



Overview

Table 4

**Crime in the United States, by Region, Geographic Division, and State,
2006-2007**

- The estimated number of violent crimes in the United States decreased 0.7 percent in 2007 when compared with 2006 data.
- The estimated number of violent crimes decreased in three of the four regions, with the only increase, 1.6 percent, occurring in the South.
- The estimated number of murders decreased in three of the four regions, with the only increase, 5.3 percent, in the South.
- The estimated number of forcible rape offenses decreased in all four regions, with the largest decrease, 4.3 percent, occurring in the Northeast.
- The estimated number of robberies decreased in three of the four regions, with the only increase, 4.9 percent, in the South.
- The estimated number of aggravated assault offenses declined in three of the four regions, with an increase of 0.3 percent in the South.
- The estimated number of property crimes nationwide decreased 1.4 percent in 2007 when compared with 2006 data.
- Among the Nation's regions, only the South had an increase in the estimated number of property crimes with a rise of 1.8 percent.
- The estimated number of burglaries decreased in all regions with the exception of the South, where there was an increase of 3.3 percent.
- Larceny-theft offenses also declined in three of the four regions. In the South, there was a 2.1-percent increase in the estimated number of larceny-thefts.

- The estimated number of motor vehicle thefts declined in all four regions of the United States in 2007 when compared to the 2006 estimates. The largest decline, 12.0 percent, occurred in the Northeast.