



Overview

Table 14

Crime Trends by Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Counties, by Population Group, 2005–2006

(A comparison of 2005 and 2006 data)

- Violent crime increased 3.0 percent in the largest metropolitan counties, those with 100,000 or more in population.
- The largest metropolitan counties had increases of 9.0 and 6.1 percent in the offenses of robbery and murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, respectively.
- The smallest metropolitan counties, those with populations of under 25,000, experienced a nearly 25-percent increase in the number of murders and nonnegligent manslaughters and a 12.5-percent increase in robbery offenses.
- Overall, property crime offenses decreased in all the metropolitan counties except those with populations of 25,000 to 99,999. In these counties, property crime increased 0.5 percent.
- In nonmetropolitan counties, violent crime and property crime offenses decreased in all of the population groupings.