



Overview

Table 12

Crime Trends by Population Group, 2005–2006

(A comparison of 2005 and 2006 data)

- Violent crime offenses increased 1.9 percent in the Nation in 2006 when compared with 2005 data, and property crime decreased 2.2 percent.
- Offenses in two of the four violent crime categories showed increases. Murder increased 1.8 percent, and robbery increased 6.8 percent.
- Forcible rape offenses showed a decrease of 1.5 percent in 2006, and aggravated assault offenses were down slightly (-0.2 percent).
- Cities with populations of 25,000 to 49,999 had the largest increase for violent crimes, 3.8 percent.
- The country's largest cities, those with populations of 250,000 and over, had a 1.0-percent increase in violent crime.
- Among the population groups, the nation's metropolitan counties also had an increase in violent crime, rising 2.9 percent; however, nonmetropolitan counties experienced a decrease of 4.0 percent, the only population group that experienced a decline in violent crime.
- Robbery offenses increased by 6.5 percent in the Nation's cities, rose 9.1 percent in the metropolitan counties, and were up 2.9 percent in the nonmetropolitan counties.
- In the Nation's cities, property crime fell by 2.6 percent when compared with 2005 offense data. In nonmetropolitan counties, property crime was down 2.3 percent; in metropolitan counties, property crime went down slightly (-0.3 percent).