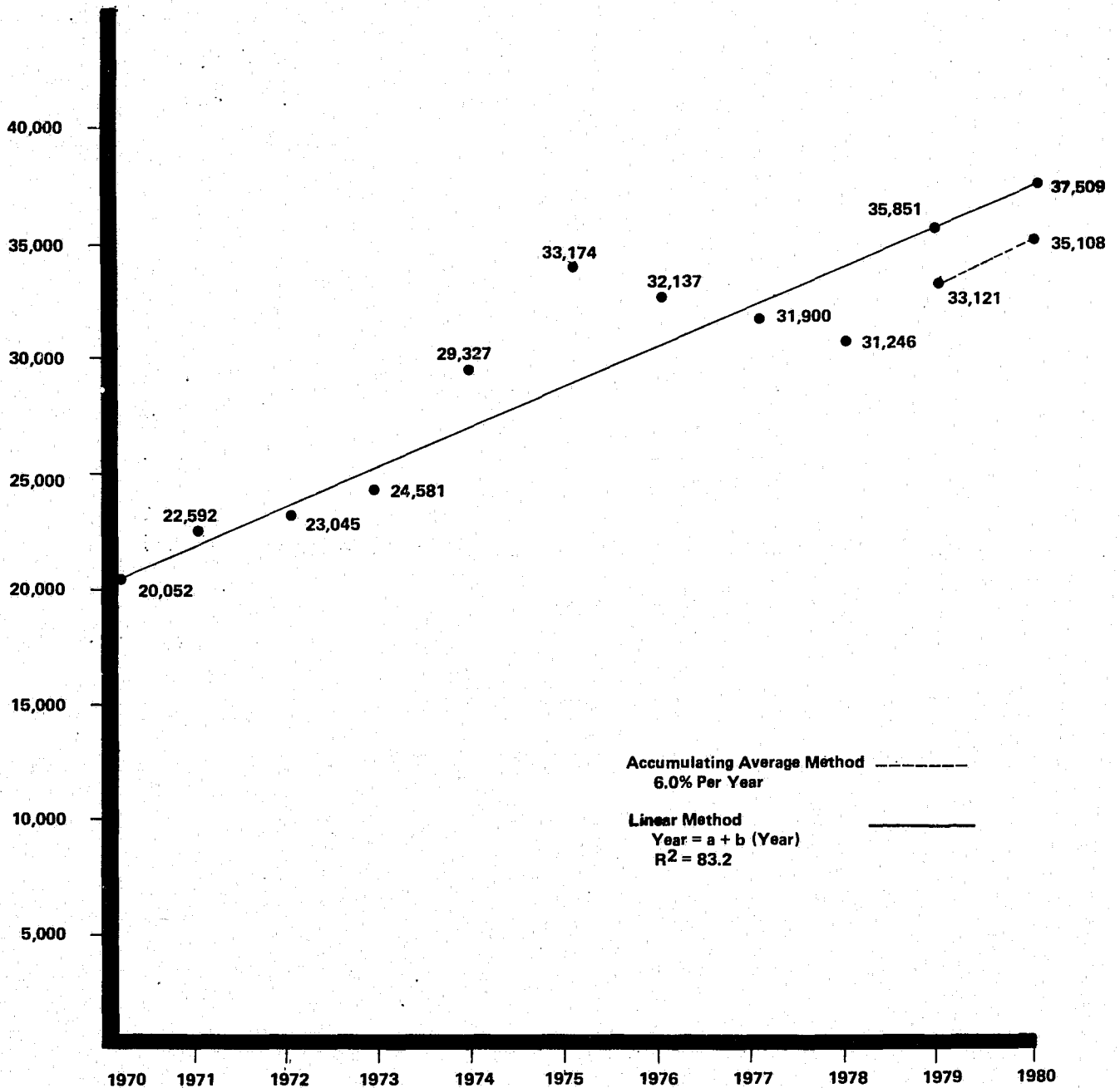
The second projection method, linear least squares regression, plots on a graph the number of actual crimes for the eight-year period. Using the regression formula, $y = a + bx$, a line is then projected to 1980. By this method, the number of crimes is projected to be 39,930 in 1980, with a crime rate of 4,893.4 per 100,000.

A summary of the two projection methods is shown as follows:

	Actual Crimes in 1980	Crime Rate Per 100,000 in 1980
1. Accumulating Average Method	39,189	4,802.6
2. Linear Regression Method	39,930	4,893.4

It is important to remember that the projections are not point estimates but rather trend estimates. Thus, it is predictable that Montana can anticipate a 1980 crime rate between 4,803 and 4,893 if present trends continue.

Illustration 12.
MONTANA PROJECTED ACTUAL CRIMES
1970 - 1980



ARRESTS

STATISTICAL METHOD

The arrests made by each law enforcement agency are recorded on arrest registers and forwarded monthly to the Criminal Justice Data Center. An individual may be arrested several times over the course of a year for similar or different violations. Each separate arrest is counted. Therefore, the arrest data cannot be used as measure of the number of individuals processed by law enforcement or by component agencies such as courts or jails. Furthermore, in the event an individual is arrested for several offenses, under the hierarchy rule, only the most serious charge is scored. Conversely, if two or more persons are arrested for the same offense, each arrest is counted. Consequently, there is no relationship between offenses reported and arrests reported. The former refers to events, that may involve more than one person; the latter refers to the arrest process that may involve more than one offense.

Arrest practices, policies and enforcement procedures vary among departments. The value of police arrests for certain victimless crimes are particularly influenced by such variables. Arrests for serious crime follow a more stable pattern.

Within the limitations of the data, the arrest information can be used as an indication of law enforcement activity and workload, but is more useful in defining the characteristics of the risk populations: that is, those individuals most likely to be arrested for particular offenses. Arrest data combined with population characteristics can also be used to project future arrest and offense trends.

Arrests and offenses can be located by geographic area. Arrests, however, can be further located within specific population categories. The following analysis describes age, race and sex of offenders and month, day and time of arrest and type of offense.

FELONY ARRESTS

Felony crimes are those punishable by more than a one-year prison sentence. The number of arrests for felony, or serious crime, decreased in 1978.

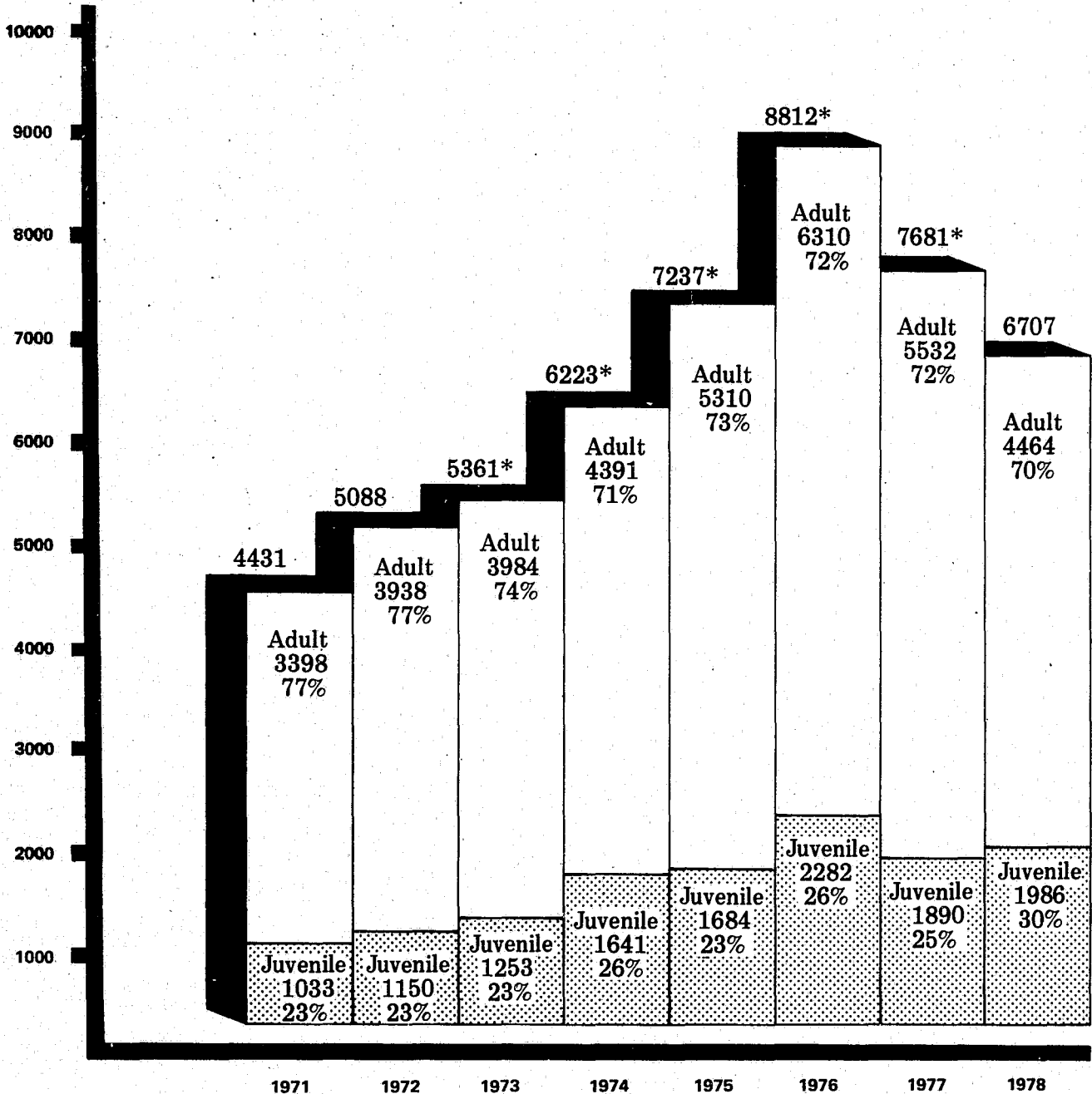
The bar graph on the following page shows the total number of arrests in each year from 1971 to 1978. It also shows the proportion of adults and juveniles arrested.

Although the number of arrests has decreased this year, the proportion of adult to juvenile offenders has remained fairly constant at 23-30 percent.

EIGHT-YEAR FELONY ARREST PROFILE

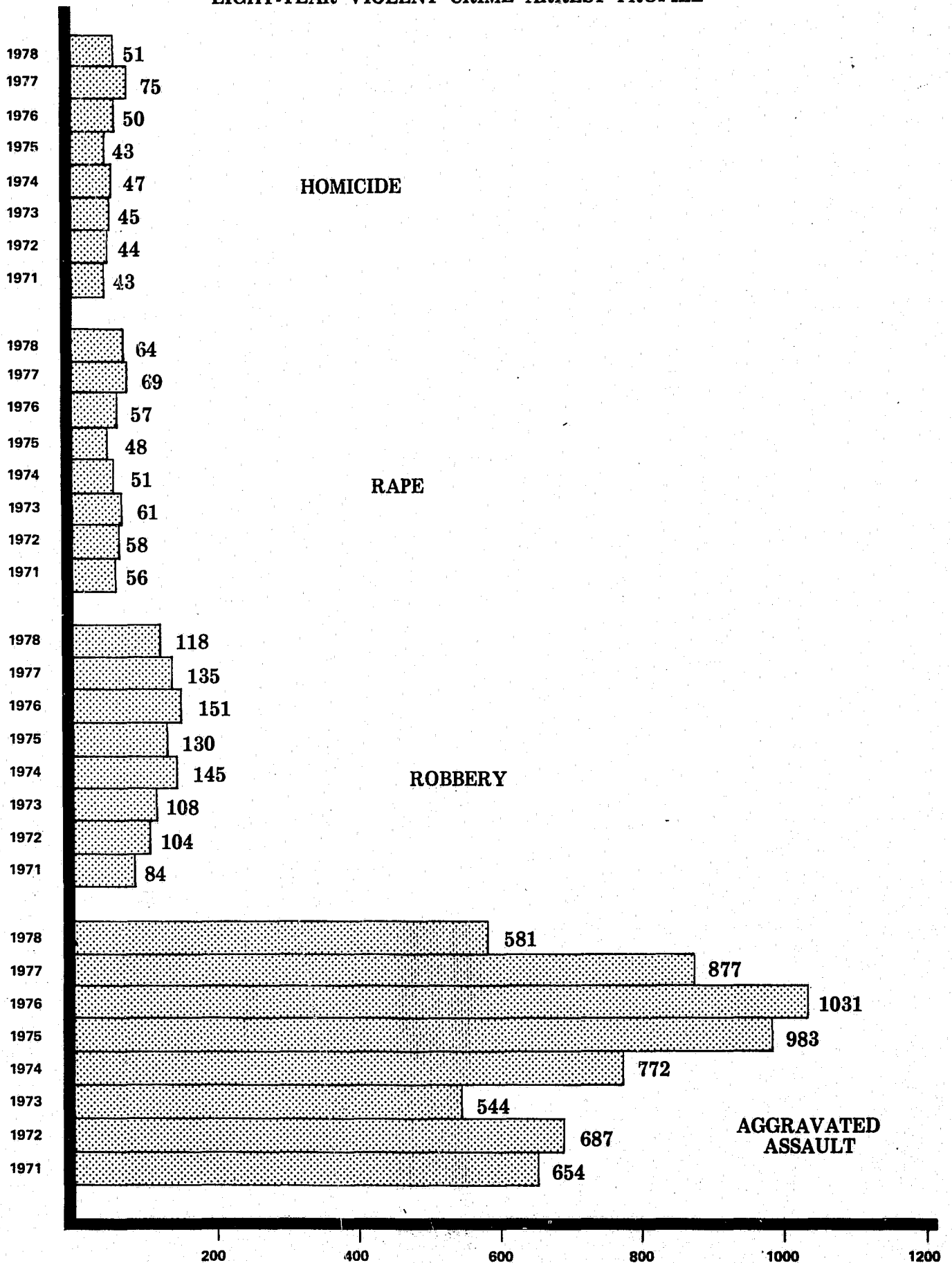
Arrest categories for violent crimes show decreases in homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault. The largest change was recorded in aggravated assaults, for which about 300 fewer arrests were made.

**Illustration 13.
FELONY ARRESTS**



*Unknown Age = 3% - 1973, 3% - 1974, 4% - 1975, 2% - 1976, 3% - 1977.

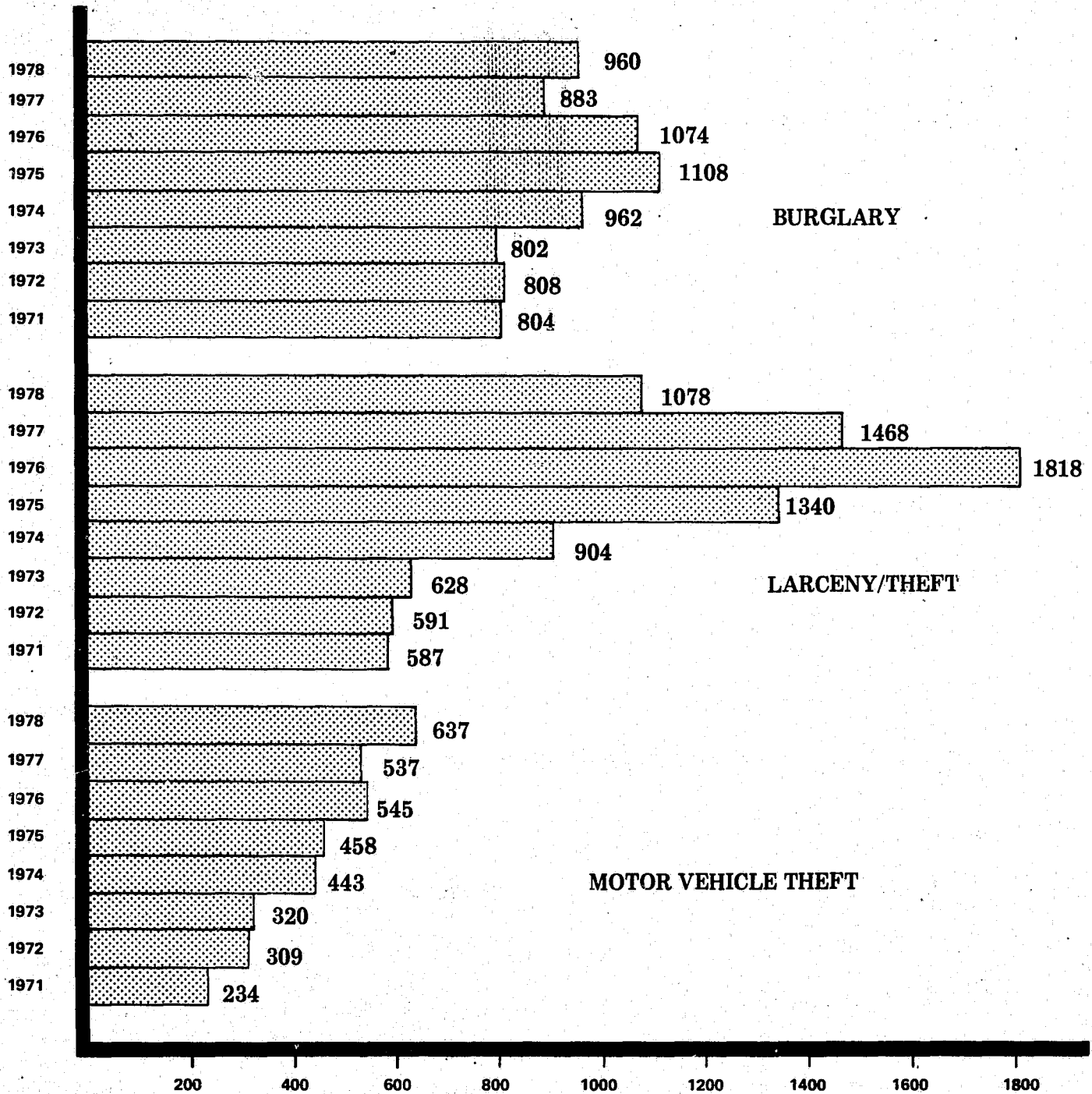
Illustration 14.
EIGHT-YEAR VIOLENT CRIME ARREST PROFILE



EIGHT-YEAR PROPERTY ARRESTS

The arrest trend for property crimes shows increases in burglary and motor vehicle theft while larceny/theft accounted for about 400 fewer arrests.

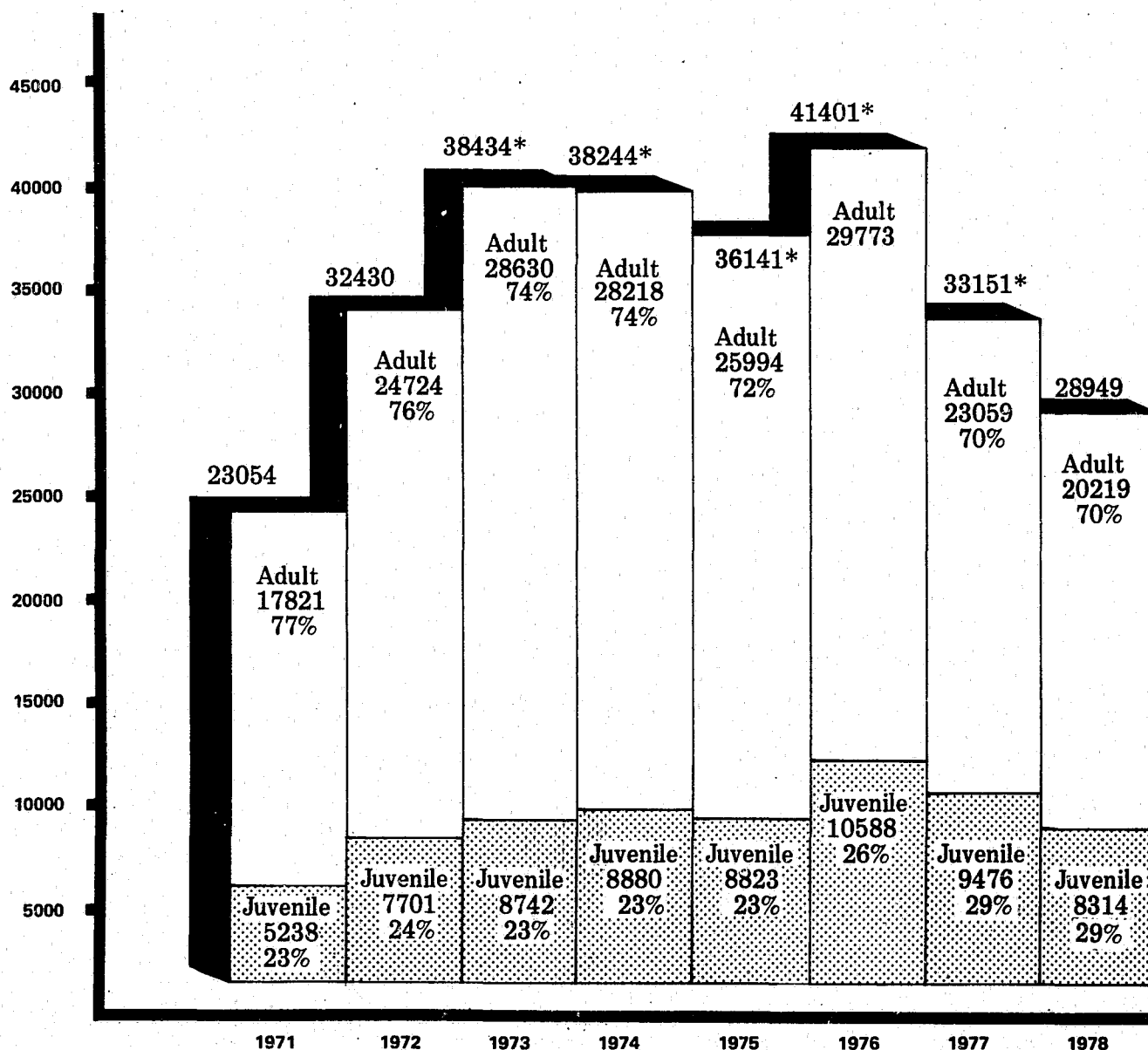
**Illustration 15.
EIGHT-YEAR PROPERTY CRIME ARREST PROFILE**



MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS

A misdemeanor is a crime punishable by a fine or less than a one-year prison term. The eight-year totals for misdemeanor arrests are shown in the bar graph below. The 28,949 arrests recorded in 1978 represent another decrease over the record year of 1976. The decrease was due to a reduction of arrests in all misdemeanor categories — particularly in the alcohol-related, juvenile delinquency and other misdemeanor categories.

Illustration 16.
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS



*Unknown Age = 3% - 1973, 3% - 1974, 5% - 1975, 3% - 1976, 2% - 1977, 1% - 1978.

MISDEMEANOR ARREST PROFILE

Misdemeanor arrests for alcohol and alcohol-related offenses have been following a decrease since the peak year of 1973. This is due to the new Montana statute in 1974 which decriminalized public drunkenness.

The significant decreases in alcohol-related, unspecified misdemeanors and juvenile delinquency are followed by increases in arrests for minor theft, victimless crimes and disorderly conduct.

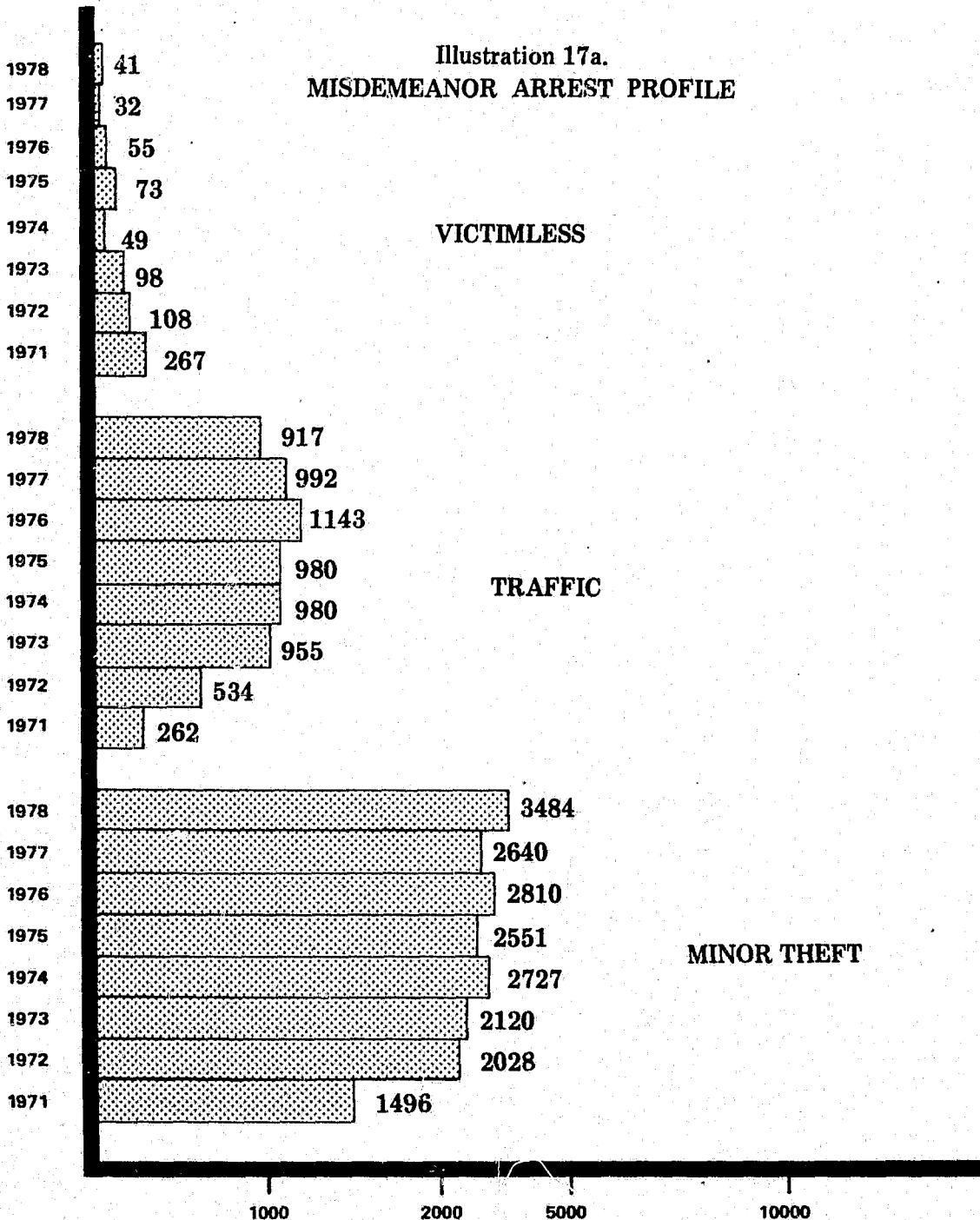
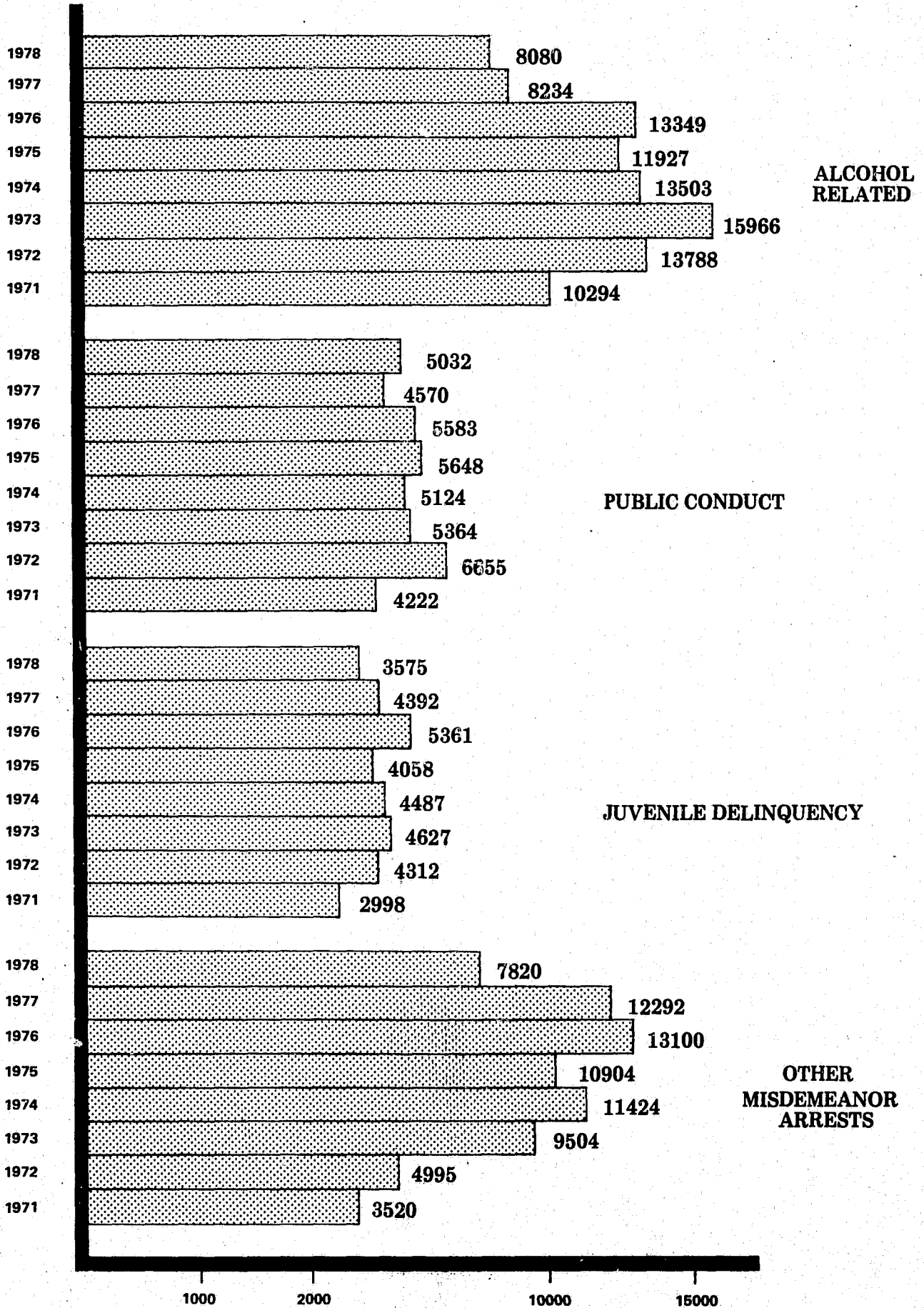


Illustration 17b.
MISDEMEANOR ARREST PROFILE



ARRESTS BY RACE OF OFFENDER

As in previous years, the racial profile of arrested offenders remained fairly stable. In 1978, 82 percent of those arrested for felony offenses were White and 15 percent were Native American. In previous years, the percentages have ranged within five percentage points for each of the two races, which comprise the state's racial majority.

The misdemeanor arrest pattern is similar although the percentage breakdown is different. In 1978, a 3 percent change is noted over 1977 in the percentages of Whites and Native Americans — Whites decreased 3 percent while Native Americans increased 3 percent.

Illustration 19.
ARRESTS BY RACE

Type of Arrest	Total	White	Negro	Native American	Other
FELONY ARRESTS					
Against Persons	814	603	6	189	16
Against Property	2,675	2,200	23	395	57
Other Felonies	3,218	2,664	27	413	114
TOTAL FELONY ARRESTS	6,707	5,467	56	997	187
Percent of Total		82	.01	15	
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS					
Misdemeanors	25,374	16,447	133	8,410	384
Delinquent Tendencies	3,575	2,715	14	760	86
TOTAL MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	28,949	19,162	147	9,120	470
Percent of Total		66	.01	32	

ARRESTS BY SEX OF OFFENDER

The percentage of male and female offenders arrested has varied less than two percent in each of the eight years of data collection. Women have been arrested for 10 to 14 percent of all felonies and 15 to 21 percent of all misdemeanors. Thus, women have accounted for approximately one in six felony arrests and one in five misdemeanor arrests over the years. In 1978, only a slight decrease was noted in the number of female offenders arrested.

Illustration 20.
ARRESTS BY SEX

Type of Arrest	Total	Male	Female
FELONY ARRESTS			
Against Persons	814	748	66
Against Property	2,675	2,396	279
Other Felonies	3,218	2,634	584
TOTAL FELONY ARRESTS	<u>6,707</u>	<u>5,778</u>	<u>929</u>
Percent of Total		86	14
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS			
Misdemeanors	25,374	20,849	4,525
Delinquent Tendencies	3,575	2,194	1,381
TOTAL MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	<u>28,949</u>	<u>23,043</u>	<u>5,906</u>
Percent of Total		80	20

ILLUSTRATION 21a.
STATEWIDE ADULT & JUVENILE FELONY ARRESTS BY OFFENSE & AGE
JANUARY 1, 1978 THRU DECEMBER 31, 1978

OFFENSE	JUVENILES				ADULTS								UNKNOWN	GRAND TOTAL
	Total	1-11	12-15	16-17	Total	18-19	20-25	26-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-Up		
Homicide.	1	0	0	1	50	4	17	8	6	9	5	1	0	51
Forcible Rape.	13	2	5	6	51	10	22	5	6	5	2	1	0	64
Robbery	28	1	11	16	90	27	33	22	7	0	1	0	0	118
Aggravated Assault.	79	0	31	48	497	78	144	75	116	58	18	8	5	581
Total Against Person . . .	121	3	47	71	688	119	216	110	135	72	26	10	5	814
Burglary	499	22	226	251	458	187	178	31	34	16	7	5	3	960
Grand Theft	303	5	123	175	772	222	271	79	128	44	23	5	3	1078
Auto Theft	354	2	191	161	280	96	98	25	36	16	9	0	3	637
Total Against Property . .	1156	29	540	587	1510	505	547	135	198	76	39	10	9	2675
Checks Cards Forgery	64	1	26	37	710	76	246	123	146	83	23	13	19	793
Sex.	9	0	5	4	54	5	16	8	9	4	7	5	0	63
Drugs	285	1	89	195	677	201	335	79	50	8	3	1	1	963
Weapons	11	0	4	7	108	20	26	15	33	13	1	0	0	119
Arson	27	14	6	7	27	4	12	2	5	0	3	1	0	54
Federal	5	0	0	5	130	47	52	15	11	4	1	0	5	140
All Others	308	42	117	149	760	147	311	101	109	62	25	5	18	1086
Total Other Felonies. . . .	709	58	247	404	2466	500	998	343	363	174	63	25	43	3218
GRAND TOTAL	1986	90	834	1062	4664	1124	1761	588	696	322	128	45	57	6707
Percent of Grand Total . .	.30	.05	.42	.53	.70	.24	.38	.13	.15	.07	.03	.01	.01	

ILLUSTRATION 21b.
STATEWIDE ADULT & JUVENILE FELONY ARRESTS BY OFFENSE, RACE & SEX
 JANUARY 1, 1978 THRU DECEMBER 31, 1978

OFFENSE	Total	RACE					Other	Total	SEX	
		White	Negro	Mexican	Indian	Male			Female	
Homicide	51	39	0	1	11	0	51	45	6	
Forcible Rape	64	46	1	1	14	2	64	64	0	
Robbery	118	99	0	1	18	0	118	108	10	
Aggravated Assault . . .	581	419	5	10	146	1	581	531	50	
Total Against Person	814	603	6	13	189	3	814	748	66	
Burglary	960	789	8	18	145	0	960	895	65	
Grand Theft	1078	894	9	24	146	5	1078	954	124	
Auto Theft	637	517	6	10	104	0	637	547	90	
Total Against Property	2675	2200	23	52	395	5	2675	2396	279	
Checks Cards Forgery -	793	713	7	10	62	1	793	507	286	
Sex	63	52	0	0	11	0	63	57	6	
Drugs	963	849	8	10	90	6	963	830	133	
Weapons	119	84	1	12	22	0	119	113	6	
Arson	54	47	2	1	4	0	54	47	7	
Federal	140	76	0	52	12	0	140	139	1	
All Others	1086	843	9	19	212	3	1086	941	145	
Total Other Felonies	3218	2664	27	104	413	10	3218	2634	584	
GRAND TOTAL	6707	5467	56	169	997	18	6707	5778	929	
Percent of Grand Total82	.01	.03	.15	.00		.86	.14	

Illustration 21c.
STATEWIDE ADULT & JUVENILE FELONY ARRESTS BY OFFENSE & MONTH
 JANUARY 1, 1978 THRU DECEMBER 31, 1978

OFFENSE	Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Homicide	51	0	9	7	5	3	8	5	4	0	1	8	1
Forcible Rape	64	8	5	1	9	6	5	4	8	9	3	2	4
Robbery	118	8	4	15	10	17	13	7	5	1	11	13	14
Aggravated Assault	581	41	54	42	46	58	66	55	65	41	42	38	33
Total Against Person	814	57	72	65	70	84	92	71	82	51	57	61	52
Burglary	960	107	68	87	68	98	82	68	79	88	85	63	67
Grand Theft	1078	87	71	105	137	104	117	84	82	75	69	71	76
Auto Theft	637	41	57	46	78	54	50	58	55	79	45	43	31
Total Against Property	2675	235	196	238	283	256	249	210	216	242	199	177	174
Checks Cards Forgery ...	793	56	81	100	62	69	53	54	85	60	59	48	66
Sex	63	6	5	6	8	10	6	5	4	5	1	4	3
Drugs	963	89	92	113	101	94	76	85	76	83	54	49	51
Weapons	119	14	8	12	22	11	7	10	6	3	6	13	7
Arson	54	4	1	3	10	1	5	6	5	5	6	6	2
Federal	140	17	7	21	4	6	19	19	24	4	6	9	4
All Others	1086	97	113	119	99	114	91	93	87	77	82	59	55
Total Other Felonies	3218	283	207	374	306	305	257	272	287	237	214	188	188
GRAND TOTAL	6707	575	575	677	659	645	598	553	585	530	470	426	414
Percent of Grand Total09	.09	.10	.10	.10	.09	.08	.09	.08	.07	.06	.06

Illustration 21d.
STATEWIDE ADULT & JUVENILE FELONY ARRESTS BY OFFENSE, DAY & TIME OF CRIME
 JANUARY 1, 1978 THRU DECEMBER 31, 1978

Offense	Total	DAY							HOUR						UNKNOWN
		Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thru.	Fri.	Sat.	0-4AM	4-8AM	8-12AM	12-4PM	4-8PM	8-12PM	
Homicide	51	3	2	4	5	3	4	5	6	0	1	1	4	2	25
Forcible Rape	64	4	2	4	6	9	8	10	4	2	2	2	4	4	21
Robbery	118	3	19	4	17	28	6	7	12	1	2	2	6	16	34
Aggravated Assault	581	63	35	49	38	30	51	69	63	17	8	24	35	49	246
Total Against Person	814	73	58	61	66	70	69	91	85	20	13	29	49	71	326
Burglary	960	70	102	84	108	107	105	74	97	24	21	31	38	62	310
Grand Theft	1078	85	95	95	113	93	103	99	94	25	51	55	52	82	395
Auto Theft	637	38	63	68	61	65	55	59	66	15	22	30	35	40	228
Total Against Property	2675	193	260	247	282	265	263	232	257	64	94	116	125	184	933
Checks Cards Forgery	793	31	60	42	50	54	48	25	0	1	17	52	26	10	483
Sex	63	4	4	7	3	2	0	4	1	1	2	1	1	2	39
Drugs	963	88	68	103	92	120	131	100	107	11	61	56	87	161	261
Weapons	119	15	7	13	13	10	15	16	30	1	8	2	10	17	30
Arson	54	0	10	4	5	4	6	4	1	1	7	1	5	5	21
Federal	140	4	6	7	11	8	5	4	3	2	1	10	9	7	95
All Others	1086	77	65	70	60	91	73	94	62	21	44	49	70	74	556
Total Other Felonies	3218	219	220	246	234	289	278	247	204	38	140	171	208	276	1485
-GRAND TOTAL	6707	485	538	554	582	624	610	570	546	122	247	316	382	531	2744
Percent of Grand Total07	.08	.08	.09	.09	.09	.08	.08	.02	.04	.05	.06	.08	.41

Illustration 22a.
STATEWIDE ADULT & JUVENILE MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS BY OFFENSE & AGE
 JANUARY 1, 1978 THRU DECEMBER 31, 1978

OFFENSE	JUVENILES				ADULTS								UNKNOWN	GRAND TOTAL
	Total	1-11	12-15	16-17	Total	18-19	20-25	26-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-Up		
Assault	142	3	82	57	606	85	179	82	153	73	22	12	24	772
Riotous Conduct . .	352	14	109	229	2496	384	734	308	448	325	181	116	61	2909
Distrubing the Peace	133	6	43	84	1050	197	303	166	209	126	34	15	12	1195
Weapons	32	5	21	6	38	6	13	3	10	5	1	0	0	70
Theft	1871	250	957	664	1597	434	515	146	247	121	68	66	16	3484
Drunk	144	2	71	71	2724	187	497	269	590	624	357	200	45	2913
Drunk Driving	90	1	13	76	2901	298	726	332	623	455	318	149	12	3003
Possession of Alcohol	1212	8	338	866	939	264	332	101	141	65	25	11	13	2164
Cruelty to Animals .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trespassing	175	14	76	85	342	83	116	36	50	30	18	9	8	525
Vagrancy	1	0	0	1	25	0	1	1	8	7	6	2	0	26
Prostitution	1	0	0	1	9	0	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	10
Indecent Exposure .	8	0	3	5	78	15	31	12	6	5	6	3	0	86
Gambling	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	5
Traffic-Hit & Run . .	38	0	6	32	141	26	49	22	24	15	2	3	4	183
Traffic-Reckless . . .	100	0	24	76	623	187	258	60	73	27	13	5	11	734
Warrant Arrest	66	2	6	58	935	221	348	124	135	73	26	8	12	1013
Other Misdemeanors	787	62	240	485	5302	1149	1884	671	875	391	201	131	193	6282
Sub-Total Misdemeanors .	5152	367	1989	2796	19811	3536	5992	2336	3592	2342	1282	731	411	25374
Immoral Conduct . .	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Truant	65	9	53	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	67
Curfew	825	9	306	510	21	12	3	1	3	1	0	1	1	847
Incorrigible	160	4	70	86	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	161
Runaway-Local . . .	853	18	534	301	6	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	859
Runaway-Out-of-State	420	3	217	200	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	425
Other Delinquency .	837	44	373	420	375	87	150	43	68	16	7	4	2	1214
Total Delinquent Tendencies	3162	87	1555	1520	408	105	153	45	74	18	7	6	5	3575
GRAND TOTAL	8314	454	3544	4316	20219	3641	6145	2381	3666	2360	1289	737	416	20949
Percent of Grand Total . .	.29	.05	.43	.52	.70	.18	.30	.12	.18	.12	.06	.04	.01	

Illustration 22b.
STATEWIDE ADULT & JUVENILE MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS BY OFFENSE, RACE & SEX
 JANUARY 1, 1978 THRU DECEMBER 31, 1978

OFFENSE	RACE						SEX		
	Total	White	Negro	Mexican	Indian	Other	Total	Male	Female
Assault	772	484	12	19	257	0	772	677	95
Riotous Conduct	2909	1406	14	23	1463	3	2909	2527	382
Disturbing the Peace	1195	791	23	64	317	0	1195	1011	184
Weapons	70	60	3	1	6	0	70	63	7
Theft	3484	2824	23	71	557	9	3484	2333	1151
Drunk	2913	79	0	1	2833	0	2913	2393	520
Drunk Driving	3003	2324	7	61	606	5	3003	2701	302
Possession of Alcohol	2164	1648	5	9	501	1	2164	1654	510
Cruelty to Animals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trespassing	525	384	7	8	126	0	525	485	40
Vagrancy	26	4	0	0	22	0	26	25	1
Prostitution	10	6	1	0	2	1	10	1	9
Indecent Exposure	86	66	0	1	19	0	86	84	2
Gambling	5	5	0	0	0	0	5	4	1
Traffic - Hit & Run	183	131	2	11	38	1	183	158	25
Traffic - Reckless	734	509	6	11	207	1	734	679	55
Warrant Arrest	1013	831	8	16	158	0	1013	870	143
Other Misdemeanors	6282	4895	22	49	1298	18	6282	5184	1098
Sub-Total Misdemeanors	25374	16447	133	345	8410	39	25374	20849	4525
Immoral Conduct	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
Truant	67	44	0	0	23	0	67	45	22
Curfew	847	610	7	14	213	3	847	589	258
Incorrigible	161	151	0	4	6	0	161	112	49
Runaway - Local	859	699	3	8	147	2	859	297	562
Runaway - Out-of-State	425	371	2	8	44	0	425	201	224
Other Delinquency	1214	838	2	47	327	0	1214	949	265
Total Delinquent Tendencies	3575	2715	14	81	760	5	3575	2194	1381
GRAND TOTAL	28949	19162	147	426	9170	44	28949	23043	5906
Percent of Grand Total66	.01	.01	.32	.00		.80	.20

Illustration 22c.
STATEWIDE ADULT & JUVENILE MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS BY OFFENSE & MONTH
 JANUARY 1, 1978 THRU DECEMBER 31, 1978

Offense	Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Assault	772	72	56	76	77	78	60	64	61	44	63	58	63
Riotous Conduct	2909	178	196	235	252	257	258	327	258	251	256	200	241
Disturbing the Peace	1195	144	100	155	145	122	129	83	90	66	57	33	71
Weapons	70	16	6	2	6	9	11	6	1	2	4	5	2
Theft	3484	234	257	349	358	373	303	214	289	236	285	247	339
Drunk	2913	387	320	456	374	328	282	281	83	65	109	74	154
Drunk Driving	3003	198	224	340	336	273	242	282	241	233	266	181	187
Possession of Alcohol	2164	94	120	279	287	231	248	175	177	177	156	119	101
Cruelty to Animals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trespassing	525	30	56	44	51	60	56	37	43	43	35	33	37
Vagrancy	26	4	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	17
Prostitution	10	1	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Indecent Exposure	86	5	3	4	8	14	14	13	5	7	7	2	4
Gambling	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
Traffic - Hit & Run	183	20	21	9	22	19	20	12	10	9	17	10	14
Traffic - Reckless	734	40	24	57	86	80	88	82	78	82	61	24	32
Warrant Arrest	1013	107	75	86	65	119	143	79	65	79	73	63	59
Other Misdemeanors	6282	649	535	752	730	579	498	495	468	445	410	341	380
Sub-Total Misdemeanors	25374	2179	1993	2844	2803	2545	2353	2151	1871	1740	1801	1390	1704
Immoral Conduct	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Truant	67	13	8	14	11	4	1	0	0	11	4	1	0
Curfew	847	49	63	134	97	89	74	62	97	47	44	43	48
Incorrigible	161	24	12	16	20	18	6	18	22	5	4	14	2
Runaway - Local	859	90	87	90	111	79	89	64	38	82	66	35	28
Runaway - Out-of-State	425	37	38	23	83	55	31	26	37	33	36	19	7
Other Delinquency	1214	68	100	136	132	153	122	69	93	87	93	88	73
Total Delinquent Tendencies	3575	282	308	413	454	398	323	239	287	265	248	200	158
GRAND TOTAL	28949	2461	2301	3257	3257	2493	2676	2390	2158	2005	2045	1590	1862
Percent of Grand Total09	.08	.11	.11	.10	.09	.08	.07	.07	.07	.05	.06

Illustration 22d.
STATEWIDE ADULT & JUVENILE MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS BY OFFENSE, DAY & TIME OF CRIME
 JANUARY 1, 1978 THRU DECEMBER 31, 1978

Offense	Total	DAY							HOUR						UNKNOWN
		Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	0-4AM	4-8AM	8-12AM	12-4PM	4-8PM	8-12PM	
Assault	772	93	68	65	99	74	85	112	110	18	50	58	87	99	176
Riotous Conduct	2909	337	192	247	264	274	323	466	562	85	87	166	231	424	806
Disturbing the Peace	1195	221	104	150	147	123	153	233	445	51	41	72	187	296	64
Weapons	70	9	9	8	10	4	6	18	8	1	9	6	9	11	6
Theft	3484	340	395	421	352	448	432	538	220	48	226	658	519	352	558
Drunk	2913	257	227	258	256	277	304	381	370	144	146	242	312	337	953
Drunk Driving	3003	421	203	242	226	291	386	562	729	94	60	126	268	533	672
Possession of Alcohol	2164	306	113	111	106	158	492	554	602	52	57	83	95	715	324
Cruelty to Animals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trespassing	525	86	38	55	62	55	63	68	99	26	22	31	37	88	98
Vagrancy	26	2	0	3	4	0	9	4	15	1	0	0	1	4	4
Prostitution	10	0	2	0	2	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	1
Indecent Exposure	86	9	17	5	3	7	10	17	15	3	8	8	18	10	18
Gambling	5	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Traffic-Hit & Run	183	25	15	13	17	20	19	41	46	6	11	8	17	43	33
Traffic-Reckless	734	107	59	59	53	66	97	123	190	40	24	32	56	132	170
Warrant Arrest	1013	81	84	120	126	112	126	81	41	11	25	31	30	47	283
Other Misdemeanors	6282	622	506	576	535	619	728	847	811	201	412	566	654	848	1849
Sub-Total Misdemeanors	25374	2916	2032	2333	2264	2528	3238	4046	4263	781	1178	2089	2521	3947	6017
Immoral Conduct	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Truant	67	0	4	16	16	16	6	0	0	0	15	6	1	1	9
Curfew	847	159	90	64	64	75	82	154	398	43	0	7	2	46	159
Incorrigible	161	19	12	28	15	14	14	38	70	11	9	9	11	11	21
Runaway - Local	859	68	79	108	94	85	95	91	31	23	57	63	69	72	239
Runaway-Out-of-State	425	29	32	45	35	21	26	19	27	7	14	20	31	32	218
Other Delinquency	1214	157	118	91	117	113	143	152	144	64	46	62	88	219	323
Total Delinquent Tendencies	3575	432	335	352	341	324	366	454	670	148	145	167	202	381	971
GRAND TOTAL	28949	3348	2367	2685	2605	2852	3604	4500	4933	929	1323	2256	2723	4328	6988
Percent of Grand Total12	.08	.09	.09	.10	.12	.16	.17	.03	.05	.08	.09	.15	.24

MONTANA INDEX CRIMES BY CONTRIBUTOR

This section is a summary of offenses reported to each law enforcement agency. Several crime rates may appear to be extreme for some jurisdictions; however, this is because in communities with low populations, any fluctuation in the number of crimes creates a major impact on the crime rate.

The population estimates are provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the Bureau of Census. This estimate is the best available but may be somewhat tenuous as we near the 1980 census.

AGENCY	NO. OF MONTHS CONTRIBUTED	1978 POPULATION ESTIMATE	RATE PER 100,000	CRIME INDEX	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	BURGLARY	LARCENY THEFT	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	3,910	1,560.1	61				3	5	49	4
Dillon	12	5,290	3,686.2	195			1	8	20	160	6
TOTAL		9,200	2,782.6	256			1	11	25	209	10
BIG HORN COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	6,192	1,711.9	106		2	1	11	39	37	16
Crow Tribe	A	4,686	1,045.7	49		6		13	14	11	5
Hardin	**										
TOTAL		10,878	1,424.9	155		8	1	24	53	48	21
BLAINE COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	4,229	378.3	16				3		11	2
Ft. Belknap	A	1,623	1,910.0	31		2	1	11	5	10	2
Harlem	11	1,264		0							
TOTAL		7,116	660.5	47		2	1	14	5	21	4
BROADWATER COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	3,062	653.2	20				4	1	14	1
Townsend	**										
TOTAL		3,062	653.2	20				4	1	14	1
CARBON COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	6,167	1,572.9	97	1			5	37	45	9
Red Lodge	12	2,010	3,184.1	64	1	1		2	14	42	4
TOTAL		8,177	1,968.9	161	2	1		7	51	87	13
CARTER COUNTY											
Sheriff	0	1,257	0					DID NOT CONTRIBUTE			
Ekalaka	0	0	0								
TOTAL		1,257									
CASCADE COUNTY											
Sheriff	9	18,576	1,453.5	270	3		5	7	72	167	16
Great Falls	12	66,573	8,135.4	5,416	1	11	65	289	1,186	3,374	490
Cascade City	2	652	306.7	2					1	1	
TOTAL		85,801	6,625.3	5,688	4	11	70	296	1,259	3,542	506

** INDICATES AGENCY REPORTS COVERED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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CHOUTEAU COUNTY											
Sheriff	8	5,096	784.9	40				2	7	28	3
Fort Benton	12	1,795	2,395.5	43			1	7	17	13	5
TOTAL		6,891	1,204.5	83			1	9	24	41	8
CUSTER COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	3,262	1,900.7	62					13	47	2
Miles City	12	10,055	3,490.8	351			1	5	88	211	46
TOTAL		13,317	3,101.3	413			1	5	101	258	48
DANIELS COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	3,131	1,469.2	46					8	38	
TOTAL		3,131	1,469.2	46					8	38	
DAWSON COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	4,889	1,636.3	80					13	62	5
Glendive	12	6,700	2,925.4	196		3		4	27	142	20
TOTAL		11,589	2,381.6	276		3		4	40	204	25
DEER LODGE COUNTY											
Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Consolidation	11	15,000	593.3	89				14	23	48	4
TOTAL		15,000	593.3	89				14	23	48	4
FALLON COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	1,066	3,470.9	37				1	22	13	1
Baker	12	3,000	1,800.0	54				1	19	30	4
TOTAL		4,066	2,238.1	91				2	41	43	5
FERGUS COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	6,485	1,449.5	94		1		7	16	65	5
Lewistown	12	7,215	4,449.1	321		2	2	24	53	229	11
TOTAL		13,700	3,029.2	415		3	2	31	69	294	16

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FLATHEAD COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	27,486	3,929.3	1,080	1	16	4	35	329	593	102
Kalispell	12	16,776	5,674.8	952		3	5	33	203	655	53
Columbia Falls	12	3,316	4,825.1	160			2	7	19	120	12
Whitefish	10	4,181	4,042.1	169			2	10	25	125	7
TOTAL		51,759	4,561.5	2,361	1	19	13	85	576	1,493	174
GALLATIN COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	11,643	3,555.8	414		6	3	14	75	285	31
Bozeman	12	25,000	4,812.0	1,203		2	5	33	178	911	74
West Yellowstone	12	757	19,815.1	150		1	1	7	25	107	9
TOTAL		37,400	4,724.6	1,767		9	9	54	278	1,303	114
GARFIELD COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	1,796	55.7	1							1
TOTAL		1,796	55.7	1							1
GLACIER COUNTY											
Sheriff	6	1,014	3,155.8	32				5	14	7	6
Cut Bank	9	4,214	2,159.5	91			2		19	42	28
Blackfoot Tribe	A	5,272	569.0	30		1		5	16	6	2
TOTAL		10,500	1,457.1	153		1	2	10	49	55	36
GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY											
Sheriff	0	915		0							
TOTAL		915		0							
DID NOT CONTRIBUTE											
GRANITE COUNTY											
Sheriff	3	1,328	75.3	1				1			
Philipsburg	3	967	517.1	5				2	1	2	
Drummond	12	450	2,000.0	9			1	1	1	4	2
TOTAL		2,745	546.4	15			1	4	2	6	2
HILL COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	6,093	2,297.7	140				12	72	43	13
Havre	12	10,958	5,557.6	609		1	4	5	82	466	51
Rocky Boy	A	1,749	1,429.4	25		1		5	10	6	3
TOTAL		18,800	4,117.0	774		2	4	22	164	515	67

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JEFFERSON COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	6,251	991.8	62	2		1	11	19	20	9
Boulder	1	1,049	476.6	5				1	3		1
TOTAL		7,300	917.8	67	2		1	12	22	20	10
JUDITH BASIN COUNTY											
Sheriff	10	2,846	1,124.4	32				3	19	10	
TOTAL		2,846	1,124.4	32				3	19	10	
LAKE COUNTY											
Sheriff	7	11,938	1,784.2	213	2	2		6	80	110	13
Ronan	12	1,434	8,159.0	117				13	24	70	10
St. Ignatius	7	920	2,173.9	20	2	2			7	7	2
Flathead Tribe	A	3,600	4,638.9	167	1	2		30	64	43	27
TOTAL		17,892	2,889.6	517	5	6		49	175	230	52
LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	9,041	4,645.5	420	3	8	4	45	111	215	34
Helena	12	27,091	6,659.0	1,804	1	6	16	22	245	1,391	123
East Helena	6	1,868	910.1	17				2	2	12	1
TOTAL		38,000	5,897.4	2,241	4	14	20	69	358	1,618	158
LIBERTY COUNTY											
Sheriff	8	2,360	1,440.7	34					7	27	
TOTAL		2,360	1,440.7	34					7	27	
LINCOLN COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	14,692	3,975.0	584	1	4	2	22	100	376	79
Libby	11	3,442	8,338.2	287			1	2	52	227	5
Troy	11	1,006	3,578.5	36		1		1	12	19	3
Eureka	0	0	0	0							
TOTAL		19,140	4,738.8	907	1	5	3	25	164	622	87
MCCONE COUNTY											
Sheriff	3	1,803	388.2	7					5	2	
Circle	6	1,043	2,396.9	25				1	14	9	1
TOTAL		2,846	1,124.4	32				1	19	11	1

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MADISON COUNTY											
Sheriff	11	5,795	1,087.1	63				11	15	33	4
TOTAL		5,795	1,087.1	63				11	15	33	4
MEAGHER COUNTY											
Sheriff	6	2,100	666.7	14					2	12	
TOTAL		2,100	666.7	14					2	12	
MINERAL COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	3,456	5,902.8	204			1	8	38	147	10
TOTAL		3,456	5,902.8	204			1	8	38	147	10
MISSOULA COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	32,909	2,148.3	707		3	4	46	118	447	89
Missoula City	12	35,000	10,065.7	3,523	3	9	25	124	455	2,634	273
TOTAL		67,909	6,228.9	4,230	3	12	29	170	573	3,081	362
MUSSELSHELL COUNTY											
Sheriff	11	4,778	2,783.6	133				8	23	95	7
TOTAL		4,778	2,783.6	133				8	23	95	7
PARK COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	4,127	4,700.8	194		3		6	18	150	17
Livingston	12	8,217	4,089.1	336		1	4	2	36	255	38
TOTAL		12,344	4,293.6	530		4	4	8	54	405	55
PETROLEUM COUNTY											
Sheriff	0	712		0							
TOTAL		712		0				DID NOT CONTRIBUTE			
PHILLIPS COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	3,211	3,020.9	97	3			1	34	51	8
Malta	12	2,279	175.5	4						3	1
TOTAL		5,490	1,839.7	101	3			1	34	54	9
PONDERA COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	6,847	759.5	52			1	1	5	28	17
Valier	12	676	2,958.6	20				2	1	16	1
TOTAL		7,523	957.1	72			1	3	6	44	18

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POWDER RIVER COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	9	3,000 3,000	933.3 933.3	28 28			1 1		7 7	20 20	
POWELL COUNTY Deer Lodge-Powell County Consolidation TOTAL	12	7,523 7,523	3,469.4 3,469.4	261 261		1 1	2 2	20 20	51 51	175 175	12 12
PRAIRIE COUNTY Sheriff Terry TOTAL	6 2	932 898 1,830	858.4 0 437.2	8 0 8					7 7	1 1	
RAVALLI COUNTY Sheriff Hamilton Stevensville TOTAL	7 12 6	17,135 3,708 1,157 22,000	1,406.5 5,717.4 1,382.9 2,131.8	241 212 16 469			1 1	14 14 28	51 31 1 83	161 158 15 334	14 9 23
RICHLAND COUNTY Sheriff Sidney Fairview TOTAL	10 12 12	5,013 7,042 945 13,000	319.2 2,584.5 423.3 1,553.8	16 182 4 202		2 2		4 3 7	2 27 1 30	6 138 3 147	2 14 16
ROOSEVELT COUNTY Sheriff Poplar Fort Peck Tribe TOTAL	12 11 A	4,169 1,523 5,084 10,776	5,612.9 2,232.4 885.1 2,904.6	234 34 45 313	2 4	3 5	1 2	21 36	100 31 22 153	81 1 3 85	26 2 28
ROSEBUD COUNTY Sheriff Northern Cheyenne TOTAL	12 A	6,456 3,122 9,578	1,378.6 1,633.6 1,461.7	89 51 140	1 1	1 2 3		3 26 29	18 9 27	60 9 69	6 5 11

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SANDERS COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	9,318	1,717.1	160	1	5		10	39	96	9
Hot Springs	11	682	293.3	2				1	1		
Thompson Falls	**										
TOTAL		10,000	1,620.0	162	1	5		11	40	96	9
SHERIDAN COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	5,286	113.5	6					2		4
TOTAL		5,286	113.5	6					2		4
SILVER BOW COUNTY											
Butte-Silver Bow Consolidation	12	43,500	3,595.4	1,564	2	1	13	155	271	1,046	76
TOTAL		43,500	3,595.4	1,564	2	1	13	155	271	1,046	76
STILLWATER COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	5,388	1,132.1	61	1		1	1	14	38	6
TOTAL		5,388	1,132.1	61	1		1	1	14	38	6
SWEET GRASS COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	3,144	3,848.6	121		2		13	16	88	2
TOTAL		3,144	3,848.6	121		2		13	16	88	2
TETON COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	4,724	1,503.0	71			2	2	19	43	5
Choteau	9	1,600	2,250.0	36				3	6	25	2
TOTAL		6,324	1,692.0	107			2	5	25	68	7
TOOLE COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	5,591	1,448.8	81			1	6	23	31	20
TOTAL		5,591	1,448.8	81			1	6	23	31	20
TREASURE COUNTY											
Sheriff	11	1,322	680.8	9					4	5	
TOTAL		1,322	680.8	9					4	5	
VALLEY COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	5,927	1,535.3	91		1	1	1	20	58	10
Glasgow	12	6,882	2,949.7	203				11	20	160	12
TOTAL		12,809	2,295.3	294		1	1	12	40	218	22

** INDICATES AGENCY REPORTS COVERED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

AGENCY	NO. OF MONTHS CONTRIBUTED	1978 POPULATION ESTIMATE	RATE PER 100,000	CRIME INDEX	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	BURGLARY	LARCENY THEFT	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
WHEATLAND COUNTY											
Sheriff	8	2,440	1,598.4	39		2		8	8	20	1
TOTAL		2,440	1,598.4	39		2		8	8	20	1
WIBAUX COUNTY					DID NOT CONTRIBUTE						
Sheriff	0	1,525									
TOTAL		1,525									
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	24,391	4,362.3	1,064	3	3	7	90	191	697	73
Billings	12	70,256	5,736.2	4,030		21	61	126	935	2,588	299
Laurel	12	7,726	2,899.3	224			2	5	54	148	15
TOTAL		102,373	5,194.7	5,318	3	24	70	221	1,180	3,433	387
GLACIER NATIONAL PARK	A			75				3	11	61	
STATE TOTAL		785,000	3,980.4	31,246	37	146	259	1,519	6,270	20,563	2,452

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