



Overview

Table 4

Crime in the United States, by Region, Geographic Division, and State, 2005-2006

- The estimated number of violent crimes in the United States increased 1.9 percent in 2006 when compared with 2005 data.
- The estimated number of violent crimes increased in three of four regions, with the highest increase (3.0 percent) occurring in the West.
- The estimated number of murders increased in three of the four regions, with the highest increase, 3.6 percent, in the South.
- The estimated number of forcible rape offenses decreased in all four regions, with the largest decrease, 6.6 percent, occurring in the Northeast.
- The estimated number of robbery offenses increased in all four regions, with the largest increase (12.3 percent) in the West.
- The estimated number of aggravated assault offenses declined 1.6 percent in the Northeast and 0.9 percent in the West; however, the estimated number of offenses increased 0.6 percent in the Midwest and 0.4 percent in the South.
- The estimated number of property crimes nationwide decreased 1.9 percent in 2006 when compared with 2005 data. Among the Nation's regions, only the Midwest had an increase in the estimated number of property crimes with a rise of 0.5 percent.
- The estimated number of burglaries nationwide increased by 1.3; however, the estimated number of burglaries in the West decreased 2.5 percent.
- The estimated number of larceny-thefts decreased in all four regions, with the largest decrease, 6.1 percent, occurring in the West.

- Nationwide, the number of estimated motor vehicle thefts decreased 3.5 percent. The Northeast experienced the largest decrease (6.5 percent) in the number of estimated motor vehicle thefts.