



Overview

Table 3

Crime in the United States, Offense and Population Percent Distribution by Region, 2015

- The South, the most populous region of the nation, accounted for 41.2 percent of all violent crimes in 2015. Lesser volumes of violent crime were recorded in the West at 24.5 percent, the Midwest at 19.6 percent, and the Northeast at 14.7 percent.
- In 2015, 45.9 percent of the nation's estimated total number of murders occurred in the South. The Midwest had 21.5 percent of murders, followed by the West with 20.2 percent and the Northeast with 12.4 percent.
- During 2015, 42.2 percent of the estimated number of property crimes were recorded in the South. The West was next with 26.6 percent, followed by the Midwest with 19.3 percent, and the Northeast with 11.9 percent.