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CARJACKING

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Dear Governor and Members of the Legislature:

I hereby submit the 2011 statewide report on carjacking offenses in New Jersey. The report is based on carjackings reported by state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies to the New Jersey State Police Uniform Crime Reporting Unit for the year 2011.

It would have been impossible to complete this report without the cooperation of New Jersey's law enforcement family. It is with appreciation to these dedicated public servants and in the interest of the victims of these heinous acts, that this report is submitted.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Chiesa".

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Dear Attorney General Chiesa:

As a result of the carjacking data collection programs mandated by Attorney General Executive Directive 1993-1, the nineteenth annual report on carjacking in New Jersey is submitted. This report outlines the extent, type, and geographic location of carjacking activity collected from state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies for the year 2011. The report contains comparisons and analyses between 2010 and 2011.

It is through the cooperation of all New Jersey's law enforcement agencies that this report is being forwarded for your information and presentation to the Governor and members of the Legislature.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph R. Fuentes".

Joseph R. Fuentes
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INTRODUCTION

In response to the growing number of reported carjacking incidents, four regional task forces, each composed of personnel from municipal police departments, county prosecutors' offices, county sheriffs' offices, the Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, were formed throughout New Jersey to assist law enforcement agencies with CARJACKING investigations.

With the assistance of these four task forces, the New Jersey State Police developed a mandatory statewide carjacking data collection program. Accessibility to this program is provided through the New Jersey Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NJLETS). The database for this program is located at the State Police Division Headquarters, Identification and Information Technology Section, Uniform Crime Reporting Unit, West Trenton, New Jersey.

This carjacking data collection program identifies: geographic problem areas; profiles of carjacking locations; descriptions of vehicles being carjacked; age, sex, and race of victims and offenders; types of weapons used; additional crimes committed; and estimates regarding the value of vehicles stolen.

The Attorney General has mandated, through Executive Directive 1993-1, that every law enforcement agency notify the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit of all reported carjacking incidents, whether actual or attempted. Notification must be done through NJLETS, as soon as possible, not to exceed more than twenty-four hours from the time the incident is reported.

CARJACKING

Definition

Carjacking, a specific type of robbery, is defined under 2C:15-2(a) as the unlawful taking of a motor vehicle in the course of which the perpetrator:

- (1) inflicts bodily injury or uses force upon an occupant or person in possession or control of a motor vehicle;
- (2) threatens an occupant or person in control with, or purposely or knowingly puts an occupant or person in control of the motor vehicle in fear of, immediate bodily injury;
- (3) commits or threatens immediately to commit any crime of the first or second degree; or
- (4) operates or causes said vehicle to be operated with the person who was in possession or control or was an occupant of the motor vehicle at the time of the taking remaining in the vehicle.

Questions have been raised whether an infant, alone in a motor vehicle, can actually be the victim of a carjacking, since no personal confrontation exists. While most carjackings do involve personal confrontation between perpetrator and victim, personal confrontation is not a necessary element of the crime. Under N.J.S.A. 2C:15-2(a)(4), an infant or sleeping child who is an occupant of the motor vehicle at the time of the unlawful taking is a victim of carjacking.

CARJACKING HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of carjacking offense statistics for 2011 are listed below:

- There were 379 carjacking offenses reported to the police; which involved 414 victims, including passengers.
- Carjackings increased 6% when comparing 2011 to 2010 reported offenses.
- Twenty of the 566 municipalities in New Jersey reported carjackings.
- Firearms were involved in 77% (293) of all carjackings. Two percent (7) of the firearms used were assault firearms. Shootings were involved in 2 percent (9) of all carjackings.
- New Jersey registered vehicles represented 87% (330) of all carjackings. Mercedes Benz and Nissan (each with 35 offenses) represented 9% for each vehicle make, were the most frequently carjacked vehicle makes. The most frequently targeted vehicle year was 2007 with 12%(46).
- Sixty-six percent (252) of all carjacked vehicles were recovered. The average value of a carjacked motor vehicle was \$16,274.
- Carjackings occurred in a residential area 86% (326) of the time. The hours of darkness (6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.) accounted for 73% (275) of all carjackings.
- Nine percent (33) of all carjackings were witnessed.
- The most frequent victim age group was 25-29, which accounted for 17% (70) of the victim total (414). Sixty-six percent (274) of all victims were male. Fifty-five percent (228) of all victims were black.
- The total number of offenders was 724. Insufficient analysis information was supplied on 49% (355) of the offenders. Of all known offenders (369), 20-24 was the most frequent offender age group and accounted for 69% (254). Ninety-eight percent (362) of all known offenders were male. Ninety-one percent (336) of all known offenders were black.
- Juveniles accounted for 18% (2) of the total arrests for carjacking (11), while adults accounted for 82% (9).
- May had the highest number of offenses with 52, accounting for 14% of all carjacking offenses.
- Sunday recorded the highest number of offenses, accounting for 19% (72) of all carjackings.
- Region I, which consists of Essex, Hudson, and Union counties, accounted for 83% (316) of all carjackings.
- One murder was reported in 2011 as a result of carjacking.
- Two percent (9) of all carjackings (379) were cleared by arrest.

CARJACKING OFFENSES

COUNTY AND STATE TOTALS — 2010/2011

County	Year	Number of Offenses	Estimated Vehicle Value	Actual Number of Vehicles Recovered	Offenses Cleared by Arrest	Number of Persons Arrested
Atlantic	2010	-	-	-	-	-
	2011	2	\$80,000	2	2	4
Bergen	2010	-	-	-	-	-
	2011	1	\$4,200	1	-	-
Burlington	2010	-	-	-	-	-
	2011	-	-	-	-	-
Camden	2010	33	\$237,151	8	4	5
	2011	37	\$302,400	4	1	1
Cape May	2010	-	-	-	-	-
	2011	-	-	-	-	-
Cumberland	2010	1	\$5,000	1	-	-
	2011	1	\$15,000	-	-	-
Essex	2010	271	\$3,049,000	235	11	15
	2011	277	\$4,788,500	224	1	1
Gloucester	2010	-	-	-	-	-
	2011	-	-	-	-	-
Hudson	2010	18	\$164,100	13	3	4
	2011	14	\$337,000	11	2	2
Hunterdon	2010	-	-	-	-	-
	2011	-	-	-	-	-
Mercer	2010	1	\$5,000	-	-	-
	2011	11	\$72,200	6	3	3

CARJACKING OFFENSES

COUNTY AND STATE TOTALS — 2010/2011

County	Year	Number of Offenses	Estimated Vehicle Value	Actual Number of Vehicles Recovered	Offenses Cleared by Arrest	Number of Persons Arrested
Middlesex	2010	1	\$10,000	-	-	-
	2011	1	\$6,500	-	-	-
Monmouth	2010	2	\$5,000	2	-	-
	2011	2	\$15,000	-	-	-
Morris	2010	-	-	-	-	-
	2011	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean	2010	-	-	-	-	-
	2011	-	-	-	-	-
Passaic	2010	4	\$55,000	1	-	-
	2011	8	\$115,500	2	-	-
Salem	2010	-	-	-	-	-
	2011	-	-	-	-	-
Somerset	2010	-	-	-	-	-
	2011	-	-	-	-	-
Sussex	2010	-	-	-	-	-
	2011	-	-	-	-	-
Union	2010	28	\$320,001	2	-	-
	2011	25	\$431,701	2	-	-
Warren	2010	-	-	-	-	-
	2011	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2010	359	\$3,850,252	262	18	24
	2011	379	\$6,168,001	252	9	11

CARJACKING VICTIMS BY AGE, SEX AND RACE 2011

Age	Number	Percent Distribution	Sex		Race			
			Male	Female	White	Black	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian or Pacific Islander
0-9	1	*	-	1	-	1	-	-
10-14	2	*	-	2	-	2	-	-
15-19	8	2	5	3	4	4	-	-
20-24	67	16	47	20	22	44	-	1
25-29	70	17	39	31	30	39	-	1
30-34	65	16	44	21	33	31	-	1
35-39	54	13	35	19	20	32	-	2
40-44	45	11	31	14	21	20	1	3
45-49	31	7	20	11	17	14	-	-
50-54	27	7	19	8	13	14	-	-
55-59	15	4	12	3	8	7	-	-
60-64	19	5	15	4	6	13	-	-
65-69	7	2	5	2	2	5	-	-
70-74	3	1	2	1	1	2	-	-
75 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	414	-	274	140	177	228	1	8
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	-	-	66	34	43	55	*	2

Percent distribution may not add to 100 due to rounding.

*Percent distribution less than one-half of one percent.

CARJACKING OFFENDERS BY AGE, SEX AND RACE 2011

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			Male	Female	White	Black	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian or Pacific Islander
0-9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-19	60	16	60	-	6	54	-	-
20-24	254	69	249	5	18	236	-	-
25-29	31	8	30	1	7	24	-	-
30-34	18	5	17	1	1	17	-	-
35-39	3	1	3	-	-	3	-	-
40-44	2	1	2	-	1	1	-	-
45-49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50-54	1	*	1	-	-	1	-	-
55-99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	369	-	362	7	33	336	0	0
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	-	-	98	2	9	91	-	-

-Information noted above is based on victim's account of incident and investigation.

Suspect and arrested offenders are combined.

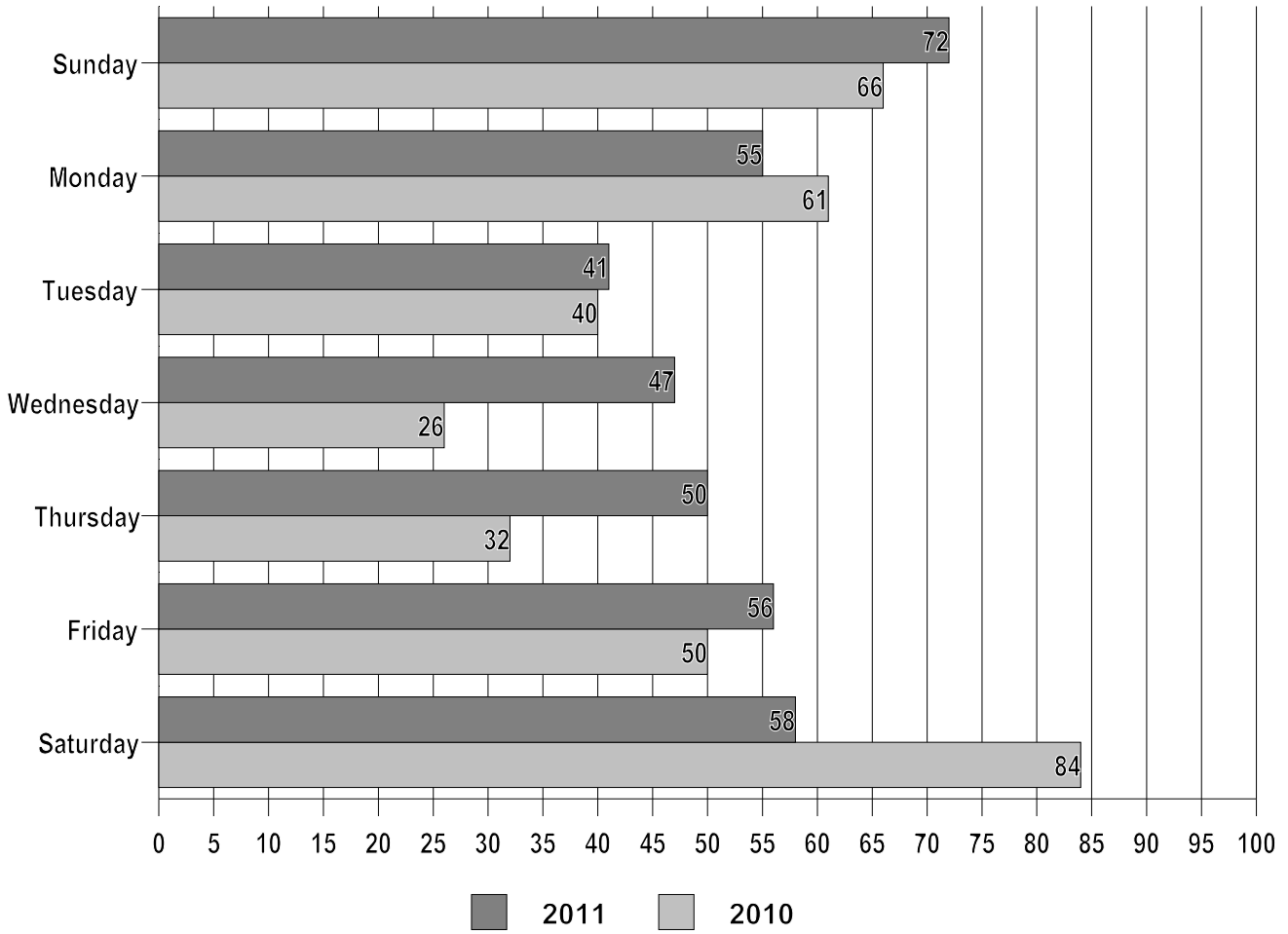
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‡ Information supplied on unknown suspects was inconsistent; therefore, accurate data breakdowns are not available.

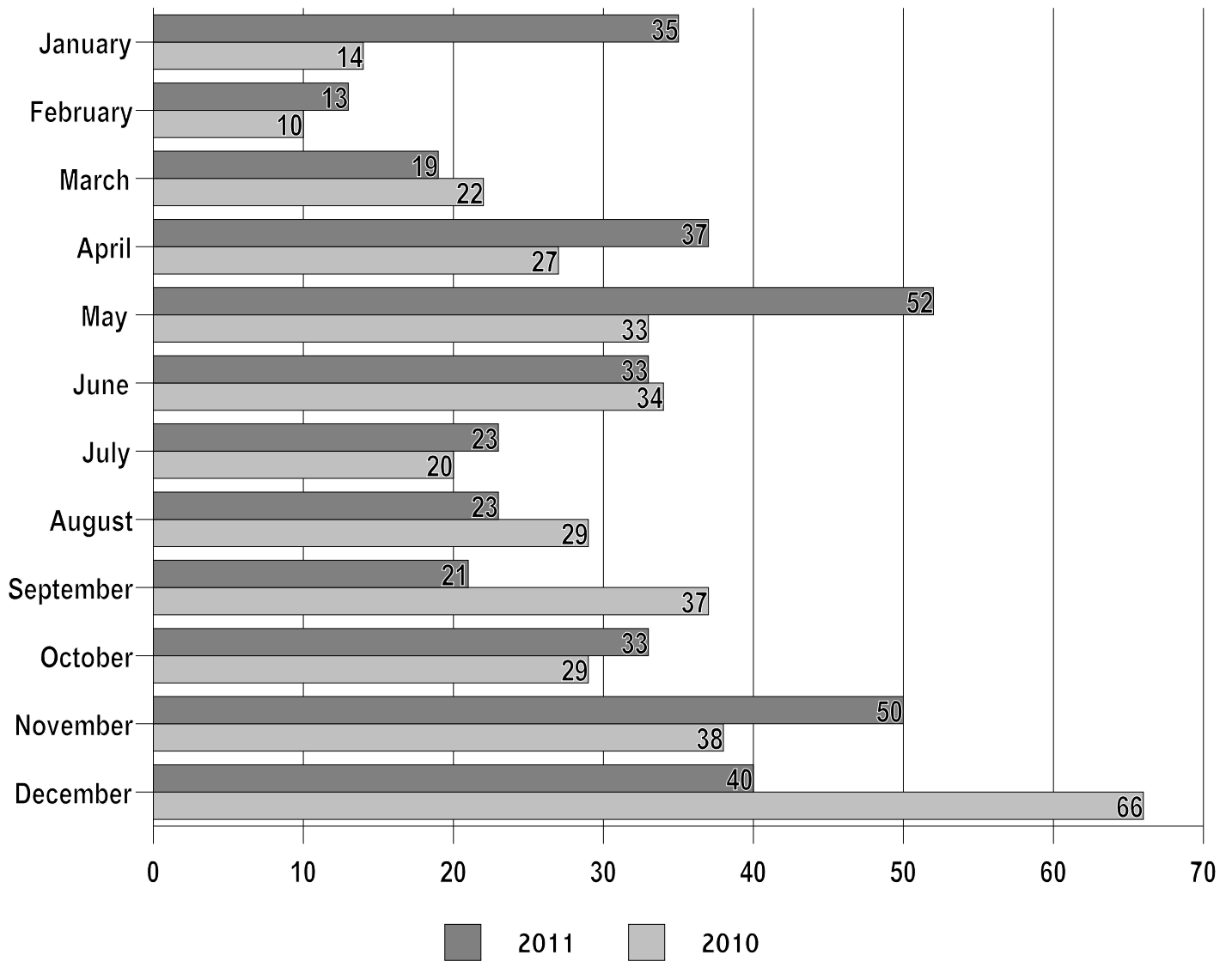
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CARJACKING BY DAY OF WEEK

2010/2011



CARJACKING BY MONTH 2010/2011



CARJACKING OFFENSES BY TIME AND LOCATION 2011

Time	Total	LOCATIONS						
		Residential Area	Highway	Intersection	Business Strip	Shopping Center ◇	Parking Lot	Other
Midnight to 2 a.m.	50	39	3	4	3	-	-	1
2:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.	39	33	2	3	1	-	-	-
4:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	35	27	1	3	1	-	2	1
6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	25	18	2	3	-	-	-	2
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	16	15	-	-	-	-	1	-
10:00 a.m. to Noon	18	16	-	1	-	1	-	-
Noon to 2:00 p.m.	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	11	9	-	1	1	-	-	-
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	27	25	-	1	-	-	1	-
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	38	34	-	2	1	-	-	1
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	52	48	-	2	-	-	-	2
10:00 p.m. to Midnight	61	55	2	1	1	-	-	2
TOTAL	379	326	10	21	8	1	4	9

◇Includes major malls.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF COUNTY & STATE PERCENTAGES 2010/2011

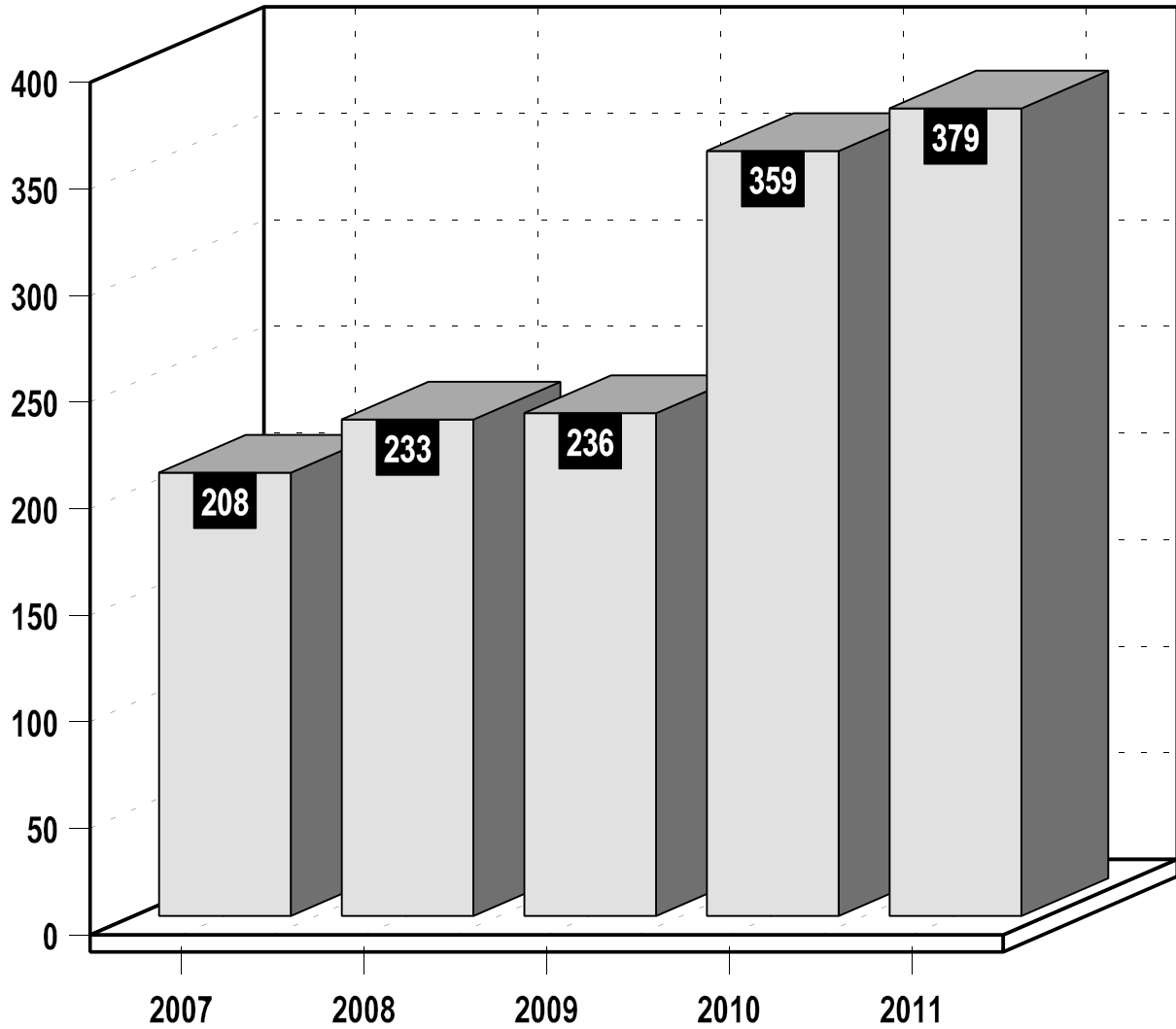
County	2010		2011	
	Number of Offenses	Percent of State Total	Number of Offenses	Percent of State Total
Atlantic	-	0	2	1
Bergen	-	0	1	*
Burlington	-	0	-	0
Camden	33	9	37	10
Cape May	-	0	-	0
Cumberland	1	*	1	*
Essex	271	75	277	73
Gloucester	-	0	-	0
Hudson	18	5	14	4
Hunterdon	-	0	-	0
Mercer	1	*	11	3
Middlesex	1	*	1	*
Monmouth	2	1	2	1
Morris	-	0	-	0
Ocean	-	0	-	0
Passaic	4	1	8	2
Salem	-	0	-	0
Somerset	-	0	-	0
Sussex	-	0	-	0
Union	28	8	25	7
Warren	-	0	-	0
STATE TOTAL	359	100	379	100

* Less than one-half of one percent.
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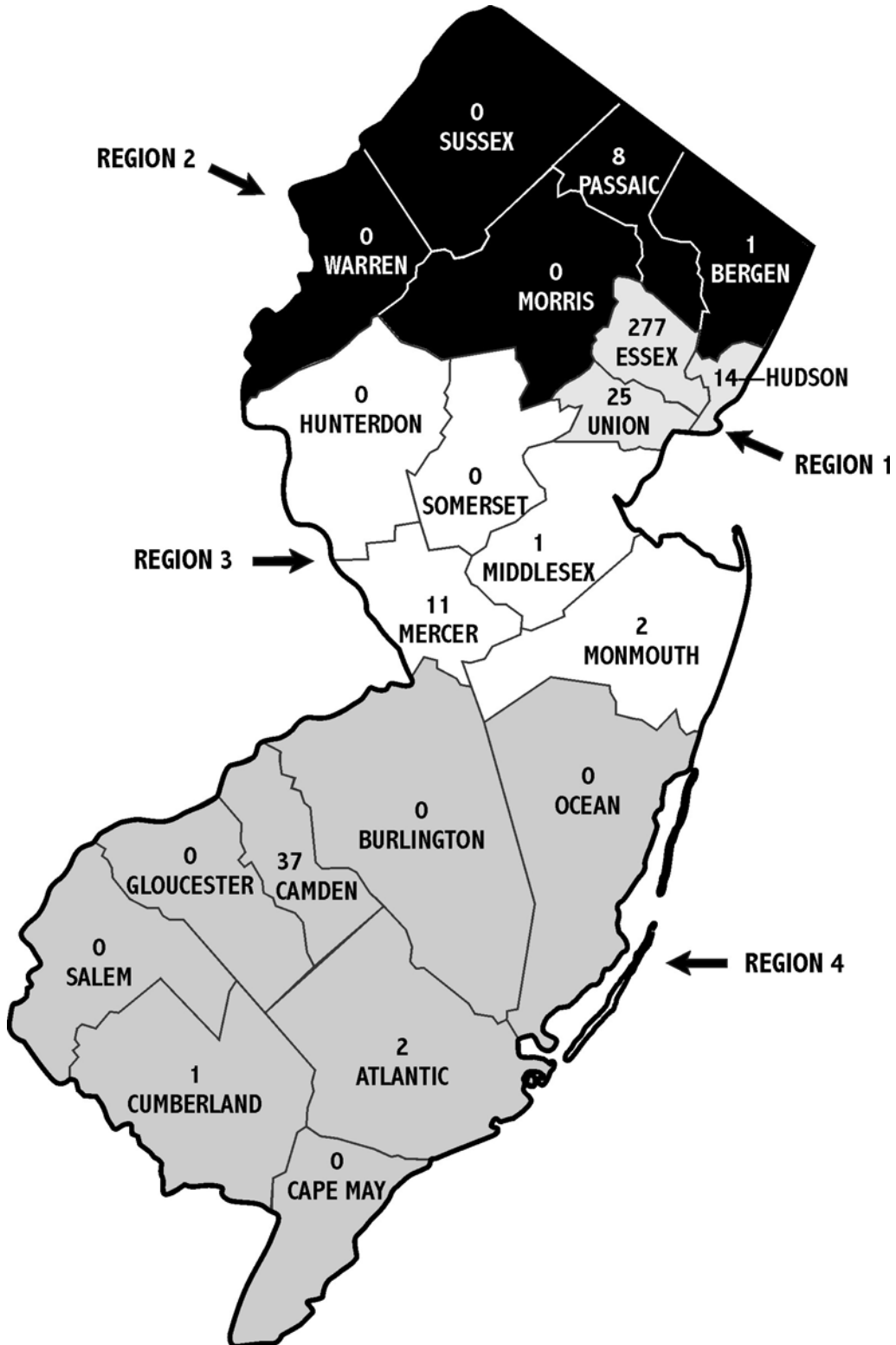
FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

2007 - 2011



STATE REGIONS DEFINED

For the purpose of coordinating and gathering carjacking information, the state has been divided into four regions. A visual breakdown of the regions is depicted below. In addition, each county's total carjackings for the year are presented.



CARJACKING OFFENSES

PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL BY REGION AND LOCATION

2011

	Total	Residential Area	Highway	Intersection	Business Strip	Shopping Center ◇	Parking Lot	Other
State of New Jersey	379	326	10	21	8	1	4	9
Region I	316	280	9	12	5	-	2	8
Percent of State Total	83	86	90	57	63	-	50	89
Region II	9	6	-	3	-	-	-	-
Percent of State Total	2	2	-	14	-	-	-	-
Region III	14	9	-	1	2	-	1	1
Percent of State Total	4	3	-	5	25	-	25	11
Region IV	40	31	1	5	1	1	1	-
Percent of State Total	11	10	10	24	13	100	25	-

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CARJACKING OFFENSES

PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL BY REGION & WEAPON TYPE

2011

	Total	Handgun	Rifle	Shotgun	Knife	Other Dangerous Weapon	Physical Force
State of New Jersey	379	285	0	8	10	2	74
Region I	316	247	-	5	6	1	57
Percent of State Total	83	87	-	63	60	50	77
Region II	9	3	-	-	2	-	4
Percent of State Total	2	1	-	-	20	-	5
Region III	14	7	-	3	-	1	3
Percent of State Total	4	2	-	38	-	50	4
Region IV	40	28	-	-	2	-	10
Percent of State Total	11	10	-	-	20	-	14

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CARJACKING OFFENSES

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION WITHIN REGION BY LOCATION

2011

	Total	Residential Area	Highway	Intersection	Business Strip	Shopping Center ◇	Parking Lot	Other
State of New Jersey	379	326	10	21	8	1	4	9
Percent Distribution		86	2	5	2	*	1	2
Region I	316	280	9	12	5	-	2	8
Percent Distribution		89	3	4	2	-	1	3
Region II	9	6	-	3	-	-	-	-
Percent Distribution		67	-	33	-	-	-	-
Region III	14	9	-	1	2	-	1	1
Percent Distribution		64	-	7	14	-	7	7
Region IV	40	31	1	5	1	1	1	-
Percent Distribution		78	3	13	3	3	3	-

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Percent Distribution		33	-	-	22	-	44
Region III	14	7	-	3	-	1	3
Percent Distribution		50	-	21	-	7	21
Region IV	40	28	-	-	2	-	10
Percent Distribution		70	-	-	5	-	25

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GLOSSARY OF CARJACKING LOCATION TYPES

BUSINESS STRIP	Any retail business area or driveway, other than a major mall or shopping center.
INTERSECTION	Location where two or more roadways connect.
MAJOR MALL	An enclosed self-contained retail shopping area that provides customer parking within its architectural design and contains at least one major chain store.
OTHER PARKING LOT	Any parking lot other than major mall, shopping center, or residential parking lots.
RESIDENTIAL AREA	Any residential area, including driveways or residential parking lots.
SHOPPING CENTER	A group of stores within a specific boundary that provides customer parking within its architectural design.
HIGHWAY	Locations not accounted for in the first six categories. Include areas such as public roads, streets, bridges, interstates, county roads, etc.
OTHER	All other locations if not listed above.