



Overview

Table 1—Crime in the United States, by Volume and Rate per 100,000 Inhabitants, 1990–2009

Table 1A—Crime in the United States, Percent Change in Volume and Rate per 100,000 Inhabitants for 2 years, 5 years, and 10 years

- In 2009, the estimated number of violent crime offenses was 1,318,398, a decrease of 5.3 percent over the 2008 estimate.
- All violent crime offense estimates decreased in 2009 when compared with the 2008 estimates. Robberies decreased 8.0 percent; murders decreased 7.3 percent; aggravated assaults decreased 4.2 percent; and forcible rapes decreased 2.6 percent.
- The 2009 violent crime rate was 429.4 per 100,000 inhabitants, a decrease of 6.1 percent when compared with the 2008 violent crime rate.
- When compared with 2008 rates, violent crime rates in 2009 declined in all offense categories.
- In 2009, the murder rate was 5.0 per 100,000 inhabitants, an 8.1 percent decrease when compared with the rate for 2008.
- The estimated number of property crimes in 2009 was 9,320,971, a 4.6 percent decrease from the 2008 estimate. The 2009 property crime rate, 3,036.1, was down 5.5 percent when compared with the 2008 figure.
- The estimated number of motor vehicle thefts decreased 17.1 percent and larceny-theft and burglary decreased 4.0 percent and 1.3 percent, respectively.