Overview

Table 3

Crime in the United States, Offense and Population Percent Distribution by Region, 2009

- In 2009, regionally, the South, the most populous region accounted for
 42.5 percent of all violent crimes. Lesser volumes of 22.9 percent in the West,
 19.6 percent in the Midwest, and 15.0 percent in the Northeast were recorded.
- Slightly less than 45 percent (44.8) of the Nation's estimated total of murders occurred in the South. The West had 21.3 percent of murders, followed by the Midwest with 20.0 percent, and the Northeast with 13.9 percent.
- During 2009, nearly 44 percent (43.9) of all estimated property crimes were recorded in the South. The West had 22.7 percent, followed by the Midwest with 20.8 percent, and the Northeast with 12.6 percent.