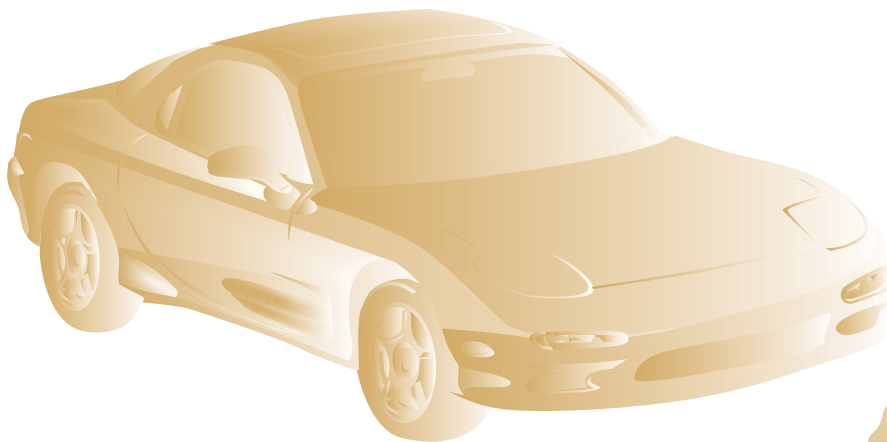
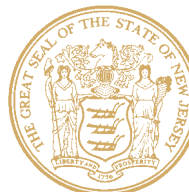


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2005 Carjacking Offense Report

For year ending December 31, 2005.



THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CARJACKING OFFENSE REPORT 2005

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*The Honorable Jon S. Corzine
Governor of the State of New Jersey*

*Honorable Members of the Senate and
Assembly of the State of New Jersey*

Dear Governor and Members of the Legislature:

I hereby submit the 2005 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 2005.

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 cursive script, reading "Zulima V. Farber".

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*The Honorable Zulima V. Farber
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Dear Attorney General :

As a result of the carjacking data collection programs mandated by Attorney General's Executive Directive 1993-1, the thirteenth 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. The report contains comparisons and analyses between 2004 and 2005.

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,

Joseph R. Fuentes
Colonel
Superintendent



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 2005 are listed below:

- There were 274 carjacking offenses reported to the police; 6 were determined to be unfounded, leaving a total of 268 carjackings, involving 312 victims, including passengers.
- Carjackings increased 1% when comparing 2005 to 2004.
- Forty of the 566 municipalities in New Jersey reported carjackings.
- Firearms were involved in 60% (161) of all carjackings. Less than one-half of one percent (1) of the firearms used were assault firearms. Shootings were involved in 3 percent (7) of all carjackings.
- New Jersey registered vehicles represented 82% (219) of all carjackings. Ford, with 13% (35), was the most frequently carjacked vehicle make, while the most frequently targeted vehicle year was 2000 with 10% (28).
- Fifty percent (134) of all carjacked vehicles were recovered. The average value of a carjacked motor vehicle was \$11,539.
- Carjackings occurred in a residential area 62% (167) of the time. The hours of darkness (6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.) accounted for 70% (187) of all carjackings.
- Twenty-one percent (56) of all carjackings were witnessed.
- The most frequent victim age group was 20-24, which accounted for 21% (66) of the victim total (312). Seventy-one percent (220) of all victims were male. Fifty-one percent (159) of all victims were black.
- The total number of offenders was 510. Insufficient analysis information was supplied on 26% (134) of the offenders. Of all known offenders (376), 20-24 was the most frequent offender age group and accounted for 50% (189). Ninety-three percent (350) of all known offenders were male. Eighty-two percent (308) of all known offenders were black.
- Juveniles accounted for 21% (5) of the total arrests for carjacking (24), while adults accounted for 79% (19).
- December had the highest number of offenses with 34, accounting for 13% of all carjacking offenses.
- Saturday recorded the highest number of offenses, accounting for 19% (52) of all carjackings.
- Region I, which consists of Essex, Hudson, and Union counties, accounted for 78% (209) of all carjackings.
- One murder was reported in 2005 as the result of carjacking.
- Four percent (12) of all carjackings (268) were cleared by arrest.

CARJACKING OFFENSES

COUNTY AND STATE TOTALS—2004/2005

County	Year	Number of Offenses	Estimated Vehicle Value	Actual Number of Vehicles Recovered	Offenses Cleared by Arrest	Number of Persons Arrested
Atlantic	2004	5	\$130,000	3	-	-
	2005	4	\$47,000	3	1	2
Bergen	2004	4	\$30,000	2	1	2
	2005	2	\$11,000	1	1	1
Burlington	2004	2	\$20,000	2	-	-
	2005	2	\$47,000	2	-	-
Camden	2004	24	\$189,700	5	2	5
	2005	17	\$221,400	-	-	-
Cape May	2004	-	-	-	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	-
Cumberland	2004	2	\$64,000	2	2	3
	2005	6	\$68,700	1	-	-
Essex	2004	151	\$1,443,728	95	10	18
	2005	156	\$1,940,982	94	4	8
Gloucester	2004	-	-	-	-	-
	2005	2	\$16,000	-	-	-
Hudson	2004	19	\$250,000	11	1	1
	2005	26	\$223,800	18	1	2
Hunterdon	2004	-	-	-	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	-
Mercer	2004	10	\$131,300	3	1	1
	2005	14	\$61,601	3	-	-

CARJACKING OFFENSES

COUNTY AND STATE TOTALS—2004/2005

County	Year	Number of Offenses	Estimated Vehicle Value	Actual Number of Vehicles Recovered	Offenses Cleared by Arrest	Number of Persons Arrested
Middlesex	2004	4	\$77,000	-	-	-
	2005	2	\$12,500	-	-	-
Monmouth	2004	2	\$17,000	2	-	-
	2005	2	\$18,000	1	1	2
Morris	2004	2	\$3,000	-	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean	2004	-	-	-	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	-
Passaic	2004	15	\$91,350	10	-	-
	2005	6	\$57,500	3	-	-
Salem	2004	-	-	-	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	-
Somerset	2004	2	\$9,200	1	1	1
	2005	2	\$34,300	2	1	4
Sussex	2004	1	\$10,000	1	1	1
	2005	-	-	-	-	-
Union	2004	22	\$150,776	5	-	-
	2005	27	\$332,699	6	3	5
Warren	2004	1	\$4,000	1	1	1
	2005	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2004	266	\$2,621,054	143	20	33
	2005	268	\$3,092,482	134	12	24

CARJACKING VICTIMS BY AGE, SEX AND RACE

2005

Age	Number	Percent Distribution	Sex		Race			
			Male	Female	White	Black	American Indian or Alaskan	Asian or Pacific Islander
0-9	2	1	1	1	-	2	-	-
10-14	3	1	2	1	2	1	-	-
15-19	20	6	18	2	8	11	-	1
20-24	66	21	48	18	32	32	1	1
25-29	58	19	45	13	31	24	-	3
30-34	33	11	19	14	16	16	-	1
35-39	30	10	24	6	12	17	-	1
40-44	40	13	29	11	16	24	-	-
45-49	19	6	9	10	5	13	-	1
50-54	18	6	10	8	8	10	-	-
55-59	7	2	4	3	3	3	-	1
60-64	8	3	6	2	6	2	-	-
65-69	3	1	3	-	1	2	-	-
70-74	3	1	1	2	1	2	-	-
75 and over	2	1	1	1	2	-	-	-
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	312	-	220	92	143	159	1	9
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	-	-	71	29	46	51	*	3

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

2005

Age	Number	Percent Distribution	Sex		Race			
			Male	Female	White	Black	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian or Pacific Islander
0-9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-14	2	1	2	-	1	1	-	-
15-19	83	22	75	8	12	71	-	-
20-24	189	50	179	10	27	162	-	-
25-29	46	12	45	1	7	39	-	-
30-34	37	10	33	4	13	24	-	-
35-39	7	2	5	2	1	6	-	-
40-44	4	1	4	-	-	4	-	-
45-49	4	1	4	-	3	1	-	-
50-54	4	1	3	1	4	-	-	-
55-99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	376	-	350	26	68	308	-	-
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	-	-	93	7	18	82	-	-

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

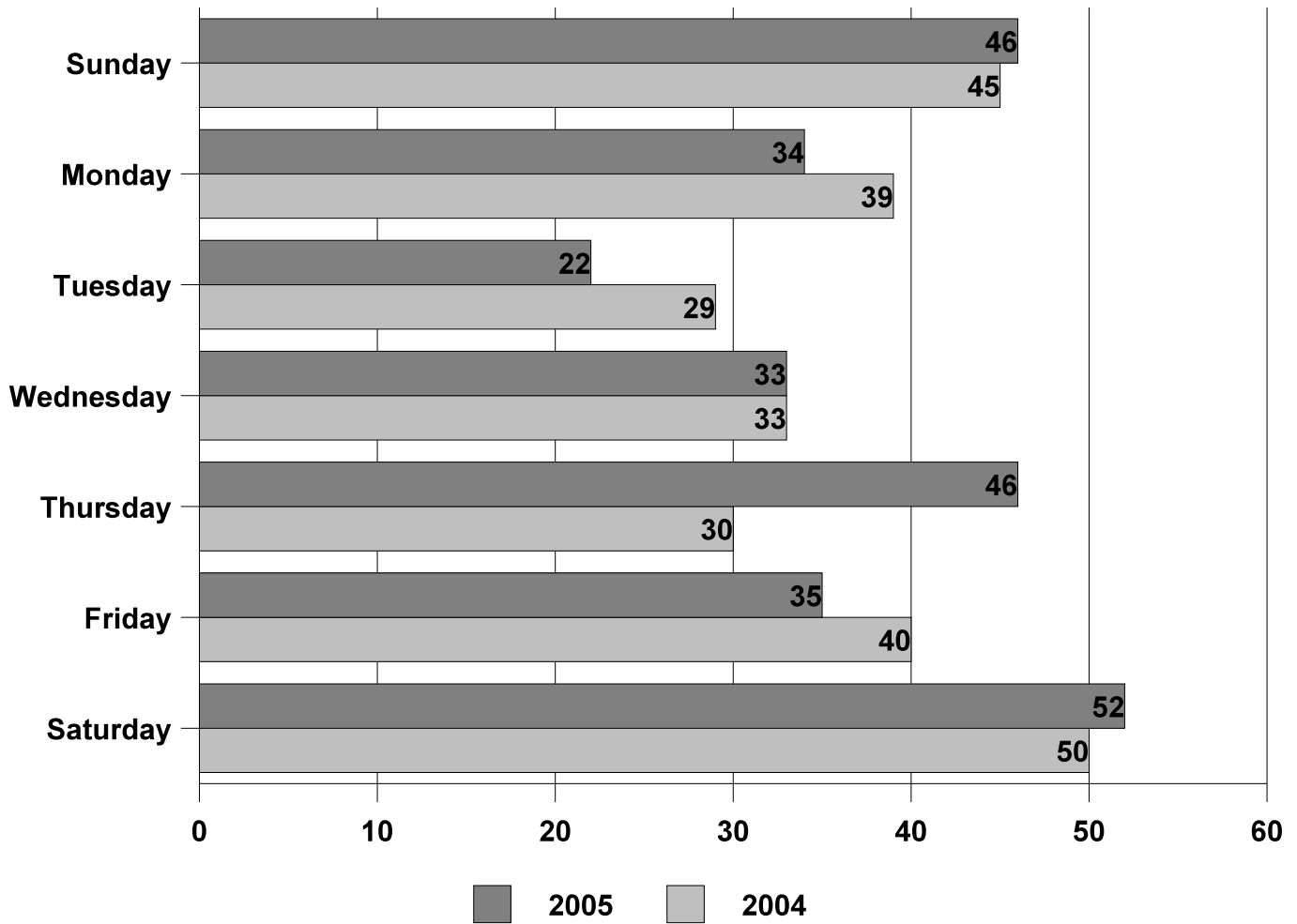
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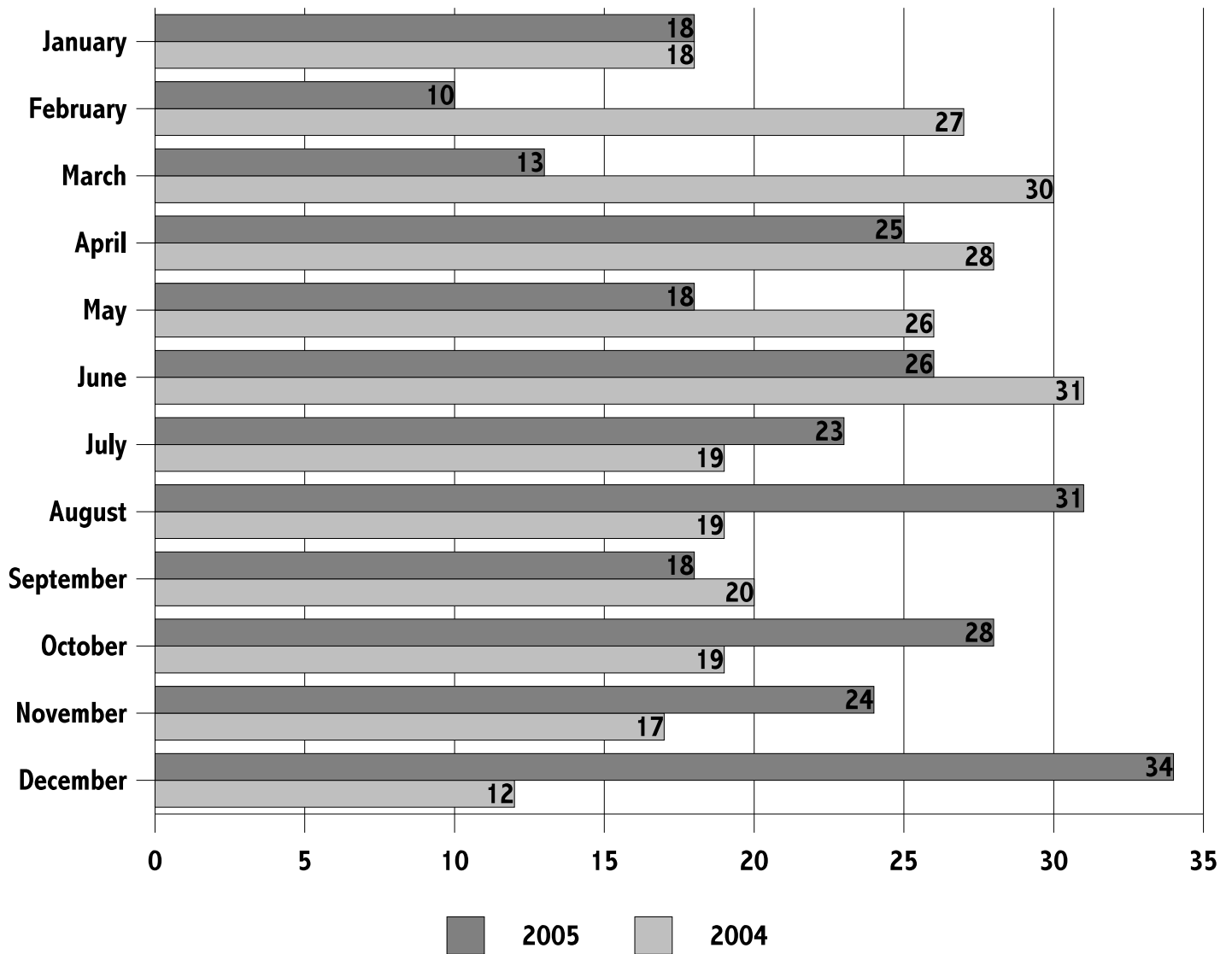
‡ Information supplied on 134 unknown suspects was inconsistent; therefore, accurate data breakdowns are not available.

CARJACKING BY DAY OF WEEK

2004/2005



CARJACKING BY MONTH 2004/2005



CARJACKING OFFENSES BY TIME AND LOCATION 2005

Time	Total	LOCATIONS						
		Residential Area	Highway	Intersection	Business Strip	Shopping Center*	Parking Lot	Other
Midnight to 2 a.m.	37	22	4	8	3	-	-	-
2:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.	25	15	3	4	1	-	1	1
4:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	18	8	2	4	1	-	3	-
6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	19	14	-	1	3	-	1	-
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	10	6	2	-	1	-	1	-
10:00 a.m. to Noon	8	6	2	-	-	-	-	-
Noon to 2:00 p.m.	13	7	4	1	-	1	-	-
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	13	9	3	1	-	-	-	-
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	18	13	1	2	-	1	-	1
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	19	14	-	3	-	-	1	1
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	46	25	5	8	4	-	2	2
10:00 p.m. to Midnight	42	28	4	7	2	-	-	1
TOTAL	268	167	30	39	15	2	9	6

* Includes major malls.

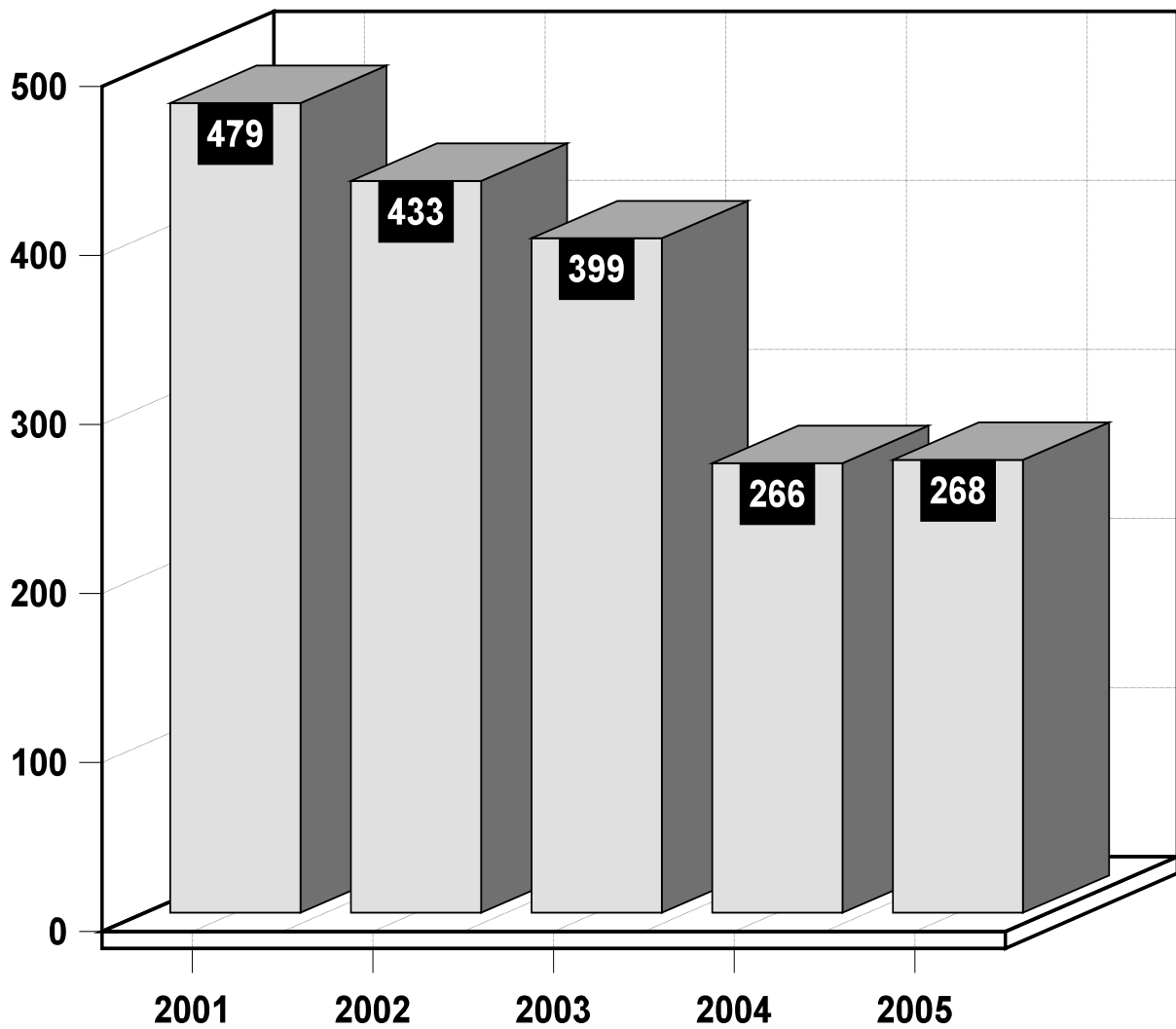
COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF COUNTY & STATE PERCENTAGES 2004/2005

County	2004		2005	
	Number of Offenses	Percent of State Total	Number of Offenses	Percent of State Total
Atlantic	5	2	4	1
Bergen	4	2	2	1
Burlington	2	1	2	1
Camden	24	9	17	6
Cape May	-	0	-	0
Cumberland	2	1	6	2
Essex	151	57	156	58
Gloucester	-	-	2	1
Hudson	19	7	26	10
Hunterdon	-	0	-	0
Mercer	10	4	14	5
Middlesex	4	2	2	1
Monmouth	2	1	2	1
Morris	2	1	-	0
Ocean	-	0	-	0
Passaic	15	6	6	2
Salem	-	0	-	0
Somerset	2	1	2	1
Sussex	1	*	-	0
Union	22	8	27	10
Warren	1	*	-	0
STATE TOTAL	266	100	268	100

* Less than one-half of one percent.

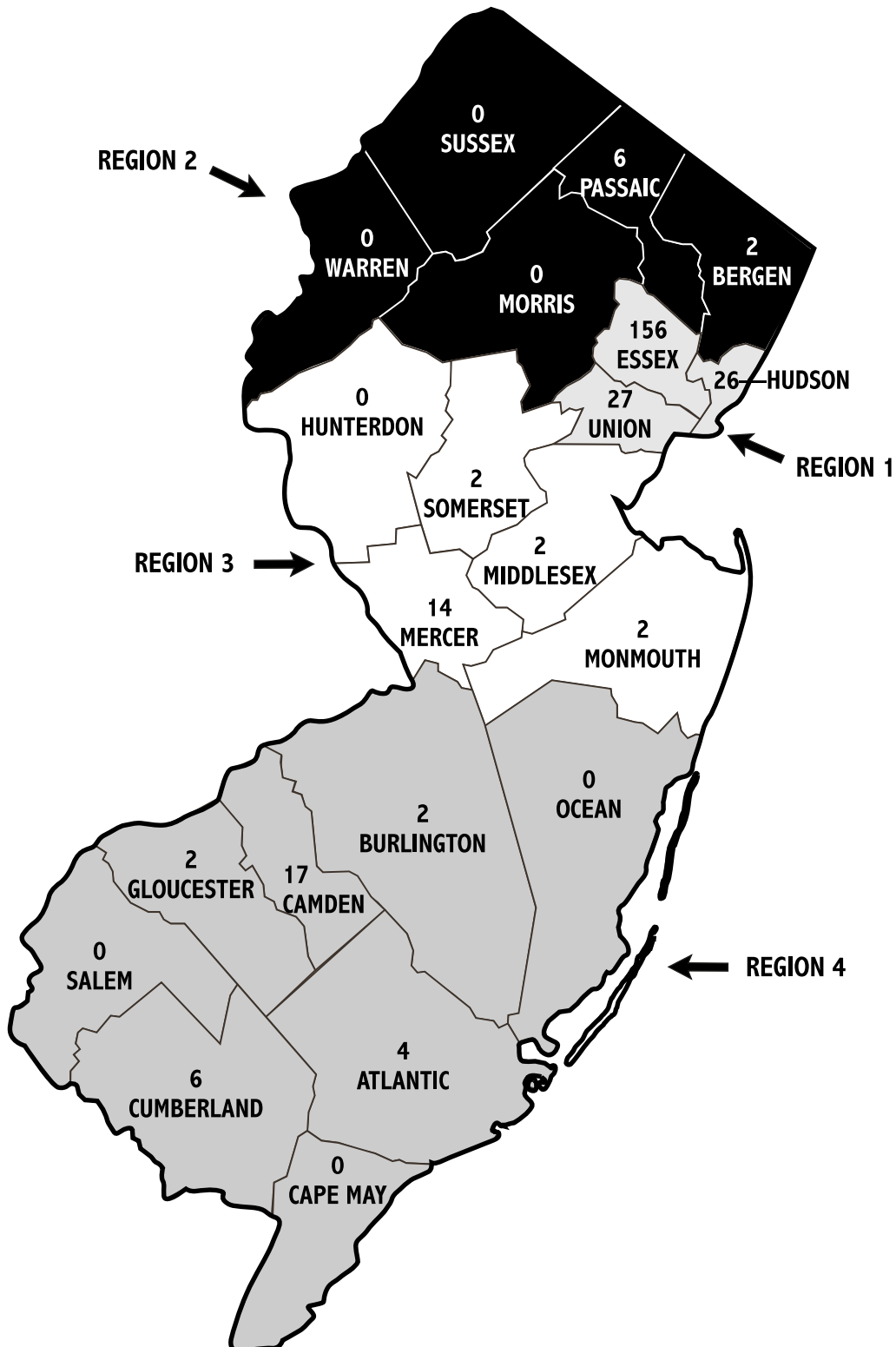
Percent distribution may not equal 100 due to rounding.

CARJACKING FIVE YEAR COMPARISON 2001 - 2005



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

2005

	Total	Residential Area	Highway	Intersection	Business Strip	Shopping Center*	Parking Lot	Other
State of New Jersey	268	167	30	39	15	2	9	6
Region I	209	132	26	29	10	1	7	4
Percent of State Total	78	79	87	74	67	50	78	67
Region II	8	4	1	1	1	-	1	-
Percent of State Total	3	2	3	3	7	0	11	0
Region III	20	14	1	4	-	-	-	1
Percent of State Total	7	8	3	10	0	0	0	17
Region IV	31	17	2	5	4	1	1	1
Percent of State Total	12	10	7	13	27	50	11	17

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CARJACKING OFFENSES

PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL BY REGION AND WEAPON TYPE

2005

	Total	Handgun	Rifle	Shotgun	Knife	Other Dangerous Weapon	Physical Force
State of New Jersey	268	154	1	6	14	8	85
Region I	209	129	1	5	9	4	61
Percent of State Total	78	84	100	83	64	50	72
Region II	8	3	-	-	-	1	4
Percent of State Total	3	2	0	0	0	13	5
Region III	20	8	-	1	2	2	7
Percent of State Total	7	5	0	17	14	25	8
Region IV	31	14	-	-	3	1	13
Percent of State Total	12	9	0	0	21	13	15

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CARJACKING OFFENSES

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION WITHIN REGION BY LOCATION

2005

	Total	Residential Area	Highway	Intersection	Business Strip	Shopping Center*	Parking Lot	Other
State of New Jersey	268	167	30	39	15	2	9	6
Percent Distribution		62	11	15	6	1	3	2
Region I	209	132	26	29	10	1	7	4
Percent Distribution		63	12	14	5	*	3	2
Region II	8	4	1	1	1	-	1	-
Percent Distribution		50	13	13	13	0	13	0
Region III	20	14	1	4	-	-	-	1
Percent Distribution		70	5	20	0	0	0	5
Region IV	31	17	2	5	4	1	1	1
Percent Distribution		55	6	16	13	3	3	3

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Percent Distribution		38	0	0	0	13	50
Region III	20	8	-	1	2	2	7
Percent Distribution		40	0	5	10	10	35
Region IV	31	14	-	-	3	1	13
Percent Distribution		45	0	0	10	3	42

Percent distribution may not add to 100 due to rounding.

* Less than one-half of one percent.

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.