



## Overview

### **Table 1—Crime in the United States, by Volume and Rate per 100,000 Inhabitants, 1989–2008**

### **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**

- The estimated number of violent crimes in 2008 was 1,382,012 offenses, a decrease of 1.9 percent over the 2007 estimate, but an increase of 1.6 percent from 2004.
- All violent crimes decreased in 2008 compared to the 2007 estimates. Murder decreased by 3.9 percent; aggravated assault decreased 2.5 percent; forcible rape decreased 1.6 percent; and robbery decreased 0.7 percent.
- Based on the estimated number of offenses in 2008, the rate for violent crime was 454.5 per 100,000 inhabitants, a decrease of 2.7 percent when compared with 2007 data.
- The 2008 murder rate, 5.4 offenses per 100,000 inhabitants, was a 4.7 percent decrease when compared with the rate for 2007.
- Estimated at nearly 9.8 million (9,767,915) offenses, property crime decreased 0.8 percent in 2008 when compared to the 2007 estimate.
- By property crime type, the estimated number of motor vehicle thefts decreased 12.7 percent, while the two remaining property crime offenses (burglary and larceny-theft) increased 2.0 percent and 0.3 percent, respectively.
- The property crime rate for 2008 (3,212.5 offenses per 100,000 inhabitants) was down 1.6 percent from the 2007 rate.