



Overview

Table 4

**Crime in the United States, by Region, Geographic Division, and State,
2010–2011**

- In 2011, the estimated number of violent crimes in the United States decreased 3.8 percent when compared with 2010 data.
- In comparing the 2-year estimates, violent crimes decreased in all four regions, with the largest decrease (4.8 percent) occurring in the West, followed by declines of 4.1 percent in the South, 4.0 percent in the Midwest, and 1.4 percent in the Northeast.
- The estimated number of murders decreased 6.2 percent in the Northeast and 0.9 percent in South but increased 2.7 percent in the Midwest and 0.4 percent in the West.
- The West recorded the largest decrease in forcible rape, 6.0 percent. The Midwest was the only region to report an increase in forcible rape offenses with a 0.2 percent increase .
- The estimated number of robbery offenses declined in all four regions. The largest decrease, 5.9 percent, was in the West.
- Estimated aggravated assault offenses decreased in all four regions, with the Midwest reporting the largest decrease, 5.7 percent.
- For 2011, the estimated number of property crimes nationwide decreased 0.5 percent when compared with the 2010 estimate.
- The estimated number of property crimes changed very little when comparing the 2011 estimates with 2010 data. There were declines of 0.9 percent in the South and 0.8 percent in the West. Estimates increased by 0.3 percent in the Northeast

but remained virtually unchanged in the Midwest. The estimated number of burglaries increased in three regions. However, in the South, the number of estimated burglaries remained unchanged. The largest increase, 3.3 percent, occurred in the Northeast.

- Larceny-thefts declined slightly in all four regions, with a 0.6 percent decrease in both the Northeast and the Midwest; and 0.8 percent declines in the South and the West.
- When compared with the 2010 estimates, the estimated number of motor vehicle thefts in 2011 declined in all four regions of the United States. The largest decline, 4.8 percent, occurred in the South.