



Overview

Table 14

Crime Trends by Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Counties, by Population Group, 2006-2007

(A comparison of 2006 and 2007 data)

- Violent crime declined 3.5 percent in the smallest metropolitan counties, those with fewer than 25,000 inhabitants.
- Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter increased 7.4 percent in metropolitan counties with 25,000 to 99,999 inhabitants.
- Robbery decreased 10.4 percent and forcible rape declined 8.7 percent in the smallest metropolitan counties, those with fewer than 25,000 inhabitants.
- Property crime decreased in metropolitan counties with fewer than 100,000 residents and increased less than one-tenth of 1 percent in metropolitan counties with 100,000 or more inhabitants.
- Violent crime increased in all population groupings in nonmetropolitan counties. The largest increase (4.4 percent) occurred in nonmetropolitan counties with 25,000 or more inhabitants.
- Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter decreased 15.6 percent in the smallest nonmetropolitan counties, those with less than 10,000 inhabitants.
- Property crimes increased 1.4 percent in nonmetropolitan counties with 25,000 and more residents and declined 2.5 percent in nonmetropolitan counties with fewer than 10,000 residents.