



## Overview

### Table 3

#### **Crime in the United States, Offense and Population Percent Distribution by Region, 2012**

- The most populous region, the South, accounted for 40.9 percent of all violent crimes in 2012. Lesser volumes of 23.4 percent in the West, 19.7 percent in the Midwest, and 16.0 percent in the Northeast were recorded.
- Slightly less than 44 percent (43.6) of the Nation's estimated total of murders occurred in the South. The West had 21.0 percent of murders, followed by the Midwest with 21.1 percent, and the Northeast with 14.2 percent.
- During 2012, 42.2 percent of the estimated property crimes were recorded in the South. The West was next with 24.2 percent, followed by the Midwest with 20.7 percent, and the Northeast with 12.9 percent.