	1994-95	1995-96
Abbeville	0.47	0.42
Aiken	0.59	1.18
Allendale	2.49	11.5
Anderson 1	0.09	0.48
Anderson 2	0.46	0.38
Anderson 3	0.89	1.22
Anderson 4	1.44	1.01
Anderson 5	1.07	1.37
Bamberg 1	0.22	0.32
Bamberg 2	0.76	1.95
Barnwell 19	0.32	1.08
Barnwell 29	0.29	0.4
Barnwell 45	0.22	0.3
Beaufort	0.61	0.69
Berkeley	0.75	1.58
Calhoun	0.82	1.11
Charleston	1.17	1.17
Cherokee	0.23	0.47
Chester	1.3	0.84
Chesterfield	0.76	0.66
Clarendon 1	0.67	1.02
Clarendon 2	0.44	0.08
Clarendon 3	0.08	0.34
Colleton	0.93	3.03
Darlington	1.09	0.94
Dillon 1	1.21	1.64
Dillon 2	0.22	0.18
Dillon 3	0.66	0.41
Dorchester 2	0.65	1.78
Dorchester 3	1.47	1.92
Edgefield	0.34	0.7
Fairfield	0	3.78
Florence 1	0.91	1.45
Florence 2	0.6	0.87
Florence 3	0.57	1.19
Florence 4	0.55	0.47
Florence 5	0.22	0.14
Georgetown	0.86	1.47
Greenville	0.6	0.37
Greenwood 50	0.22	0.43
Greenwood 51	0.73	1.08
Greenwood 52	0.65	1.1
Hampton 1	0.46	0.98
Hampton 2	0.78	1.85
Horry	0.91	0.69
Jasper	0.2	1.78

Kershaw	0.41	0.3
Lancaster	0.78	0.46
Laurens 55	0.42	0.89
Laurens 56	0.82	1.28
Lee	1.1	1.63
Lexington 1	0.49	0.72
Lexington 2	1.34	1.42
Lexington 3	0.26	0.35
Lexington 4	0.17	1.54
Lexington 5	0.82	1.07
Marion 1	0.63	1.61
Marion 2	0.51	0.69
Marion 3	0.61	0.63
Marion 4	0.2	0.2
Marlboro	0.7	0.68
McCormick	0.95	0.97
Newberry	0.76	1.03
Oconee	0.23	0.68
Orangeburg 1	0.87	2.95
Orangeburg 2	1.47	1.47
Orangeburg 3	0.83	1.73
Orangeburg 4	1.25	1.8
Orangeburg 5	1.13	1.53
Orangeburg 6	1.13	1.52
Orangeburg 7	0.52	0.53
Orangeburg 8	3.77	3.84
Pickens	0.42	0.75
Richland 1	1.03	0.97
Richland 2	1.05	1.96
Saluda	0.89	2.31
Spartanburg 1	0.39	0.59
Spartanburg 2	0.4	0.4
Spartanburg 3	0.96	1.8
Spartanburg 4	0.19	0.9
Spartanburg 5	0.39	0.52
Spartanburg 6	0.78	0.72
Spartanburg 7	0.36	1.05
Sumter 2	0.64	1.73
Sumter 17	0.57	0.37
Union	0.28	0.58
Williamsburg	0.33	1.2
York 1	0.16	0.58
York 2	0.78	0.67
York 3	0.77	0.42
York 4	0.23	1.01

COLUMBIA – More than 6,500 crimes were reported at public schools and school functions this past school year, up 42 percent from a year earlier, state Education Superintendent Barbara Nielsen said Friday.

More than a quarter of those involved school disruptions, such as trespassing or loitering.

"When you see a rise in the number of incidents, it's because schools are taking it seriously," Nielsen said. "Schools are handling disruptive behavior promptly and decisively by reporting incidents to law enforcement, contacting parents and following through with discipline."

Crimes such as drug violations, aggravated assaults and theft were up during the 1995-96 school year, while weapons offenses and vandalism were down.

Nielsen said she was troubled by the increased in threats made to school officials – up almost 50 percent to 286 incidents.

"There has to be immediate consequences," she said. "We can't tolerate that at school. You can't teach in an unsafe environment."

A bill introduced this year by Rep. Molly Spearman, R-Saluda, would increase the penalty for teacher assault and require detention for student who commit violent act on school grounds or at school-sponsored events. It also would require school administrators to tell a teacher about any student with a record of violent crime in class.

Nielsen said she supports the legislation, but "you cannot give up the responsibility you have as a family."

Allendale County atop list

Allendale County School District had the highest number of crimes per 100 students with 11.50. Orangeburg 8 was next with 3.84. Fairfield had 3.78, followed by Colleton with 3.03.

Messages left for superintendents in Allendale and Orangeburg 8 were not returned.

Fairfield Superintendent Thomas Chapman and Colleton Superintendent Bill Cason said their schools have started per mediation, conflict resolution and alternative school.

The lowest rate of 0.08 per hundred students was in Clarendon 2. Superintendent Rose Hilliard-Wilder said the school have a strict expulsion policy for students caught with weapons or drugs.

Other lows were in Florence 5, 0.14; Dillon 2, 0.18; and Marion 4, 0.20.

The attorney general's office released a school violent crime reports last week, but Friday's report covers more crimes and the entire school year. The attorney general's report covered only the summer months and the first 45 days of this school year.