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Estimated number and rate (per 100,000 inhabitants) of offenses known to police

By offense, United States, 1960-2008

Number of offenses	Total Crime Index ^{a,b}	Violent crime					Property crime			
		Total	Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Total	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft
1960	3,384,200	288,460	9,110	17,190	107,840	154,320	3,095,700	912,100	1,855,400	328,200
1961	3,488,000	289,390	8,740	17,220	106,670	156,760	3,198,600	949,600	1,913,000	336,000
1962	3,752,200	301,510	8,530	17,550	110,860	164,570	3,450,700	994,300	2,089,600	366,800
1963	3,109,500	316,970	8,640	17,650	116,470	174,210	3,792,500	1,086,400	2,297,800	408,300
1964	4,564,600	364,220	9,360	21,420	130,390	203,050	4,200,400	1,213,200	2,514,400	472,800
1965	4,739,400	387,390	9,960	23,410	138,690	215,330	4,352,000	1,282,500	2,572,600	496,900
1966	5,223,500	430,180	11,040	25,820	157,990	235,330	4,793,300	1,410,100	2,822,000	561,200
1967	5,903,400	499,930	12,240	27,620	202,910	257,160	5,403,500	1,632,100	3,111,600	659,800
1968	6,720,200	595,010	13,800	31,670	262,840	286,700	6,125,200	1,858,900	3,482,700	783,600
1969	7,410,900	661,870	14,760	37,170	298,850	311,090	6,749,000	1,981,900	3,888,600	878,500
1970	8,098,000	738,820	16,000	37,990	349,860	334,970	7,359,200	2,205,000	4,225,800	928,400
1971	8,588,200	816,500	17,780	42,260	387,700	368,760	7,771,700	2,399,300	4,424,200	948,200
1972	8,248,800	834,900	18,670	46,850	376,290	393,090	7,413,900	2,375,500	4,151,200	887,200
1973	8,718,100	875,910	19,640	51,400	384,220	420,650	7,842,200	2,565,500	4,347,900	928,800
1974	10,253,400	974,720	20,710	55,400	442,400	456,210	9,278,700	3,039,200	5,262,500	977,100
1975	11,292,400	1,039,710	20,510	56,090	470,500	492,620	10,252,700	3,265,300	5,977,700	1,009,600
1976	11,349,700	1,004,210	18,780	57,080	427,810	500,530	10,345,500	3,108,700	6,270,800	966,000
1977	10,984,500	1,029,580	19,120	63,500	412,610	534,350	9,955,000	3,071,500	5,905,700	977,700
1978	11,209,000	1,085,550	19,560	67,610	426,930	571,460	10,123,400	3,128,300	5,991,000	1,004,100
1979	12,249,500	1,208,030	21,460	76,390	480,700	629,480	11,041,500	3,327,700	6,601,000	1,112,800
1980	13,408,300	1,344,520	23,040	82,990	565,840	672,650	12,063,700	3,795,200	7,136,900	1,131,700
1981	13,423,800	1,361,820	22,520	82,500	592,910	663,900	12,061,900	3,779,700	7,194,400	1,087,800
1982	12,974,400	1,322,390	21,010	78,770	553,130	669,480	11,652,000	3,447,100	7,142,500	1,062,400
1983	12,108,630	1,258,087	19,308	78,918	506,567	653,294	10,850,543	3,129,851	6,712,759	1,007,933
1984	11,881,755	1,273,282	18,692	84,233	485,008	685,349	10,608,473	2,984,434	6,591,874	1,032,165
1985	12,430,357	1,327,767	18,976	87,671	497,874	723,246	11,102,590	3,073,348	6,926,380	1,102,862
1986	13,211,869	1,489,169	20,613	91,459	542,775	834,322	11,722,700	3,241,410	7,257,153	1,224,137
1987	13,508,708	1,483,999	20,096	91,111	517,704	855,088	12,024,709	3,236,184	7,499,851	1,288,674
1988	13,923,086	1,566,221	20,675	92,486	542,968	910,092	12,356,865	3,218,077	7,705,872	1,432,916
1989	14,251,449	1,646,037	21,500	94,504	578,326	951,707	12,605,412	3,168,170	7,872,442	1,564,800
1990	14,475,613	1,820,127	23,438	102,555	639,271	1,054,863	12,655,486	3,073,909	7,945,670	1,635,907
1991	14,872,883	1,911,767	24,703	106,593	687,732	1,092,739	12,961,116	3,157,150	8,142,228	1,661,738
1992	14,438,191	1,932,274	23,760	109,062	672,478	1,126,974	12,505,917	2,979,884	7,915,199	1,610,834
1993	14,144,794	1,926,017	24,526	106,014	659,870	1,135,607	12,218,777	2,834,808	7,820,909	1,563,060
1994	13,989,543	1,857,670	23,326	102,216	618,949	1,113,179	12,131,873	2,712,774	7,879,812	1,539,287
1995	13,862,727	1,798,792	21,606	97,470	580,509	1,099,207	12,063,935	2,593,784	7,997,710	1,472,441
1996	13,493,863	1,688,540	19,645	96,252	535,594	1,037,049	11,805,323	2,506,400	7,904,685	1,394,238
1997	13,194,571	1,636,096	18,208	96,153	498,534	1,023,201	11,558,475	2,460,526	7,743,760	1,354,189
1998	12,485,714	1,533,887	16,974	93,144	447,186	976,583	10,951,827	2,332,735	7,376,311	1,242,781
1999	11,634,378	1,426,044	15,522	89,411	409,371	911,740	10,208,334	2,100,739	6,955,520	1,152,075
2000	11,608,070	1,425,486	15,586	90,178	408,016	911,706	10,182,584	2,050,992	6,971,590	1,160,002
2001	11,876,669	1,439,480	16,037 ^c	90,863	423,557	909,023	10,437,189	2,116,531	7,092,267	1,228,391
2002	X	1,423,677	16,229	95,235	420,806	891,407	10,455,277	2,151,252	7,057,379	1,246,646
2003	X	1,383,676	16,528	93,883	414,235	859,030	10,442,862	2,154,834	7,026,802	1,261,226
2004	X	1,360,088	16,148	95,089	401,470	847,381	10,319,386	2,144,446	6,937,089	1,237,851
2005	X	1,390,745	16,740	94,347	417,438	862,220	10,174,754	2,155,448	6,783,447	1,235,859
2006	X	1,418,043	17,030	92,757	447,403	860,853	9,983,568	2,183,746	6,607,013	1,192,809
2007	X	1,408,337	16,929	90,427	445,125	855,856	9,843,481	2,179,140	6,568,572	1,095,769
2008	X	1,382,012	16,272	89,000	441,855	834,885	9,767,915	2,222,196	6,588,873	956,846

Rate (per 100,000 inhabitants) ^d										
1960	1,887.2	160.9	5.1	9.6	60.1	86.1	1,726.3	508.6	1,034.7	183.0
1961	1,906.1	158.1	4.8	9.4	58.3	85.7	1,747.9	518.9	1,045.4	183.6
1962	2,019.8	162.3	4.6	9.4	59.7	88.6	1,857.5	535.2	1,124.8	197.4
1963	2,180.3	168.2	4.6	9.4	61.8	92.4	2,012.1	576.4	1,219.1	216.6
1964	2,388.1	190.6	4.9	11.2	68.2	106.2	2,197.5	634.7	1,315.5	247.4
1965	2,449.0	200.2	5.1	12.1	71.7	111.3	2,248.8	662.7	1,329.3	256.8
1966	2,670.8	220.0	5.6	13.2	80.8	120.3	2,450.9	721.0	1,442.9	286.9
1967	2,989.7	253.2	6.2	14.0	102.8	130.2	2,736.5	826.6	1,575.8	334.1
1968	3,370.2	298.4	6.9	15.9	131.8	143.8	3,071.8	932.3	1,746.6	393.0
1969	3,680.0	328.7	7.3	18.5	148.4	154.5	3,351.3	984.1	1,930.9	436.2
1970	3,984.5	363.5	7.9	18.7	172.1	164.8	3,621.0	1,084.9	2,079.3	456.8
1971	4,164.7	396.0	8.6	20.5	188.0	178.8	3,768.8	1,163.5	2,145.5	459.8
1972	3,961.4	401.0	9.0	22.5	180.7	188.8	3,560.4	1,140.8	1,993.6	426.1
1973	4,154.4	417.4	9.4	24.5	183.1	200.5	3,737.0	1,222.5	2,071.9	442.6
1974	4,850.4	461.1	9.8	26.2	209.3	215.8	4,389.3	1,437.7	2,489.5	462.2
1975	5,298.5	487.8	9.6	26.3	220.8	231.1	4,810.7	1,532.1	2,804.8	473.7
1976	5,287.3	467.8	8.8	26.6	199.3	233.2	4,819.5	1,448.2	2,921.3	450.0
1977	5,077.6	475.9	8.8	29.4	190.7	240.0	4,601.7	1,419.8	2,729.9	451.9

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By offense, United States, 1960-2008--Continued

Rate (per 100,000 inhabitants) ¹ , continued	Total Crime Index ^{a,b}	Violent crime					Property crime			
		Total	Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Total	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft
1978	5,140.3	497.8	9.0	31.0	195.8	262.1	4,642.5	1,434.6	2,747.4	460.5
1979	5,565.5	548.9	9.7	34.7	218.4	286.0	5,016.6	1,511.9	2,999.1	505.6
1980	5,950.0	596.6	10.2	36.8	251.1	298.5	5,353.3	1,684.1	3,167.0	502.2
1981	5,850.0	593.5	9.8	36.0	258.4	289.3	5,256.5	1,647.2	3,135.3	474.1
1982	5,600.5	570.8	9.1	34.0	238.8	289.0	5,029.7	1,488.0	3,083.1	458.6
1983	5,179.2	538.1	8.3	33.8	216.7	279.4	4,641.1	1,338.7	2,871.3	431.1
1984	5,038.4	539.9	7.9	35.7	205.7	290.6	4,498.5	1,265.5	2,795.2	437.7
1985	5,224.5	558.1	8.0	36.8	209.3	304.0	4,666.4	1,291.7	2,911.2	463.5
1986	5,501.9	620.1	8.6	38.1	226.0	347.4	4,881.8	1,349.8	3,022.1	509.8
1987	5,575.5	612.5	8.3	37.6	213.7	352.9	4,963.0	1,335.7	3,095.4	531.9
1988	5,694.5	640.6	8.5	37.8	222.1	372.2	5,054.0	1,316.2	3,151.7	586.1
1989	5,774.0	669.9	8.7	38.3	234.3	385.6	5,107.1	1,283.6	3,189.6	634.0
1990	5,802.7	729.6	9.4	41.1	256.3	422.9	5,073.1	1,232.2	3,185.1	655.8
1991	5,898.4	758.2	9.8	42.3	272.7	433.4	5,140.2	1,252.1	3,229.1	659.0
1992	5,661.4	757.7	9.3	42.8	263.7	441.9	4,903.7	1,168.4	3,103.6	631.6
1993	5,487.1	747.1	9.5	41.1	256.0	440.5	4,740.0	1,099.7	3,033.9	606.3
1994	5,373.8	713.6	9.0	39.3	237.8	427.6	4,660.2	1,042.1	3,026.9	591.3
1995	5,274.9	684.5	8.2	37.1	220.9	418.3	4,590.5	987.0	3,043.2	560.3
1996	5,087.6	636.6	7.4	36.3	201.9	391.0	4,451.0	945.0	2,980.3	525.7
1997	4,927.3	611.0	6.8	35.9	186.2	382.1	4,316.3	918.8	2,891.8	505.7
1998	4,620.1	567.6	6.3	34.5	165.5	361.4	4,052.5	863.2	2,729.5	459.9
1999	4,266.5	523.0	5.7	32.8	150.1	334.3	3,743.6	770.4	2,550.7	422.5
2000	4,124.8	506.5	5.5	32.0	145.0	324.0	3,618.3	728.8	2,477.3	412.2
2001	4,162.6	504.5	5.6 ^c	31.8	148.5	318.6	3,658.1	741.8	2,485.7	430.5
2002	X	494.4	5.6	33.1	146.1	309.5	3,630.6	747.0	2,450.7	432.9
2003	X	475.8	5.7	32.3	142.5	295.4	3,591.2	741.0	2,416.5	433.7
2004	X	463.2	5.5	32.4	136.7	288.6	3,514.1	730.3	2,362.3	421.5
2005	X	469.0	5.6	31.8	140.8	290.8	3,431.5	726.9	2,287.8	416.8
2006	X	473.6	5.7	31.0	149.4	287.5	3,334.5	729.4	2,206.8	398.4
2007	X	466.9	5.6	30.0	147.6	283.8	3,263.5	722.5	2,177.8	363.3
2008	X	454.5	5.4	29.3	145.3	274.6	3,212.5	730.8	2,167.0	314.7

Note: These data were compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. On a monthly basis, law enforcement agencies (police, sheriffs, and State police) report the number of offenses that become known to them in the following crime categories: murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. A count of these crimes, which are known as Part I offenses, is taken from records of all complaints of crime received by law enforcement agencies from victims or other sources and/or from officers who discovered the offenses. Whenever complaints of crime are determined through investigation to be unfounded or false, they are eliminated from an agency's count (Source, 2008, About Crime in the U.S., Methodology).

Beginning in 1960, the UCR Program used seven crime categories to establish a "crime index." Crime index offenses include murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft; the "Total Crime Index" is a simple sum of the index offenses. Arson was designated as a Part I Index offense in October 1978; data collection began in 1979. However, due to the incompleteness of arson reporting by police, arson data are not displayed nor are they included in the Total Crime Index of the offenses known to the police. Beginning with publication of the 2003 UCR data, the Source discontinued use of the crime index. The Source also did not calculate a revised 2002 crime index figure. See Appendix 3 for more information.

The figures in this table are subject to updating by the UCR Program and therefore may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. The number of agencies reporting and populations represented may vary from year to year. This table and tables 3.107.2008 and 3.108.2008 present data from all law enforcement agencies in the UCR Program, including those submitting less than 12 months of data. Estimates for nonreporting areas are included and are based on agencies reporting.

Due to ongoing National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) conversion efforts as well as other reporting problems, complete data were not available for a small number of States for certain years. As a result, the Source estimated State totals for these States for the years in question, but did not include these States in detailed breakdowns of the data. For instance, in 2008, complete data were not available for Illinois. Therefore, estimates for Illinois were included in tables displaying State totals by offense type. However, Illinois was omitted from tables displaying detailed breakdowns. For definitions of offenses and a list of States supplying incomplete data for selected years, see Appendix 3.

^aBecause of rounding, the offenses may not add to totals.

^bThe Source no longer provides a Total Crime Index. See Appendix 3 for more information.

^cThe murders and nonnegligent manslaughters that occurred as a result of the events of Sept. 11, 2001 are not included in this table.

^dAll rates were calculated on the number of offenses before rounding.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States, 1975*, p. 49, Table 2; *1995*, p. 58; (Washington, DC: USGPO); *2008*, Table 1 [Online]. Available: http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/data/table_01.html [Nov. 13, 2009]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.