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Arrest rates (per 100,000 inhabitants) for violent crimes

By offense charged and region, 1971-2011

(Rate per 100,000 inhabitants)

	Offense charged and region															
	Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter				Forcible rape				Robbery				Aggravated assault			
	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
1971	7.1	8.8	12.7	8.6	8.5	9.6	12.2	13.1	83.4	55.3	54.4	73.0	81.2	59.0	119.5	111.3
1972	6.8	7.8	13.3	10.1	10.0	10.1	13.7	16.4	82.2	54.0	58.6	84.7	83.7	63.1	125.0	134.4
1973	7.9	7.0	12.8	9.1	12.1	9.4	13.5	15.5	84.8	41.3	59.3	85.9	96.5	58.8	120.2	134.7
1974	6.5	10.2	14.3	11.1	12.3	11.1	15.2	15.8	87.2	69.0	75.5	96.9	108.6	74.7	134.1	164.7
1975	6.9	6.9	13.1	9.2	11.9	9.2	14.0	14.4	91.2	53.2	69.3	81.8	109.1	64.1	139.2	145.2
1976	6.3	6.4	11.7	4.5	12.0	9.8	13.7	13.8	84.6	44.6	56.9	67.7	106.3	62.5	135.6	136.9
1977	5.9	7.8	11.7	9.5	13.2	11.6	14.5	14.8	83.7	52.3	53.2	76.8	117.3	59.5	137.1	154.7
1978	7.4	7.3	11.5	9.2	15.1	10.9	14.2	14.8	110.7	46.7	52.5	75.3	149.2	57.9	144.7	152.1
1979	5.6	9.1	11.9	10.3	12.8	11.9	15.2	17.8	79.4	46.6	56.6	82.8	114.3	67.7	151.9	174.4
1980	6.3	7.5	11.1	10.4	12.9	12.1	14.8	17.1	91.9	48.1	54.4	85.1	118.1	64.5	147.0	170.5
1981	6.3	7.5	11.3	12.6	13.1	12.4	14.6	16.1	98.6	48.7	55.7	84.2	115.2	69.7	148.5	163.5
1982	7.1	10.0	11.1	10.8	13.5	15.2	15.6	16.0	102.0	63.1	55.3	83.9	129.6	82.5	158.7	161.3
1983	6.6	8.0	10.4	10.2	14.3	14.6	15.4	15.7	101.7	49.5	54.7	70.4	127.7	77.8	155.1	148.5
1984	6.1	5.8	9.5	8.0	16.1	15.1	16.3	15.2	103.4	37.9	48.9	56.8	139.4	84.9	141.4	143.5
1985	6.1	5.7	9.3	9.0	15.3	15.6	16.3	15.4	96.2	34.8	47.8	68.1	136.1	85.5	143.7	145.8
1986	6.3	6.5	9.4	9.2	15.4	14.9	16.3	15.7	105.0	34.5	51.7	69.2	154.1	93.2	151.3	191.3
1987	6.5	9.1	8.5	8.6	15.0	16.4	15.2	15.2	103.1	42.2	47.5	63.6	161.1	94.6	140.8	207.2
1988	6.6	9.7	9.1	8.7	13.9	15.3	15.5	15.3	99.7	40.3	44.1	64.1	171.5	115.1	138.9	226.7
1989	6.9	10.2	9.5	9.0	14.4	16.2	15.2	15.2	116.4	45.9	47.7	68.9	182.2	131.0	152.3	252.6
1990	6.8	8.9	11.1	9.8	13.8	15.7	17.3	16.2	117.8	41.2	57.8	77.9	182.7	131.1	186.9	272.6
1991	7.7	10.2	11.3	9.4	14.5	17.2	16.7	15.3	120.7	45.5	57.2	77.2	188.3	128.6	183.4	265.0
1992	6.8	9.5	10.4	8.8	14.6	17.0	16.4	14.3	114.1	45.3	60.4	75.6	186.9	129.5	210.0	267.7
1993	7.0	9.7	11.3	8.5	13.8	16.7	16.3	13.3	115.9	44.8	62.1	71.8	190.8	131.4	213.0	270.3
1994	6.6	10.0	10.2	8.2	12.7	17.3	15.5	12.0	110.5	48.2	59.9	69.9	186.2	147.5	222.5	282.2
1995	6.9	9.4	9.4	7.7	13.0	15.7	14.6	10.7	126.6	45.0	57.6	67.7	212.7	151.1	217.0	288.2
1996	5.6	9.3	8.6	6.9	11.8	15.6	13.5	10.8	100.7	49.2	49.3	63.7	177.1	166.1	187.7	270.6
1997	3.2	8.9	8.6	5.9	9.8	14.0	13.2	10.7	46.9	44.6	51.4	58.7	152.8	156.6	189.0	285.1
1998	3.7	9.6	7.5	5.7	10.5	13.6	12.7	10.4	51.2	39.6	43.5	52.3	157.9	155.5	176.2	259.9
1999	3.3	8.7	6.1	4.8	10.0	13.9	11.0	9.7	48.2	39.9	37.6	46.2	153.4	149.4	163.0	245.6
2000	3.1	4.6	6.3	4.4	9.9	10.9	10.0	9.0	45.3	33.2	37.3	42.6	146.5	129.8	155.2	235.4
2001	3.2	5.3	6.0	4.5	9.6	11.0	9.7	8.9	45.4	34.5	38.0	41.5	140.4	136.4	148.4	234.2
2002	3.2	5.7	5.7	4.6	10.0	11.2	10.1	8.4	44.7	32.1	35.5	40.0	131.1	144.5	145.5	222.6
2003	3.1	4.2	5.6	4.4	8.6	10.1	9.4	8.2	41.6	28.5	37.9	39.6	113.2	123.0	137.5	224.3
2004	3.1	5.1	5.4	4.9	8.1	10.6	9.4	7.6	42.3	31.1	36.9	40.5	114.1	120.3	136.4	213.1
2005	3.2	3.8	6.2	4.7	8.0	9.8	9.5	7.3	43.7	33.0	39.7	39.9	114.7	123.2	144.6	203.6
2006	3.2	3.6	5.8	4.6	7.5	9.1	9.0	7.2	48.4	35.0	43.9	44.7	124.6	117.7	141.6	200.8
2007	3.1	3.9	5.5	4.7	6.8	9.0	8.0	7.2	43.8	34.9	44.2	46.5	117.0	106.2	136.1	202.1
2008	3.2	3.8	5.2	4.3	6.8	8.5	7.7	6.9	44.9	35.8	44.3	47.6	119.4	106.3	130.9	197.0
2009	2.8	3.7	5.1	4.0	6.2	7.8	7.2	6.5	44.1	34.5	41.5	46.5	115.6	99.8	128.6	191.7
2010	2.9	2.6	4.5	3.7	6.1	6.8	6.7	6.3	40.9	29.8	35.1	40.3	113.5	95.5	124.5	182.0
2011	2.5	3.1	4.2	3.5	5.6	7.6	6.3	5.6	38.8	30.6	32.2	37.6	106.0	96.1	118.8	178.1

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 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. Arrest statistics are compiled as part of this monthly data collection effort. Participating law enforcement agencies are instructed to count one arrest each time a person is taken into custody, notified, or cited for criminal infractions other than traffic violations. Annual arrest figures do not measure the number of individuals taken into custody because one person may be arrested several times during the year for the same type of offense or for different offenses. A juvenile is counted as a person arrested when he/she commits an act that would be a criminal offense if committed by an adult.

The number of agencies reporting and the populations represented vary from year to year. Due to National Incident-Based Reporting System conversion efforts beginning in 1991 as well as other reporting problems, complete arrest data were not available for a small number of jurisdictions for certain years. See Appendix 3 for a list of jurisdictions omitted. For a list of States in regions and definitions of offenses, see Appendix 3.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States*, 1971, p. 35; 1972, p. 35; 1973, p. 34; 1974, p. 45; 1975, p. 41; 1976, p. 172; 1977, p. 171; 1978, p. 185; 1979, p. 187; 1980, p. 190; 1981, p. 161; 1982, p. 166; 1983, p. 169; 1984, p. 162; 1985, p. 165; 1986, p. 165; 1987, p. 165; 1988, p. 169; 1989, p. 173; 1990, p. 175; 1991, p. 214; 1992, p. 218; 1993, p. 218; 1994, p. 218; 1995, p. 209; 1996, p. 215; 1997, p. 223; 1998, p. 211; 1999, p. 213; 2000, p. 217; 2001, p. 235; 2002, p. 235; 2003, p. 271; 2004, p. 281 (Washington, DC: USGPO); 2005, Table 30 [Online]. Available: http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/05cius/data/table_30.html [Oct. 12, 2006]; 2006, Table 30 [Online]. Available: http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2006/data/table_30.html [Oct. 27, 2007]; 2007, Table 30 [Online]. Available: http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/data/table_30.html [Jan. 15, 2009]; 2008, Table 30 [Online]. Available: http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/data/table_30.html [Jan. 11, 2010]; 2009, Table 30 [Online]. Available: http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2009/data/table_30.html [Sept. 28, 2010]; 2010, Table 30 [Online]. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s./2010/crime-in-the-u.s.-2010/tables/10tbl30.xls> [Oct. 31, 2011]; 2011, Table 30 [Online]. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s./2011/crime-in-the-u.s.-2011/tables/table-30> [Nov. 30, 2012]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.