DEFINITION

Aggravated/Felonious Assault is an unlawful attack by one person upon another wherein the offender uses a weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness.

The use or attempted use of a dangerous weapon in an assault or the serious injury inflicted upon the victim is what separates this offense from assaults categorized as simple assaults.

ANALYSIS

VOLUME

The reported number of victims of Aggravated Assault in Michigan for 2016 was 29,976. This represents an increase of sixteen percent when compared to 2015. More persons were assaulted during the month of July. Fewer assaults occurred in the month of February. Seventeen percent of the victims were assaulted on Sundays.

CRIME RATE

The crime rate for this offense in 2016 was 302 assaults for every 100,000 persons, which is an increase of fifteen percent from 2015.

CLEARANCES

In 2016, 10,516 incidents were cleared by an arrest or exceptional clearance out of the 25,389 incidents reported. This equates to a forty-one percent clearance rate.

NATURE

Of the 29,976 victims, twenty percent of the assaults had a Personal Weapon, which includes, hands, fists, feet, etc., used against them. Eighteen percent involved a Knife/Cutting Instrument, seventeen percent of the assaults had a Handgun used, and fourteen percent involved a Blunt Object.

CIRCUMSTANCES

The Victim Circumstance that occurred most frequently was an Argument at fifty-eight percent. Unknown Circumstances happened in eighteen percent of the assaults, sixteen percent were Other Circumstances, five percent involved a Lover’s Quarrel, and two percent were Assaults on a Law Enforcement Officer.

VICTIM INJURY

Forty-seven percent of the victims reported no injuries. Minor injuries were sustained by thirty-five percent of the victims, and seven percent of the victims received Other Major injuries.
2016
Aggravated/Felonious Assaults

Age of Victims

Gender of Victims

Seventeen percent of the victims were between the ages of 20 and 24.

Fifty-two percent of the victims were Male. This is a decrease of four percent since 2015.

Fifty-three percent of the victims were Black.

Race of Victims

American Indian/Alaskan Native
Asian/Pacific Islander
Black
White
Unknown

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2016
Aggravated/Felonious
Assaults

Victim Circumstance

Victim to Offender Relationship

VOR totals will not match the victim totals due to some incidents having multiple offenders but only one victim.
2016 Aggravated/Felonious Assaults

**Weapons Used**

- **Asphyxiation**: 195
- **Automatic Firearm**: 158
- **Automatic Handgun**: 604
- **Automatic Other Firearm**: 11
- **Automatic Rifle**: 80
- **Automatic Shotgun**: 14
- **Blunt Object**: 4,142
- **Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills**: 6
- **Explosives**: 10
- **Fire/Incendiary Devices**: 61
- **Firearm**: 2,256
- **Handgun**: 4,400
- **Knife/Cutting Instrument**: 5,482
- **Motor Vehicle**: 2,011
- **Other**: 2,921
- **Other Firearm**: 255
- **Personal Weapon**: 6,048
- **Poison**: 28
- **Rifle**: 300
- **Shotgun**: 336
- **Unknown**: 658

Explosives: 0.03%
Unknown, Unknown: 2.20%
Rifle: 1.00%
Rifle: 0.09%
Shotgun: 1.12%
Automatic Rifle: 0.27%
Automatic Rifle: 0.05%
Automatic Firearm: 2.01%
Automatic Handgun: 0.53%
Automatic Other Firearm: 0.04%
Asphyxiation: 0.65%
Blunt Object: 13.82%
Firearm: 7.53%
Other: 9.74%
Other Firearm: 0.85%
Handgun: 14.68%
Motor Vehicle: 6.71%
Knife/Cutting Instrument: 18.29%

Crimes Against Persons

2016 Crime in Michigan
## 2016 Aggravated/Felonious Assaults

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### Grand Total:

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