



## Overview

**Table 1—Crime in the United States, by Volume and Rate per 100,000 Inhabitants, 1990–2009**

**Table 1A—Crime in the United States, Percent Change in Volume and Rate per 100,000 Inhabitants for 2 years, 5 years, and 10 years**

- In 2009, the estimated number of violent crime offenses was 1,318,398, a decrease of 5.3 percent over the 2008 estimate.
- All violent crime offense estimates decreased in 2009 when compared with the 2008 estimates. Robberies decreased 8.0 percent; murders decreased 7.3 percent; aggravated assaults decreased 4.2 percent; and forcible rapes decreased 2.6 percent.
- The 2009 violent crime rate was 429.4 per 100,000 inhabitants, a decrease of 6.1 percent when compared with the 2008 violent crime rate.
- When compared with 2008 rates, violent crime rates in 2009 declined in all offense categories.
- In 2009, the murder rate was 5.0 per 100,000 inhabitants, an 8.1 percent decrease when compared with the rate for 2008.
- The estimated number of property crimes in 2009 was 9,320,971, a 4.6 percent decrease from the 2008 estimate. The 2009 property crime rate, 3,036.1, was down 5.5 percent when compared with the 2008 figure.
- The estimated number of motor vehicle thefts decreased 17.1 percent and larceny-theft and burglary decreased 4.0 percent and 1.3 percent, respectively.