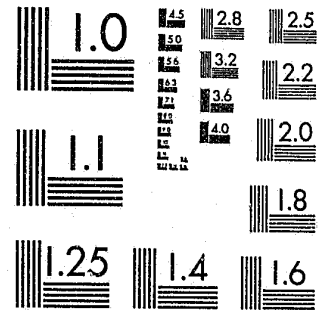


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RHODE ISLAND'S SUMMARY REPORT CONCERNING THIS VIOLENT CRIME, HIGHLIGHTING 1981-82 STATISTICAL DATA

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FOREWORD

The Governor's Justice Commission (GJC), in the Spring of this year, decided that a statistical report focusing exclusively on the crime of rape in Rhode Island was in order. This was sparked by the fact that Rhode Island experienced its fourth consecutive year of rape incident increase, and not as a result of sensational-type occurrences experienced in a nearby New England state.

The GJC was fortunate to receive data and assistance from the Rhode Island Rape Crisis Center, Inc. (commonly referred to in this report and elsewhere as RCC). Together, data from both agencies, we believe, will give the reader and the general public a broader understanding of particular details involving this violent crime. As the cover of this report states, the years 1981 and 1982 are highlighted; however, occasionally, reference is made to other years.

This report contains the following four sections:

- .Overview
- .Specific Information
- .Trend Graph, Map, National Comparison Chart, and
- .General Laws - Definitions of Sexual Assault

Although this report contains much data, it should be noted what the report does not contain. At this time, for a host of reasons, courts and profile data were not available. For example, the GJC would have liked to have included data that spoke to the amount of people that were convicted for sex related crimes in Rhode Island during 1981 and 1982. Also, a more detailed profile background of the rapist, than what appears in this report, would have been preferred. Again, in several cases, many attempts to obtain more information simply were not successful.

Rhode Island's General Laws define what constitutes sexual assault (rape) by first, second and third degree categories, plus their correlate penalties. When classifying the degree of sexual assault inflicted upon a victim, the Rape Crisis Center generally utilizes said General Laws' definitions as a guide. For conformity with Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) requirements, this state's city and town police departments, as well as others throughout the country, utilize (follow) this definition:

Rape (Forcible), as defined in the UCR Program, is the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Assaults or attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are also included; however, statutory rape (without force) and other sex offenses are not included in this category.

Many agencies, including the state's individual police departments, played a key role in supplying the Governor's Justice Commission with vital data and information. However, a most worthy role was filled by Ms. Marcia Blair of the Rape Crisis Center. She was instrumental in informing the GJC just what the magnitude of rape is in Rhode Island, and the general processes involved in handling rape cases and related administrative procedures. Ms. Blair also assisted the GJC in the interpretation of RCC's annual statistical report. Dennis Tierney of the GJC's Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) also provided much professional assistance in the compiling of this report.

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OVERVIEW OF RAPE IN RHODE ISLAND



THE VICTIM.....

Is generally young, according to Rape Crisis Center (RCC) reports. The reports revealed that in 1981 and 1982, 46% and 59% respectively, were victims whose age ranged from under 13 to 18. An average of only 7% of the victims were above 35 years of age. Eighty one percent (81%) of the victims were white, both years. The report noted, however, that older women are somewhat reluctant to report rape, while younger women are generally not. (VICTIM)

THE RAPIST.....

The rape offender, according to arrest information, was 22 years of age and older, 63% of the time in both 1981 and 1982. For two consecutive years, over 50% of the rapists were reported to be white, and close to 35% to be black. (RAPIST)

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THE SETTING OF THE CRIME.....

According to Rape Crisis Center reports, close to 50% of sexual assaults took place at either the victim's or rapist's home or a residence shared by the victim and rapist.

(SETTING)

OUTDOOR AREAS OF CONCERN.....

According to a Governor's Justice Commission (GJC) analysis of RCC's location(s) of sexual assaults report (for 1982 only), approximately 20 incidents of rape were reported in areas close to a body of water (beach, marina, pond), parking lots, and outdoor/indoor-type garages. Other outdoor areas listed as experiencing recurring sexual assault activity were: playgrounds, grounds at housing projects, alleys, streets, parks and areas near retail establishments, such as cafes, restaurants and malls.

(OUTDOORS)

FAMILIARITY BETWEEN VICTIM AND RAPIST.....

In close to 50% of the rapes reported during 1981 and 1982, the victim and the rapist knew each other either well or slightly. Additionally, about 17% of the rapes were reported to be committed by a relative. No prior knowledge of each other was reported in 35% of the cases each year.

(FAMILIARITY)

THE DAYS RAPE MOST COMMONLY OCCURRED.....

In a survey completed by the GJC, Saturdays (21%) and Fridays (18%) were the most common days that rape occurred. Sunday was the third most active day, meaning that week ends were particularly vulnerable periods for committing this crime.

(DAY)

THE TIMES OF DAY RAPE MOST COMMONLY OCCURRED.....

The survey revealed that the hours of 12:01 a.m. - 3:00 a.m. were the most (21%) common hours in which rape occurred. This was closely followed by the hours of 3:01 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. which showed a 20% rape occurrence.

(TIME)

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THE MONTHS RAPE MOST COMMONLY OCCURRED.....

For the two years examined by the GJC, June and July had the highest amounts of rapes reported, 47 and 43 respectively. Conversely, December with 17 rapes reported was the lowest. However, an RCC report stated that November was their most active month during 1981 and 1982.

(MONTH)

THE AMOUNT OF RAPES REPORTED.....

The amount of rapes reported to various police departments throughout the state and The Rape Crisis Center (RCC) varied widely for both years. For example, in 1982 the GJC's tabulations show that 185 rapes were reported, while RCC's records reveal 417, a 125% difference. In 1981, RCC recorded 363 rapes, the GJC 167, a 117% difference. It may be concluded that although more rapes are being reported to police authorities throughout Rhode Island, many more go unreported suggesting that many women still prefer anonymity and simply "do not want to get involved" in any system whatsoever.

(AMOUNTS)

THE TREND OF RAPE IN RHODE ISLAND.....

Both the records of the Governor's Justice Commission (GJC) and the Rape Crisis Center (RCC) clearly indicate a rising trend of rape activity in Rhode Island. The GJC's statistics for the past four years are as follows:

(TRENDS)

1979	-	129	rapes	reported
1980	-	159	"	"
1981	-	167	"	"
1982	-	185	"	"

RCC's records available for a three year period indicate the following:

1980	-	275	rapes	reported
1981	-	363	"	"
1982	-	417	"	"

While the rising rape trend is of great concern, two points should be noted. With the establishment of special programs for sexual assault (rape) victims in Rhode Island and elsewhere, it is logical that more victims, clearly not all, are seeking help and are thus being classified as "reported". In the past, with little or no place to turn for help it is no wonder that this crime was underreported.

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Finally, with the expansion of human rights practices the emphasis today is to "tell it like it is", that is, less significance is placed on the stigma of rape and more is placed on seeking justice.

HOW RHODE ISLAND COMPARES WITH OTHER STATES.....

Rhode Island's amount of rape and its rates were compared with seven various states. New England, heavily populated northeast states, and Idaho (because of its comparable population) were the states chosen to compare with. It was found that between 1981 and 1982, Rhode Island had the highest amount of rape incident increase, i.e., eighteen (18) more incidents were reported. Most states examined in the comparison study had decreases. The state with the next highest increase was Connecticut, which had an increase of 9 rape incidents. When all seven states were compared for the rape rates per 100,000 population for the two year period examined, Rhode Island's average fell somewhere in the middle of the scale. The average rates per 100,000 population were, in descending order, as follows: New Jersey 31; New York 30; Massachusetts 25; Connecticut 21; Rhode Island 19; Idaho 19; New Hampshire 16; and Maine 13. (COMPARISONS)

THE CITIES THAT REPORTED THE MOST RAPE INCIDENTS.....

Both GJC and RCC records reveal that the State's most populated city, Providence, for two consecutive years, reported the most rape incidents. In 1982, the GJC reported 67 rapes and the RCC reported that 100 rapes took place in Providence. During 1981, the GJC tabulated 55 rapes in Providence, however, the RCC records revealed that they received 131 reports of rape; more than double that were reported to the Providence Police Department. Warwick and Woonsocket were cities that averaged 22 and 16 rapes reported, respectively, during '81 and '82 according to GJC records. Further, the GJC records reveal that Warwick experienced a jump from 13 to 30 rapes reported for the subject years. However, there may be a logical reason for this. Warwick Police Department has a special unit that administers rape crisis services; thus, they are able to more thoroughly investigate assaults, domestic problems and the like, to determine if they may, in fact, be rape incidents. Moreover, their unit is staffed by several trained females lending a more comforting approach to questioning, etc., than would be found in other police departments, who, for the most part, deploy male personnel to handle sexual assault/rape cases. (CITIES)

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HOW RAPE RATES PER 100,000 POPULATION AFFECTED CITIES AND TOWNS.....

When the number of rapes is calculated by using the national, time-tested formula of "rates per 100,000 population", a different picture develops. Smaller cities or towns that have experienced rape incidents will occasionally start showing up high on this table of numbers. This is an expected result when using this formula. For example, during both years '81 and '82, the city of Woonsocket and the town of Narragansett repeated themselves in the top five ranked communities. In 1981 and 1982, Newport ranked high in its rape rate per 100,000 population. Middletown had the highest rate of any community in 1981, thus lending credence that Middletown, Narragansett and Newport, because of the large influx of summer visitors/bathers, became very vulnerable to increased criminal/social misbehavior. (RATES)

THE SEASON IN WHICH MOST RAPES OCCURRED.....

As expected, the summer season was the most active concerning rape incidents. According to GJC records, the summer season for two consecutive years was by far the leader in both the number of incidents occurring and the percent of total. One hundred and twenty four (124) rapes were reported over a two year span during the summer season, representing 35% of the total rape incidents. Following summer was spring (24%), fall (22%) and winter (19%). (SEASON)

THOSE ARRESTED FOR THE CRIME OF RAPE.....

In 1981 and 1982, eighty five percent (85%) and seventy seven percent (77%) respectively, of those persons arrested for committing rape were adults. Juveniles arrested rose from 15% in 1981 to 23% in 1982. (Specifically, 20 juveniles were arrested for the crime of rape in 1981, climbing to 31 in 1982 and, conversely, adult arrests decreased by 11 in 1982; down from 114 to 103). Thus, in comparison to the GJC records of reported rapes in 1981 and 1982, 80% and 72% respectively, of those crimes led to eventual arrests. However, the rate of success in making arrests is much less when compared to the amount of rapes that were reported to the Rape Crisis Center; 363 in 1981 and 417 in 1982 or 37% and 32% cleared by arrests respectively. (ARRESTS)

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THE TYPE OF MEANS/WEAPONS USED WHILE COMMITTING THE CRIME OF RAPE.....

Both the records of the GJC and RCC indicate that rather than a gun, knife or other weapon, a part of a person's human anatomy, such as hands, fists, feet, mouth (verbal abuse), was used for the most part when subduing a victim. On the average, GJC records reveal that during the 1981-1982 span, 74% of the time, hands, fists, feet, verbal abuse were the means used to exert force upon the victim; 5% of the time a gun was utilized; 11% of the time a knife was used, and 9% of the time an "other weapon" was the recorded means of using force upon the victim. (WEAPONS)

AN EXAMPLE OF HOW MUCH TIME IN PRISON INMATES SPENT FOR COMMITTING A SEX-RELATED CRIME.....

Of the five degrees or areas of sexual abuse for which persons were incarcerated, not one served his/her entire sentence. Thirty-five (35) inmates were released from the ACI during 1982 who had served time for a sex related crime. A low of 59% to a high of 81% was the range of prison time served. Of the 35 inmates released, 24 had served time for first, second or third degree sexual assault crimes; 8 for "abominable and detestable crime(s) against nature", and 3 for indecent assault upon a child. The original sentences varied from a low of 1 year to a high of 15 years. (PRISON)

WERE ANY MALES RAPED?.....

The only record available outlining any information as to males being raped was extracted from a 1982 RCC report. According to that report, 17 males of a total of 417 victims, filed a sexual assault (rape) complaint with the RCC. It is interesting to note the RCC staff estimated that 99% of the males who reported rape stated that another male committed the offense upon them. (MALES)

HOW MANY GANG RAPES WERE REPORTED?.....

Again, the Rape Crisis Center's reports were used to extract certain information. Gang rapes reported to the Center, mostly via telephone, revealed that fifty-three (53) cases in 1982 and forty-two (42) cases in 1981 were recorded. They represent 15% and 10% respectively of the total rape cases reported to RCC. Noteworthy, was (GANG)

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the further reviewing of an RCC report, specifically the 1980 annual report, which revealed nineteen (19) gang rapes; obviously far less activity than the years '81 and '82.

SPECIFIC
INFORMATION

(Listed Alphabetically)

ARREST INFORMATION

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH A LARGE MAJORITY OF ARRESTS WERE MADE FOR RAPE CRIMES REPORTED BY THE GJC IN '81 AND '82 (AN AVERAGE OF 76% EACH YEAR), FAR LESS WERE MADE WHEN COMPARED TO THE RCC RECORDED NUMBER OF RAPES (AN AVERAGE OF 35% EACH YEAR).

ARREST INFORMATION: A SUMMARY OF ARREST DATA CONCERNING THOSE PERSONS CHARGED WITH THE CRIME OF RAPE

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
Rapes Reported to UCR/FBI	167	185
Arrests	134	134
Percent of Rapists Arrested	80%	72%
<u>Number of Juveniles Arrested For This Crime</u>		

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Under 10	0		2	
10 - 12	2		1	
13 - 14	3		10	
15	3		2	
16	7		11	
17	5		5	
TOTAL	20	15%	31	23%

Number of Adults Arrested For This Crime

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
18	9		1	
19	9		6	
20	3		4	
21	9		8	
22 - 34	56		44	
35 Over	28		40	
TOTAL	114	85%	103	77%

SOURCE: GJC/FBI

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH RAPES ARE SYSTEMATICALLY REPORTED BY THE APPROPRIATE POLICE DEPARTMENTS BY USING THE UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING (UCR) METHOD, THERE ARE, HOWEVER, FAR MORE RAPES BEING REPORTED TO A CRISIS GROUP, SUCH AS THE RCC. FOR EXAMPLE, IN 1981, 11% AND IN 1982, 12% ADDITIONAL RAPES WERE REPORTED TO THE RCC THAN WERE REPORTED TO THE GJC (I.E., VIA THE UCR PROGRAM).

RAPE OFFENSES REPORTED BY COMMUNITIES/AGENCIES:

Location/Agency (Listed Alphabetically)	1981		1982	
	GJC	RCC	GJC	RCC
Barrington	1	1	2	5
Bristol	-	2	-	1
Burrillville	2	2	-	4
Central Falls	1	2	1	2
Charlestown	-	2	1	3
Coventry	5	15	2	-
Cranston	8	20	8	14
Cumberland	5	4	-	-
East Greenwich	2	3	-	-
East Providence	-	5	4	9
Foster	-	-	-	1
Glocester	-	1	-	1
Jamestown	-	2	-	-
Johnston	1	7	5	6
Lincoln	3	2	3	2
Middletown	8	4	1	1
Narragansett	4	4	4	5
Newport	12	12	4	2
New Shoreham	1	-	-	-
North Kingstown	4	8	-	3
North Providence	-	4	4	3
North Smithfield	1	-	-	1
Pawtucket	6	22	6	23
Portsmouth	-	1	-	-
Providence	55	131	67	100
Richmond	1	1	-	2
Scituate	-	2	-	-
Smithfield	-	-	2	6
South Kingstown	2	11	4	2
Tiverton	-	2	-	1
Warren	1	2	2	5
Warwick	13	9	30	13
Westerly	1	7	-	-
West Greenwich	-	-	-	1
West Warwick	3	5	3	9
Woonsocket	16	14	20	17
DEM(Parks, etc)	1	-	-	-
State Police	10	-	12	-
URI/Kingston	-	-	-	-
Sub-Totals:	167	307	185	244
Rapes Reported With No Location Given	-	56	-	173
Totals:	167	363	185	417

% Difference Between GJC/RCC
Reports of Rape

+117%

+125%

SOURCES: GJC/RCC

COMPARISON INFORMATION

COMMENT: BETWEEN 1981 AND 1982, RHODE ISLAND HAD AN 11% INCREASE IN RAPE INCIDENTS, HIGHER THAN ANY OF THE SEVEN COMPARISON STATES. HOWEVER, RHODE ISLAND'S RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION FELL IN MID-SCALE.

COMPARING RHODE ISLAND RAPE INCIDENTS AND RATES TO OTHER SELECTED STATES

I. Comparing To Other New England States:

RHODE ISLAND	Rates per 100,000 Pop.		No. of Incidents	
	1981	1982	1981	1982
	18	20	167	185
	+11%		+11%	
<u>MASSACHUSETTS</u>	26	24	1,510	1,375
	-8%		-9%	
<u>CONNECTICUT</u>	21	21	653	662
	No Change		+1%	
<u>MAINE</u>	13	13	145	151
	No Change		+4%	
<u>NEW HAMPSHIRE</u>	16	16	152	148
	No Change		-3%	

II. Comparing To A State of Similar Population:

IDAHO	Rates per 100,000 Pop.		No. of Incidents	
	1981	1982	1981	1982
	21	16	198	157
	-24%		-21%	

III. Comparing To Heavily Populated Northeastern States:

NEW YORK	Rates per 100,000 Pop.		No. of Incidents	
	1981	1982	1981	1982
	31	29	5,476	5,132
	-6%		-6%	
<u>NEW JERSEY</u>	32	29	2,371	2,151
	-9%		-9%	

SOURCE: ALL STATES LISTED

COUNTY INFORMATION

COMMENT: AS ANTICIPATED, PROVIDENCE COUNTY HAD THE LARGEST NUMBER OF RAPE INCIDENTS AND ALSO EXPERIENCED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN RAPES FROM 1981 TO 1982. HOWEVER, NEWPORT COUNTY HAD A REVERSE EFFECT; ITS RAPE INCIDENTS DECREASED FROM 20 TO 5.

RAPES REPORTED BY COUNTIES

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<u>Bristol County</u> (pop. 46,966)			
Total Rapes	2	4	+100%
% of State Total	1.1%	2.2%	+1%
% of State Pop.	5.0%	5.0%	
<u>Kent County</u> (pop. 153,957)			
Total Rapes	23	35	+52%
% of State Total	13.8%	18.9%	+5%
% of State Pop.	16.3%	16.3%	
<u>Newport County</u> (pop. 81,371)			
Total Rapes	20	5	-75%
% of State Total	12.0%	2.7%	-9%
% of State Pop.	8.6%	8.6%	
<u>Providence County</u> (pop. 570,358)			
Total Rapes	101	125	+24%
% of State Total	60.5%	67.6%	+7%
% of State Pop.	60.3%	60.3%	
<u>Washington County</u> (pop. 93,183)			
Total Rapes	21	16	-24%
% of State Total	12.6%	8.6%	-4%
% of State Pop.	9.8%	9.8%	

SOURCE:GJC

DAY OF WEEK INFORMATION

COMMENT: WEEK END DAYS WERE THE MOST ACTIVE CONCERNING RAPE OFFENSES.

<u>Day of Rape</u>	<u>% Distribution (1982 Only)</u>
Sunday	13.1%
Monday	12.9
Tuesday	12.3
Wednesday	12.3
Thursday	10.3
Friday	17.8
Saturday	21.3

SOURCE: GJC

HIGH RAPE INCIDENT LOCATIONS

COMMENT: WHEN LISTING STRICTLY THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF RAPE INCIDENTS OCCURRING AT RHODE ISLAND'S VARIOUS LOCATIONS, PROVIDENCE HEADS BOTH THE GJC AND RCC TABLES.

RANK ORDER OF TOP FIVE INCIDENT LOCATIONS, BY TOTAL NUMBER OF RAPE OFFENSES REPORTED TO BOTH THE GJC AND RCC

		1982	
GJC	Location	# of Offenses Reported	% Change (From Previous Yr)
Rank 1	Providence	67	+21.8%
2	Warwick*	30	+130.8%
3	Woonsocket	20	+25.0%
4	Cranston	8	No Change
5	Pawtucket	6	No Change
<u>RCC</u>			
Rank 1	Providence	100	-23.7%
2	Pawtucket	23	+4.5%
3	Woonsocket	17	+21.4%
4	Cranston	14	-30.0%
5	Warwick *	13	-30.8%
		1981	
<u>GJC</u>			
Rank 1	Providence	55	
2	Woonsocket	16	
3	Warwick	13	
4	Newport	12	
5	Cranston	8	
5	Middletown	8	
<u>RCC</u>			
Rank 1	Providence	131	
2	Pawtucket	22	
3	Cranston	20	
4	Coventry	15	
5	Woonsocket	14	

*Warwick Police Dept. is staffed with a specific unit to administer a rape crisis oriented program.

SOURCES: GJC/RCC

MONTHLY INFORMATION

COMMENT: THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY HAD THE HIGHEST AVERAGE AMOUNT OF RAPES REPORTED; DECEMBER, THE LOWEST, FOR YEARS 1981 AND 1982.

REPORTS OF RAPE BY MONTH - 1981 & 1982

Month	1981	1982	Offense Increase/Decrease
January	9	11	+2
February	19	13	-6
March	13	15	+2
April	14	8	-6
May	17	16	-1
June	23	24	+1
July	19	24	+5
August	20	14	-6
September	11	17	+6
October	5	20	+15
November	11	12	+1
December	6	11	+5
TOTALS	167	185	

SOURCE:GJC

PRIOR KNOWLEDGE & ACTIVITIES INFORMATION

COMMENT: CONTRARY TO THE MOSTLY MYTHICAL BELIEF THAT "A STRANGER ATTACKED", IN ALMOST 50% OF THE REPORTED RAPES, THE VICTIM/RAPIST KNEW EACH OTHER WELL OR SLIGHTLY. ALSO, AN AVERAGE OF 17% OF THE VICTIMS CLAIMED A RELATIVE RAPED THEM.

	1981	1982
<u>VICTIM-RAPIST PRIOR KNOWLEDGE</u>		
<u>Relationship</u>		
None	35%	36%
Knew Slightly	20%	19%
Knew Well	26%	31%
Relative	19%	14%
<u>PRIOR ACTIVITY OF VICTIM</u>		
<u>Activity</u>		
At Home	28%	28%
Walking	21%	15%
Sleeping	7%	5%
Driving	7%	2%
At a Bar	10%	9%
At a Party		
Working	3%	3%
Hitchhiking	2%	2%
Other	22%	36%

SOURCE:RCC

PRISON INFORMATION

COMMENT: THIRTY-FIVE (35) INMATES, WHOSE CRIME WAS SEX RELATED, WERE RELEASED IN 1982 FROM THE ACI. THE ORIGINAL SENTENCES VARIED FROM ONE TO FIFTEEN YEARS IN PRISON.

PRISON DATA: A LOOK AT THE AVERAGE TIME ACTUALLY SERVED BY INMATES RELEASED FROM THE ACI IN 1982

- OFFENSE: RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT - FIRST DEGREE
 Summary: Seven (7) persons with varying sentences ranging from 2 years to 15 years served the following*median prison time:

 Median Percentage of Time Served = 62%
- OFFENSE: RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT - SECOND DEGREE
 Summary: Ten (10) persons with varying sentences ranging from 1 year to 5 years served the following median prison time:

 Median Percentage of Time Served = 81%
- OFFENSE: RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT - THIRD DEGREE
 Summary: Seven (7) persons with varying sentences ranging from 11 months to 7 years served the following median prison time:

 Median Percentage of Time Served = 59%
- OFFENSE: ABOMINABLE AND DETESTABLE CRIME AGAINST NATURE
 Summary: Eight (8) persons with varying sentences ranging from 1 year to 10 years served the following median prison time:

 Median Percentage of Time Served - 72%
- OFFENSE: INDECENT ASSAULT UPON CHILD
 Summary: Three (3) persons with varying sentences ranging from 1 year to 5 years served the following median prison time:

 Median Percentage of Time Served = 75%

*Median - a type of average, which is simply the value of the middle item when all the items are arranged in either ascending or descending order of magnitude.

SOURCE: Department of Corrections

RATES PER 100,000 POPULATION

COMMENT: USING CRIME RATES MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO COMPARE COMMUNITIES WITH VARIOUS POPULATION LEVELS. WOONSOCKET, PROVIDENCE, WARWICK, NARRAGANSETT, NEWPORT AND CRANSTON RANKED IN THE TOP TEN FOR RAPE RATES IN BOTH 1981 AND 1982.

RANK ORDER OF TOP TEN CITIES/TOWNS COMPARED BY...

RATES PER 100,000 POPULATION
(FOR ONLY THOSE COMMUNITIES REPORTING FOUR OR MORE RAPES)

<u>1982</u>			
<u>Rank</u>	<u>City/Town</u>	<u>Rapes Reported</u>	<u>Rate Per 100,000 Pop.</u>
1	Woonsocket	20	44
2	Providence	67	43
3	Warwick	30	34
4	Narragansett	4	33
5	South Kingstown	4	20
5	Johnston	5	20
6	North Providence	4	14
6	Newport	4	14
7	Cranston	8	11
8	Pawtucket	6	8

<u>1981</u>			
<u>Rank</u>	<u>City/Town</u>	<u>Rapes Reported</u>	<u>Rate Per 100,000 Pop.</u>
1	Middletown	8	46
2	Newport	12	41
3	Providence	55	35
3	Woonsocket	16	35
4	Narragansett	4	33
5	Coventry	5	18
5	Cumberland	5	18
5	North Kingstown	4	18
6	Warwick	13	15
7	Cranston	8	11

SOURCE:GJC

SEASONALITY INFORMATION

COMMENT: AS EXPECTED, THE SUMMER WAS THE SEASON IN WHICH MOST RAPES OCCURRED.

SEASONALITY SURVEY: RAPE BY SEASONS

<u>SEASON</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
SPRING	44	39	-11%
SUMMER	62	62	No Change
FALL	27	49	+82%
WINTER	34	35	+3%
TOTALS:	167	185	+11%

SOURCE:GJC

THE SETTING AND TYPE OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

COMMENT: NEARLY HALF OF THE SEXUAL ASSAULTS REPORTED TO THE RCC TOOK PLACE AT EITHER THE VICTIM'S OR RAPIST'S HOME OR A RESIDENCE SHARED BY BOTH. A FIRST DEGREE (MOST SERIOUS) ASSAULT WAS REPORTED ALMOST 50% OF THE TIME.

THE SETTING OF THE ASSAULT AND ITS TYPE --
AS TAKEN FROM R. I. RAPE CRISIS CENTER ANNUAL REPORTS

SETTING OF ASSAULT	1981	1982
Victim's Home	24%	25%
Rapist's Home	14%	12%
Victim & Rapist's Home	12%	11%
Vehicle	18%	15%
Other	32%	37%

TYPE OF ASSAULT	1981	1982
First Degree	46%	53%
Second Degree	10%	13%
Third Degree	1%	1%
First & Second Degree	.3%	.5%
Incest	9%	9%
Assault With Intent	4%	7%
Prison Rape	16%	-
Gang Rape	10%	13%
Sexual Harrassment/Work	.5%	.1%
Sexual Harrassment/Street	.7%	-
Sexual Harrassment/Home	.5%	1%
Marital Rape	1.5%	.5%
Physical Assault Only	.5%	1.5%

SOURCE: RCC

TIME OF DAY INFORMATION

COMMENT: FROM MIDNIGHT TO THREE IN THE MORNING WAS THE MOST REPORTED TIME THAT RAPE OCCURRED, (I.E., ACTUALLY COMMITTED).

Time of Day	% Distribution (1982 Only)	
<u>AM</u>		
12:01 - 3	21.2%	
3:01 - 6	8.9	
6:01 - 9	4.1	
9:01 - Noon	6.8	41%
<u>PM</u>		
12:01 - 3	10.3	
3:01 - 6	19.9	
6:01 - 9	13.0	
9:01 - Midnight	15.8	59%

SOURCE: GJC

VICTIM/RAPIST INFORMATION

COMMENT: Over 50% of the rape victims were young, ranging in age from under 13 to 18. Seventy one percent (71%) of the victims were 21 years of age or younger, and ninety percent (90%) of the victims were 30 years of age or younger.

PROFILE DATA OF VICTIMS AND RAPISTS, AS
TAKEN FROM R. I. RAPE CRISIS CENTER ANNUAL REPORTS

	1981	1982
<u>RACE OF VICTIM</u>		
White	81%	81%
Black	14%	12%
Other	5%	7%
<u>AGE OF VICTIM</u>		
Under 13	11%	20%
From 13 - 15	18%	20%
From 16 - 18	17%	19%
From 19 - 21	16%	12%
From 22 - 25	13%	9%
From 26 - 30	11%	10%
From 31 - 35	5%	4%
From 36 - 40	4%	2%
Over 40	5%	4%
<u>RACE OF RAPIST</u>		
White	54%	53%
Black	34%	3%
Other	12%	8%

SOURCE:RCC

WEAPON USED INFORMATION


COMMENT: In 74% of the rape incidents reported, guns, knives or other weapons were not used. However, the weapon most commonly used by the rapist was a knife (11%).

THE MEANS USED TO EXERT FORCE UPON THE VICTIM

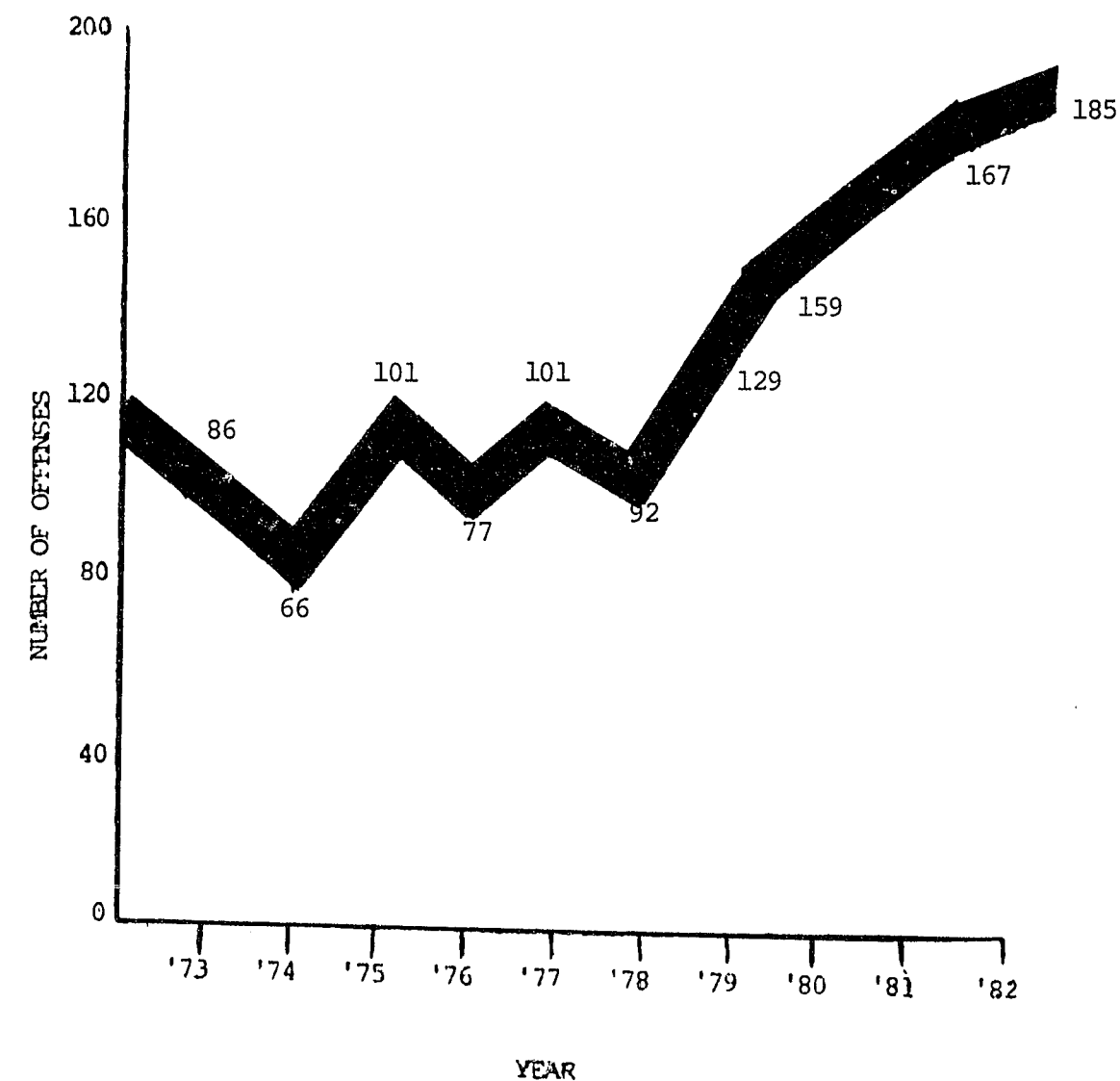
<u>MEANS USED</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>		<u>% DISTRIBUTION</u>		<u>% CHANGE</u>
	1981	1982	1981	1982	
Gun	5	15	3.0%	8.1%	+5.1%
Knife	19	21	11.4%	11.4%	No Change
Other Weapon	19	12	11.4%	6.5%	-4.9%
Hands, Fists, Feet, Verbal, etc.	124	137	74.2%	74.0%	-.2%
TOTALS	167	185			

SOURCE:GJC

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DEFINING SEXUAL ASSAULT

11-37-2. First degree sexual assault. - A person is guilty of first degree sexual assault if he or she engages in sexual penetration with another person, not the spouse of the accused, and if any of the following circumstances exist:

- (A) The victim is under thirteen (13) years of age.
- (B) The accused knows or has reason to know that the victim is mentally incapacitated, mentally defective, or physically helpless.
- (C) The accused uses force or coercion.
- (D) The accused, through concealment or by the element of surprise, is able to overcome the victim.
- (E) The accused engages in the medical treatment or examination of the victim for the purpose of sexual arousal, gratification or stimulation.

11-37-4. Second degree sexual assault. - A person is guilty of a second degree sexual assault if he or she engages in sexual contact with another person and if any of the following circumstances exist:

- (A) The victim is under thirteen (13) years of age.
- (B) The accused knows or has reason to know that the victim is mentally incapacitated, mentally defective or physically helpless.
- (C) The accused uses force or coercion.
- (D) The accused engages in the medical treatment or examination of the victim for the purpose of sexual arousal, gratification or stimulation.

11-37-6. Third degree sexual assault. - A person is guilty of third degree sexual assault if he or she is over the age of eighteen (18) years and engaged in sexual penetration with another person over the age of thirteen (13) years and under the age of consent, sixteen (16) years of age.

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