

Table 3.168

Arson offenses and average value of property damage

By type of target, 2002

(12,414 agencies; 2002 estimated population 225,428,667)

Target	Number of offenses	Percent ^a	Average damage
Total	66,308	100.0%	\$11,253
Total structure	27,373	41.3	20,818
Single occupancy residential	11,789	17.8	18,535
Other residential	4,821	7.3	21,846
Storage	1,940	2.9	15,627
Industrial/manufacturing	333	0.5	71,376
Other commercial	2,735	4.1	45,927
Community/public	3,140	4.7	11,181
Other structure	2,615	3.9	11,933
Total mobile	21,920	33.1	6,073
Motor vehicles	20,736	31.3	5,781
Other mobile	1,184	1.8	11,183
Other	17,015	25.7	2,536

Note: Arson was designated as a Part I Index Offense in October 1978; data collection began in 1979. In 2002, 12,454 law enforcement agencies reported 74,921 arson offenses to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program. The data presented above are from 12,414 agencies that furnished detailed reports such as type of structure and estimated value of property damage. Readers should be aware that these data do not represent the Nation's total arson experience (Source, p. 57). For a definition of arson, see [Appendix 3](#).

^aBecause of rounding, percents may not add to total.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States, 2002* (Washington, DC: USGPO, 2003), p. 58. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.