

New Orleans, Louisiana

Crime Statistics

Obtained from the 1995 FBI Crime Report:

<u>Crime</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>% Increase/Decrease</u>
Overall Index	49,842	53,399	+7%
Murder	424	363	-14%
Rape	436	487	+12%
Robbery	4,822	5,349	+11%
Assault	3,639	4,677	+29%
Burglary	10,064	10,236	+2%

COPS

New Orleans has received

Curfew

A nighttime curfew has been in place for many years.

Truancy

Police officers can bring truant students to the school centers where the parents are alerted that their child is not in school and that consequences for chronic truancy include jail time for student **or parent**. Fifteen parents have been sentenced to jail in the past couple of years.

School Uniforms

Every single public school in New Orleans has a school uniform policy. Uniforms have been in place for the last 3-4 years and have proved very effective in lowering the number of fights at school.

Lake Charles, Louisiana

Crime Statistics

Obtained from the 1994 and 1995 FBI Crime Report:

<u>Crime</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>% Increase/Decrease</u>
Overall Index	5575	5510	-2%
Murder	12	9	-25%
Rape	41	44	+7%
Robbery	176	171	-3%
Assault	383	443	+16%
Burglary	1097	972	-11%

COPS

Curfew

A curfew, matching state law, has been in effect for at least fifteen years. It is felt that the curfew is helpful and effective.

Truancy

Truant students will have their parents contacted or visited by either school officials or child welfare officials. If the problem is not resolved, the school principal and attendance counselor will conference with the parents, and the child can choose to attend an alternative school. The alternative school, put in place this year, provides a different setting and tries to motivate the students.

School Uniforms

School uniforms were attempted by a handful of elementary schools on a voluntary basis within the last three years, but a lack of interest forced schools to abandon school uniform policies.