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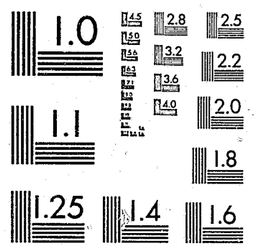

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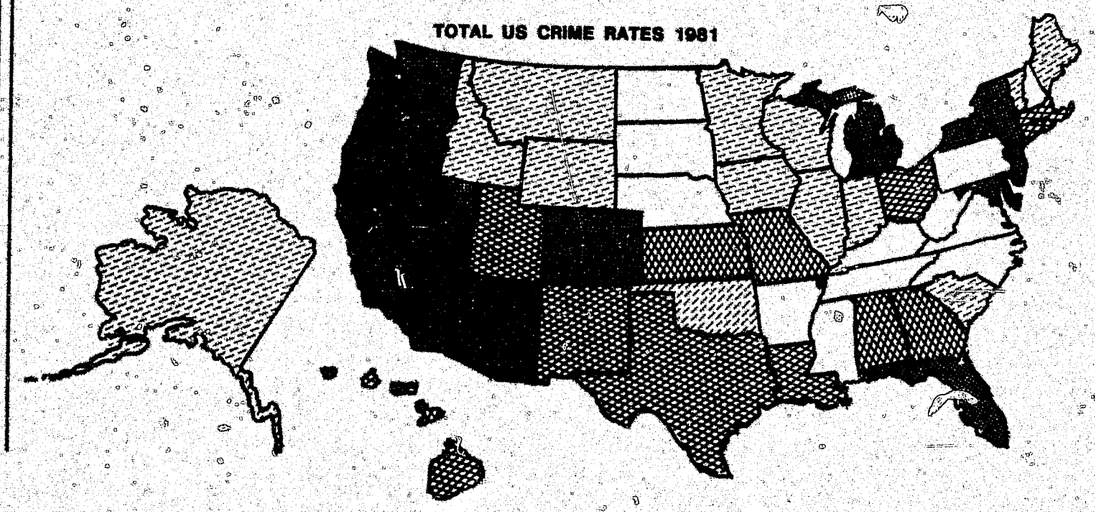
A Comparison of Washington and Other States

TOTAL US CRIME RATES 1981



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INTRODUCTION

This report compares Washington State's experience with the felony criminal process to that of other states and the District of Columbia. This comparison is made employing two methods — a view of the U.S. from the most current national statistics and the history of Washington's experience contrasted with the U.S. as a whole.
Conclusions reached from this review are:

- Washington has a fairly high percentage of males 18-39 compared to other states and the District of Columbia. Washington ranked Seventh out of fifty-one states in the 1980 U.S. Census.

- In terms of total reported crime for 1981, Washington was ranked Thirteenth. Washington has continued to exceed the national average since 1968.

- Except for the crime of forcible rape in 1981 (Eighth Ranked), Washington had ranked Twenty-Sixth in reported crimes of violence. Reports of aggravated assault have shown a steady increase in both Washington State and the U.S. as a whole from 1960 to 1980. In 1981 there was a slight decline.

- Reported crimes of burglary (Twelfth Ranked) and larceny (Ninth Ranked) caused Washington State to be well above the national average in 1981 in the property crimes category.

- Arrest rates comparisons indicate that Washington arrests are generally in proportion to the incidence of reported crime.

- On the basis of the male population 18-39 nationwide, Washington State experiences an average incarceration rate. Washington is ranked Twenty-Sixth on this comparative basis.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AT-RISK GROUP

Males aged 18 to 39 account for the majority of arrests and constitute about 90% of those imprisoned over time. This population group is not evenly distributed across the states or through time but by using it, the distortion resulting from use of total state population that includes the very young and the elderly, who rarely participate in serious crimes, is avoided.

While the at-risk group is one important consideration in crime reporting, it is not the only factor. Regional patterns and histories are also important.

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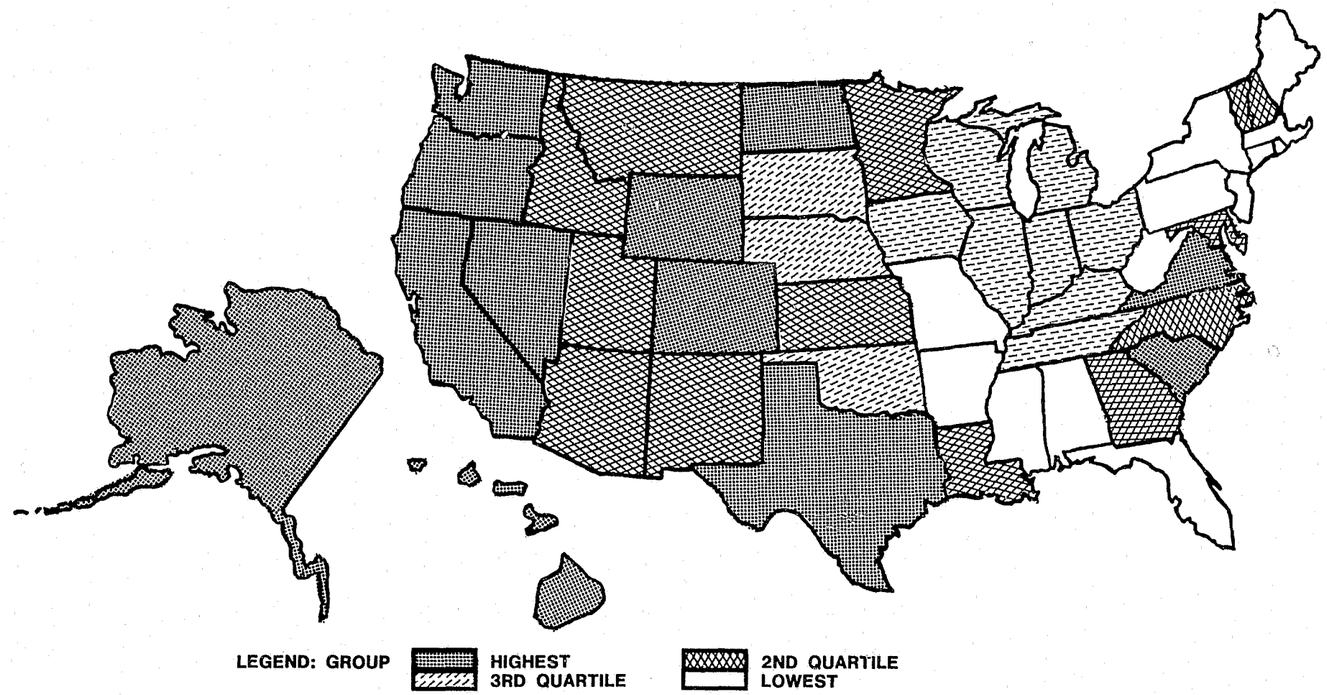
MALES 18-39 AS A PERCENT OF 1980 STATE POPULATION

RANK	NAME	% 18/39 MALES IN 1980
1	ALASKA	24.26
2	HAWAII	21.12
3	WYOMING	21.04
4	COLORADO	20.78
5	NEVADA	19.55
6	CALIFORNIA	19.40
7	**WASHINGTON**	19.36
8	DIST. COLUMBIA	19.28
9	VIRGINIA	19.11
10	NORTH DAKOTA	18.78
11	TEXAS	18.74
12	OREGON	18.69
13	SOUTH CAROLINA	18.57
14	VERMONT	18.42
15	NORTH CAROLINA	18.38
16	MONTANA	18.37
17	UTAH	18.27
18	GEORGIA	18.21
19	NEW HAMPSHIRE	18.20
20	MARYLAND	18.19
21	MINNESOTA	18.12
22	NEW MEXICO	18.10
23	ARIZONA	18.07
24	KANSAS	18.00
25	IDAHO	17.95
26	LOUISIANA	17.88
27	MICHIGAN	17.78
28	KENTUCKY	17.69
29	WISCONSIN	17.67
30	INDIANA	17.67
31	DELAWARE	17.64
32	OKLAHOMA	17.62
33	ILLINOIS	17.61
34	MASSACHUSETTS	17.60
35	TENNESSEE	17.55
36	NEBRASKA	17.49
37	OHIO	17.18
38	IOWA	17.17
39	SOUTH DAKOTA	17.15
40	MAINE	17.15
41	CONNECTICUT	17.13
42	RHODE ISLAND	17.12
43	ALABAMA	16.92
44	MISSOURI	16.81
45	WEST VIRGINIA	16.80
46	NEW YORK	16.62
47	PENNSYLVANIA	16.49
48	MISSISSIPPI	16.47
49	NEW JERSEY	16.44
50	ARKANSAS	16.02
51	FLORIDA	15.74

Average: 18.09

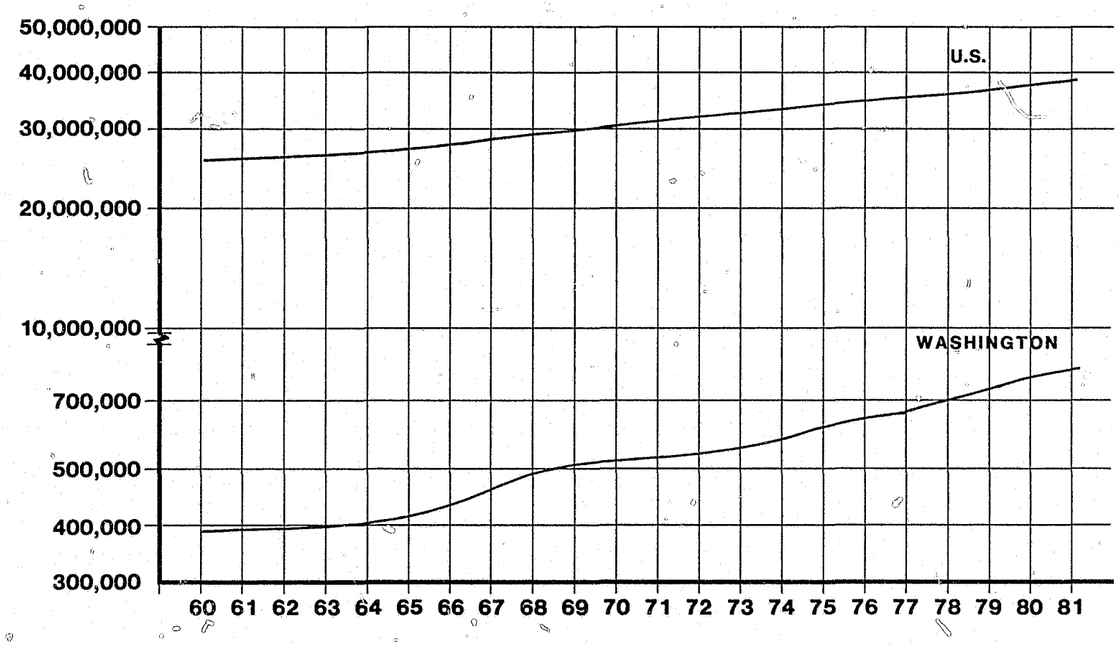
MALES 18-39 AS A PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL



- Highest % of males 18-39 — Alaska 24.3%
- Seventh Highest % of males 18-39 — Washington 19.4%
- Twenty-Sixth Highest % of males 18-39 — Louisiana 17.9%
- Lowest % of males 18-39 — Florida 15.7%

WASHINGTON AND US POPULATION CHANGE

MALES 18-39 1960-81



- **Between 1960 and 1981, Washington's at-risk population (males 18-39) increased by 108%. The nation's at-risk population increased by 64% for the same period.**
- **This semi-log graph enables comparison of these changes without distortion of scale.**

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CRIME RATE COMPARISONS

Crime rates allow us to compare the level of crime across the nation. However, they do not represent the absolute number of crimes. In theory, as the crime rate and the population of young males in a state increases, the chance that the state will have a higher incarceration rate also increases.

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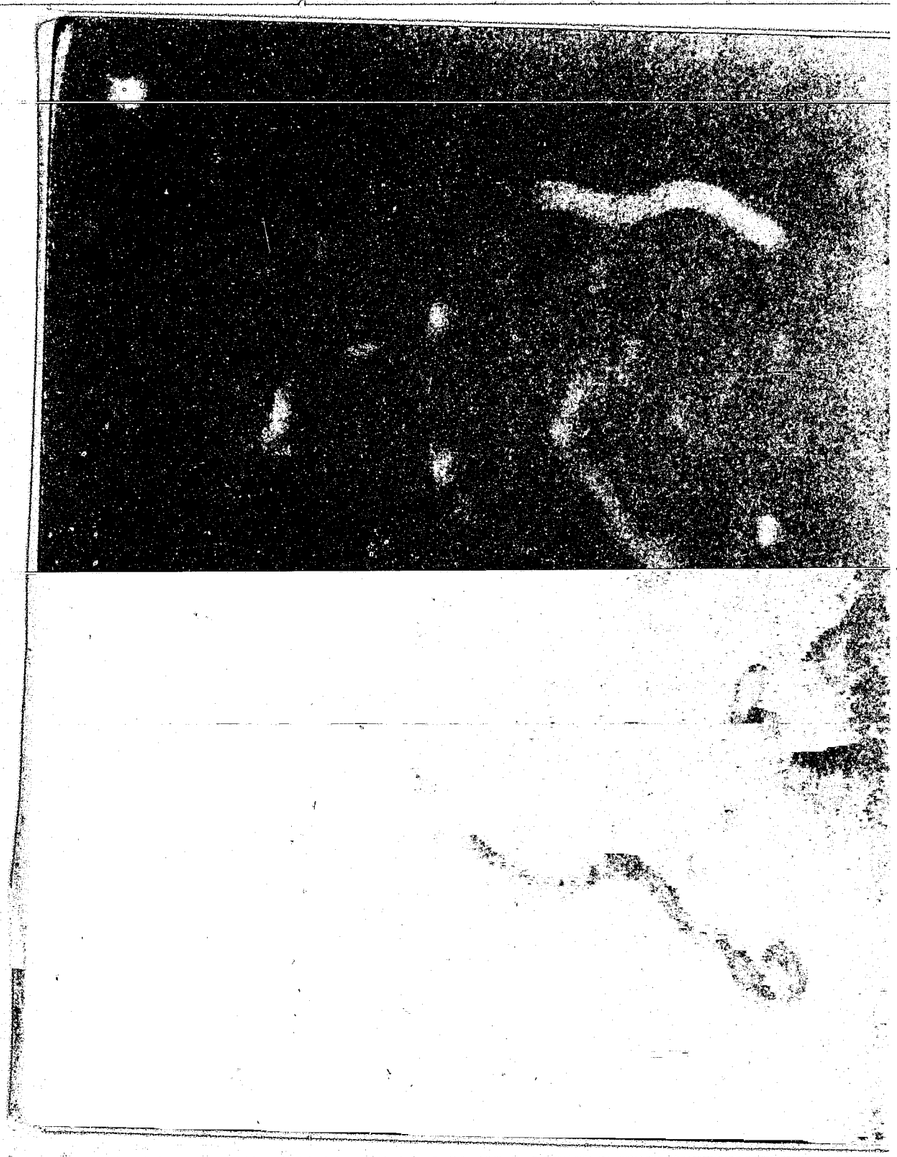
TOTAL RATES – 1981 UCR CRIME RATE DATA & 1980 18/39 MALES – BY STATE

RANK	NAME	TOTAL RATE PER 1,000
1	DIST. COLUMBIA	564.98
2	FLORIDA	531.99
3	NEVADA	463.83
4	ARIZONA	432.82
5	NEW YORK	416.11
6	CALIFORNIA	399.30
7	MICHIGAN	382.76
8	DELAWARE	381.33
9	OREGON	378.42
10	NEW JERSEY	377.56
11	MARYLAND	364.12
12	COLORADO	362.72
13	**WASHINGTON**	354.96
14	NEW MEXICO	348.79
15	RHODE ISLAND	343.34
16	CONNECTICUT	343.34
17	TEXAS	334.65
18	MASSACHUSETTS	333.27
19	UTAH	326.53
20	MISSOURI	319.54
21	OHIO	316.32
22	GEORGIA	314.98
23	HAWAII	314.35
24	KANSAS	302.39
25	LOUISIANA	301.52
26	ALABAMA	291.00
27	SOUTH CAROLINA	290.42
28	ILLINOIS	281.79
29	OKLAHOMA	281.03
30	ALASKA	278.65
31	VERMONT	276.65
32	MONTANA	275.06
33	IOWA	273.09
34	WISCONSIN	271.62
35	MINNESOTA	262.18
36	IDAHO	256.37
37	INDIANA	255.75
38	WYOMING	255.49
39	MAINE	249.03
40	NORTH CAROLINA	248.70
41	VIRGINIA	247.99
42	TENNESSEE	246.65
43	NEW HAMPSHIRE	241.11
44	NEBRASKA	239.77
45	ARKANSAS	237.68
46	PENNSYLVANIA	223.30
47	MISSISSIPPI	215.52
48	KENTUCKY	199.54
49	SOUTH DAKOTA	174.15
50	NORTH DAKOTA	160.53
51	WEST VIRGINIA	155.98

Average: 307.82



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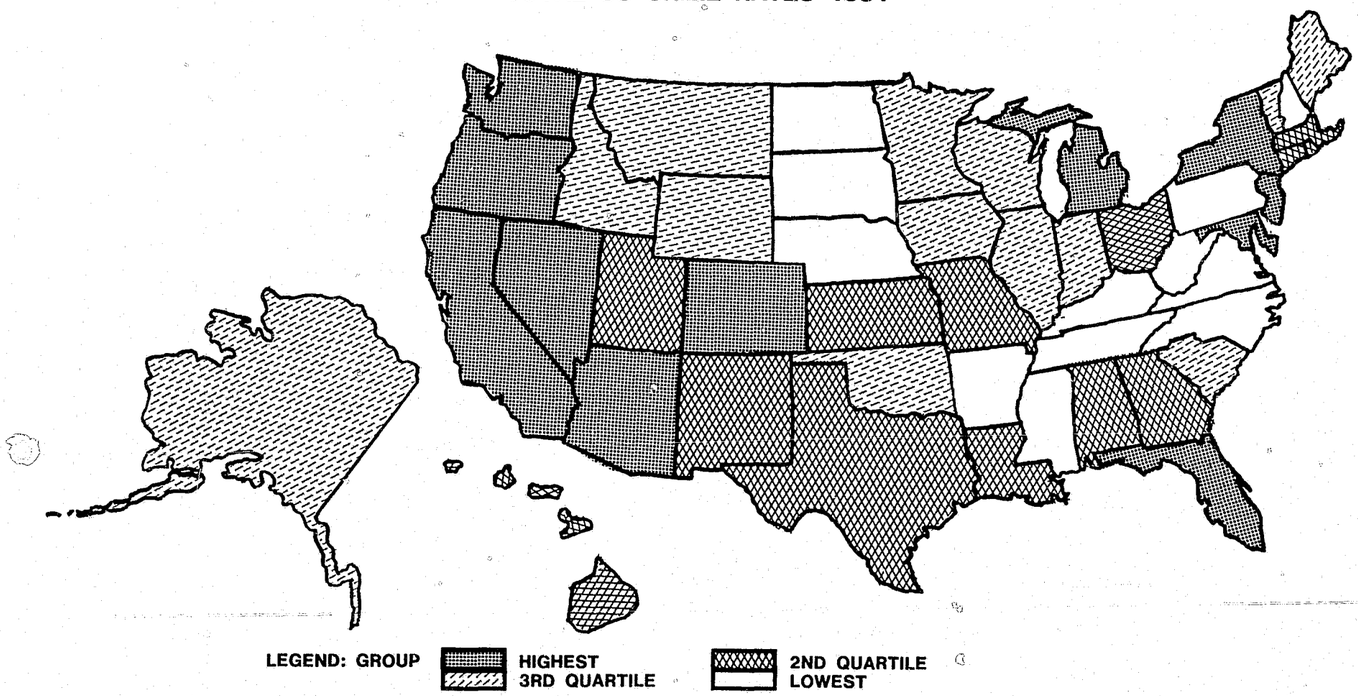
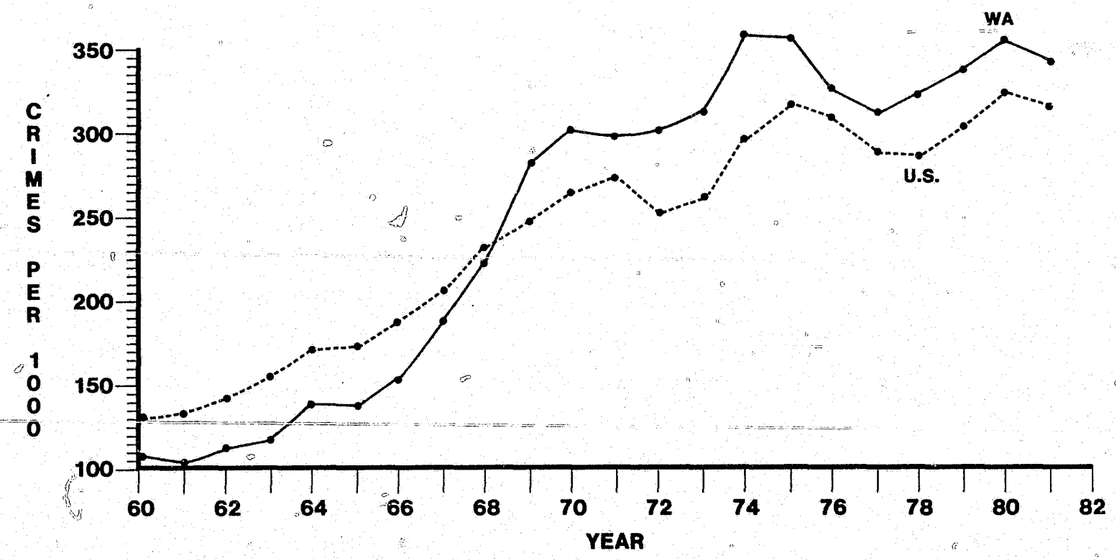


- Highest Rate — District of Columbia — 564.9 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Thirteenth Highest Rate — Washington — 354.9 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Twenty-Sixth Highest Rate — Alabama — 291.0 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Lowest Rate — West Virginia — 155.9 crimes/1000 males 18-39

WASHINGTON & US — TOTAL REPORTED CRIME RATES

RATES CALCULATED FOR MALES 18-39



- Washington exceeded the national rate of reported major crimes in 1969 and has not been below the national rate since that time.
- The high rate for Washington State is a result of abnormally high rates of reported burglary and larceny. With the exception of rape, Washington is near the average for the U.S. in rates of violent crime.

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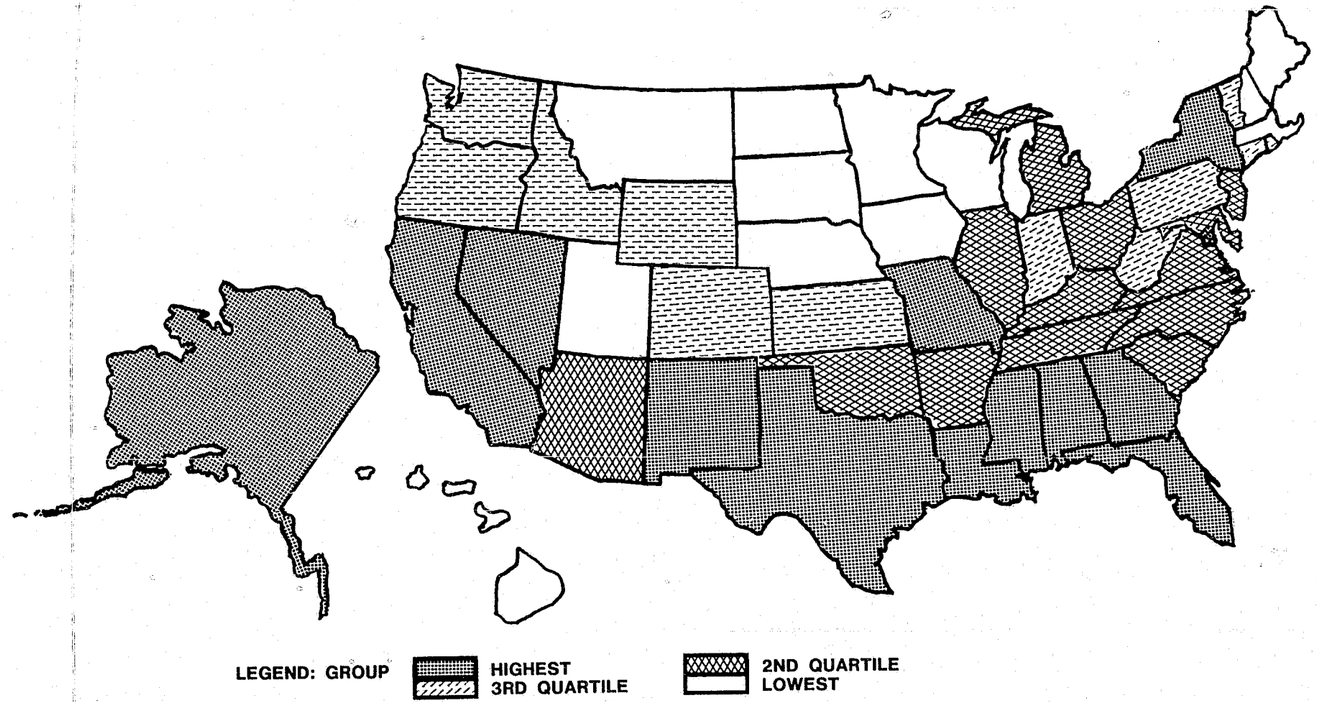
MURDER RATES - 1981 UCR CRIME RATE DATA & 1980 18/39 MALES - BY STATE

RANK	NAME	RATE/1000
1	DIST. COLUMBIA	1.81
2	FLORIDA	0.99
3	GEORGIA	0.96
4	NEVADA	0.94
5	TEXAS	0.92
6	LOUISIANA	0.89
7	MISSISSIPPI	0.77
8	NEW YORK	0.74
9	ALABAMA	0.70
10	CALIFORNIA	0.68
11	NEW MEXICO	0.64
12	MISSOURI	0.62
13	ALASKA	0.61
14	ILLINOIS	0.60
15	ARKANSAS	0.57
16	SOUTH CAROLINA	0.59
17	TENNESSEE	0.56
18	MARYLAND	0.55
19	OKLAHOMA	0.52
20	MICHIGAN	0.52
21	NORTH CAROLINA	0.50
22	KENTUCKY	0.47
23	ARIZONA	0.46
24	VIRGINIA	0.45
25	NEW JERSEY	0.45
26	OHIO	0.43
27	INDIANA	0.40
28	COLORADO	0.40
29	DELAWARE	0.38
30	PENNSYLVANIA	0.37
31	WEST VIRGINIA	0.36
32	KANSAS	0.35
33	CONNECTICUT	0.31
34	WYOMING	0.27
35	**WASHINGTON**	0.27
36	IDAHO	0.25
37	RHODE ISLAND	0.25
38	OREGON	0.24
39	VERMONT	0.23
40	HAWAII	0.23
41	MASSACHUSETTS	0.21
42	WISCONSIN	0.19
43	UTAH	0.19
44	MONTANA	0.19
45	MAINE	0.19
46	NEBRASKA	0.18
47	NEW HAMPSHIRE	0.16
48	IOWA	0.15
49	NORTH DAKOTA	0.12
50	MINNESOTA	0.11
51	SOUTH DAKOTA	0.10

Average: .47

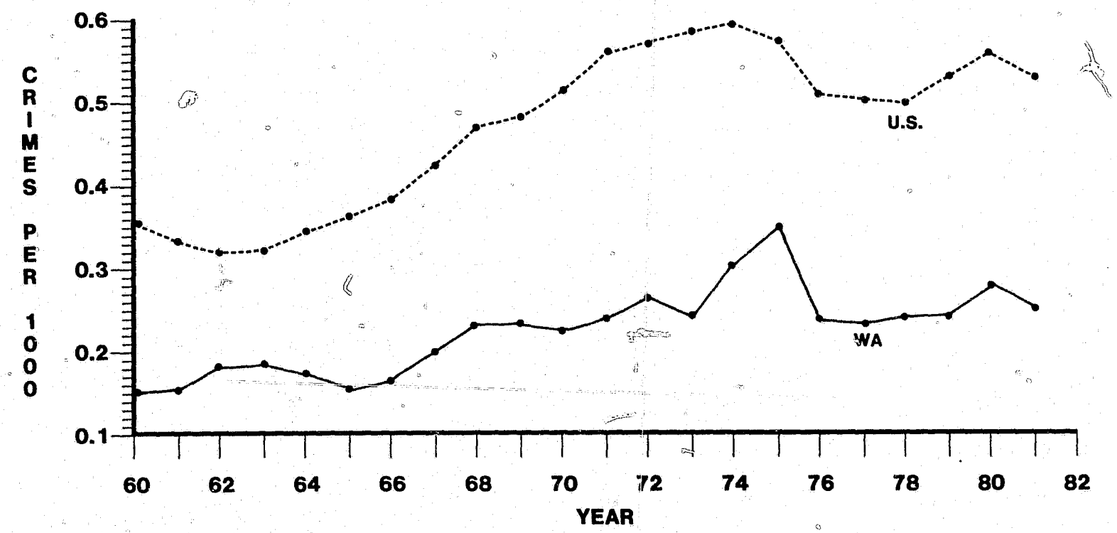
US CRIME RATES 1981 — MURDER



- Highest Rate — District of Columbia — 1.81 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Twenty-Sixth Highest Rate — Ohio — 0.43 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Thirty-Fifth Highest Rate — Washington — 0.26 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Lowest Rate — South Dakota — 0.10 crimes/1000 males 18-39

WASHINGTON & US — MURDER RATES

RATES CALCULATED FOR MALES 18-39



- The rate of change in the murder rate for Washington and the U.S. is small but continuous. Since 1960, Washington's rate has increased 67% while the rate for the U.S. gained 50%.
- Based on national reporting, only 40% of reported homicides result in incarceration.
- In 1977, the F.B.I. stopped collecting data on negligent homicide.

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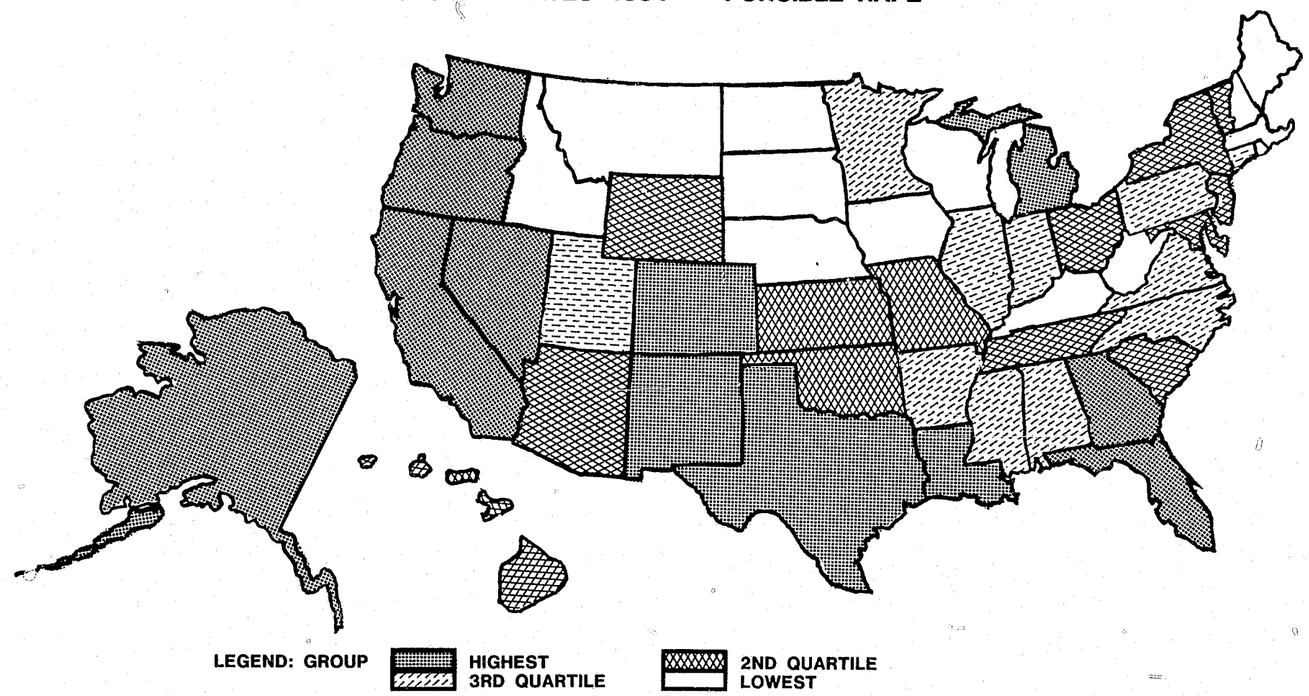
RAPE RATES – 1981 UCR CRIME RATE DATA & 1980 18/39 MALES – BY STATE

RANK	NAME	RATE/1000
1	ALASKA	4.31
2	DIST. COLUMBIA	3.77
3	FLORIDA	3.72
4	NEVADA	3.50
5	CALIFORNIA	2.95
6	NEW MEXICO	2.66
7	MICHIGAN	2.64
8	**WASHINGTON**	2.64
9	TEXAS	2.56
10	GEORGIA	2.37
11	LOUISIANA	2.37
12	COLORADO	2.25
13	OREGON	2.24
14	ARIZONA	2.16
15	MARYLAND	2.15
16	TENNESSEE	2.15
17	OKLAHOMA	2.05
18	SOUTH CAROLINA	1.98
19	NEW JERSEY	1.96
20	NEW YORK	1.89
21	VERMONT	1.80
22	OHIO	1.80
23	MISSOURI	1.77
24	WYOMING	1.76
25	KANSAS	1.72
26	HAWAII	1.67
27	INDIANA	1.66
28	DELAWARE	1.62
29	UTAH	1.61
30	MISSISSIPPI	1.58
31	ARKANSAS	1.57
32	MASSACHUSETTS	1.56
33	ALABAMA	1.55
34	VIRGINIA	1.45
35	MINNESOTA	1.43
36	ILLINOIS	1.37
37	PENNSYLVANIA	1.36
38	CONNECTICUT	1.29
39	NORTH CAROLINA	1.25
40	MONTANA	1.21
41	KENTUCKY	1.18
42	NEBRASKA	1.18
43	IDAHO	1.17
44	RHODE ISLAND	1.05
45	NEW HAMPSHIRE	0.92
46	WISCONSIN	0.90
47	WEST VIRGINIA	0.88
48	IOWA	0.78
49	MAINE	0.76
50	SOUTH DAKOTA	0.67
51	NORTH DAKOTA	0.46

Average: 1.83

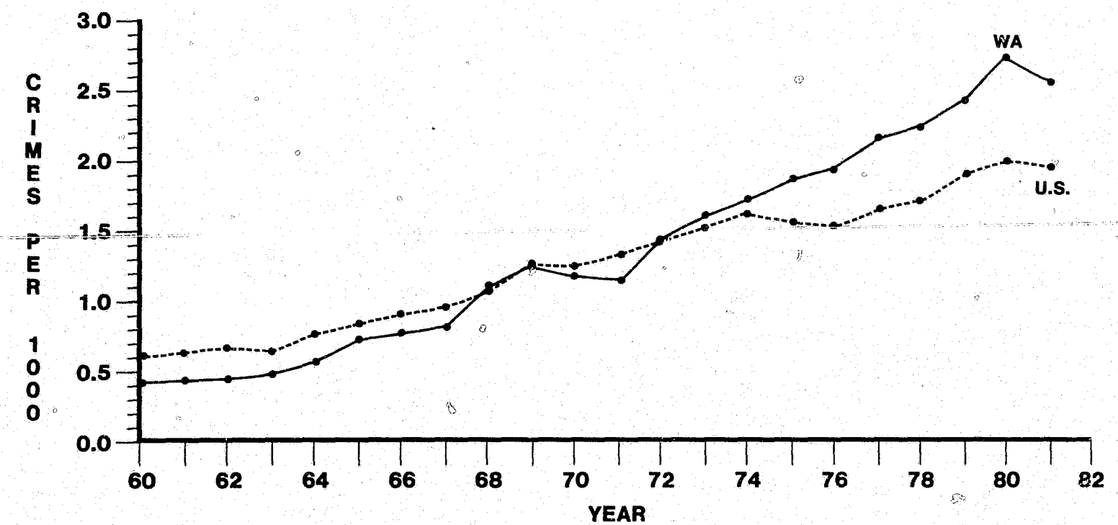
US CRIME RATES 1981 — FORCIBLE RAPE



- Highest Rate — Alaska — 4.3 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Eighth Highest Rate — Washington — 2.6 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Twenty-Sixth Highest Rate — Hawaii — 1.6 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Lowest Rate — North Dakota — 0.5 crimes/1000 males 18-39

WASHINGTON & US — RAPE RATES

RATES CALCULATED FOR MALES 18-39



- The increase in reported cases of forcible rape has been most dramatic in Washington — an increase of 500% since 1960 — even when the increase in the male population 18-39 has been considered.
- The increase of 500% in Washington compares to the U.S. increase of 219% over the same period.

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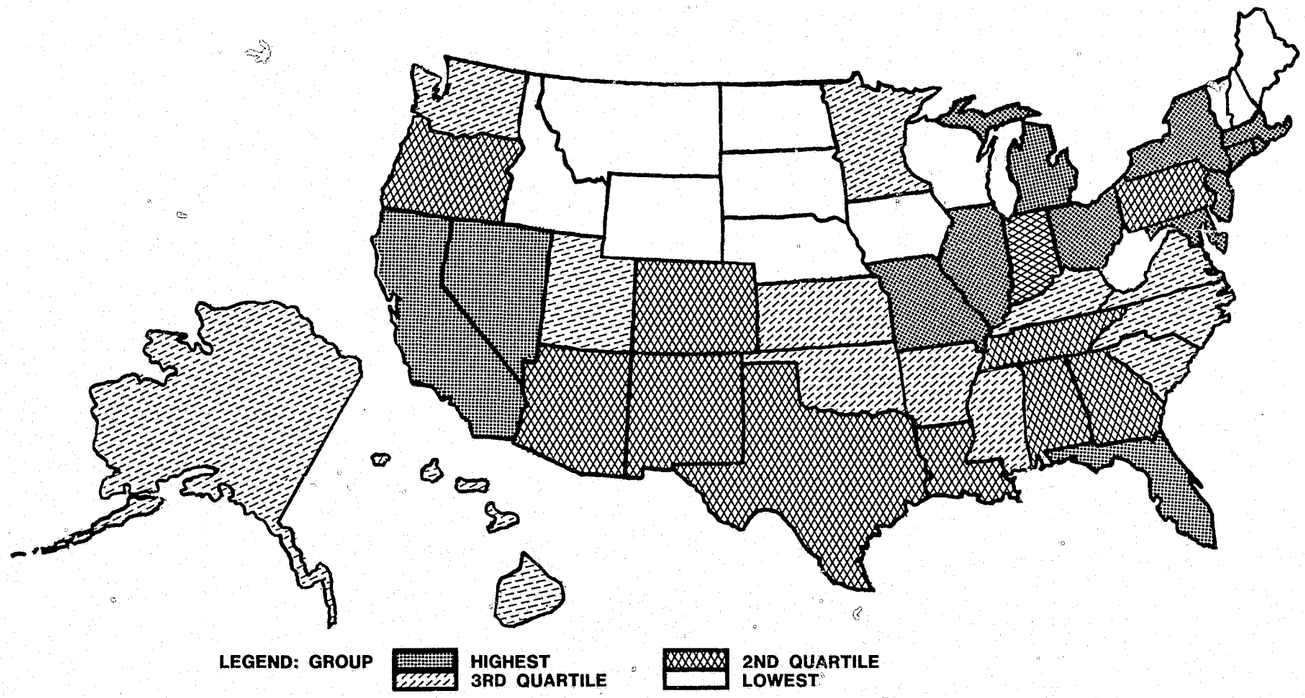
ROBBERY RATES – 1981 UCR CRIME RATE DATA & 1980 18/39 MALES

RANK	NAME	RATE/1000
1	DIST. COLUMBIA	86.73
2	NEW YORK	41.22
3	NEVADA	24.72
4	MARYLAND	23.57
5	FLORIDA	23.11
6	NEW JERSEY	20.44
7	CALIFORNIA	20.42
8	MASSACHUSETTS	15.47
9	CONNECTICUT	14.48
10	MICHIGAN	14.38
11	OHIO	13.76
12	MISSOURI	12.85
13	ILLINOIS	11.92
14	LOUISIANA	11.56
15	PENNSYLVANIA	11.31
16	GEORGIA	10.99
17	TEXAS	10.65
18	ARIZONA	10.10
19	TENNESSEE	9.82
20	OREGON	9.71
21	DELAWARE	8.05
22	NEW MEXICO	7.92
23	COLORADO	7.87
24	RHODE ISLAND	7.75
25	ALABAMA	7.51
26	INDIANA	7.27
27	HAWAII	7.13
28	VIRGINIA	7.07
29	**WASHINGTON**	6.84
30	OKLAHOMA	6.70
31	SOUTH CAROLINA	6.56
32	KANSAS	6.14
33	MINNESOTA	5.77
34	KENTUCKY	5.69
35	MISSISSIPPI	4.96
36	ARKANSAS	4.85
37	ALASKA	4.84
38	UTAH	4.82
39	NORTH CAROLINA	4.45
40	NEBRASKA	4.06
41	WISCONSIN	3.91
42	IOWA	3.11
43	WEST VIRGINIA	2.99
44	IDAHO	2.14
45	MONTANA	2.09
46	WYOMING	2.08
47	NEW HAMPSHIRE	2.00
48	MAINE	1.91
49	VERMONT	1.51
50	SOUTH DAKOTA	1.03
51	NORTH DAKOTA	0.69

Average: 10.72

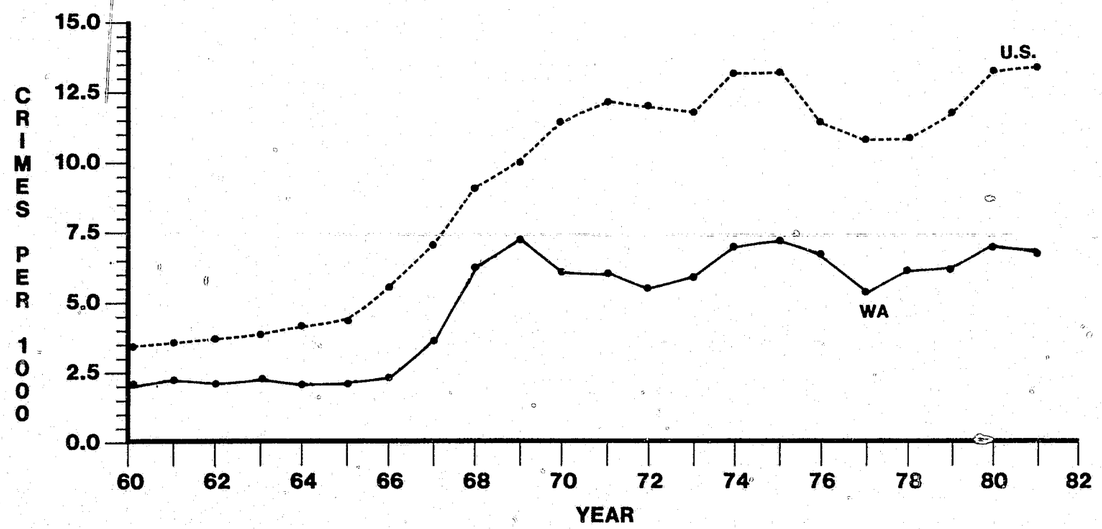
US CRIME RATES 1981 — ROBBERY



- Highest Rate — District of Columbia — 86.7 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Twenty-Sixth Highest Rate — Indiana — 7.2 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Twenty-Ninth Highest Rate — Washington — 6.8 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Lowest Rate — North Dakota — 0.6 crimes/1000 males 18-39

WASHINGTON & US — ROBBERY RATES

RATES CALCULATED FOR MALES 18-39



- Following a notable surge in the latter half of the 1960's, the rate of robbery in Washington has held fairly constant. Washington has not kept pace with the national surge in reported robbery.
- Among violent crimes reported nationally, the offender is more likely to be armed in robberies than in reported rapes or assaults.
- The robbery rate for businesses is 10 times higher in the U.S. than for private citizens.

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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT RATES – 1981 UCR CRIME RATE DATA & 1980 18/39 MALES

RANK	NAME	RATE/1000	RANK	NAME	RATE/1000
1	FLORIDA	36.10	26	OREGON	13.55
2	DIST. COLUMBIA	29.92	27	OHIO	12.85
3	NEW MEXICO	26.56	28	IDAHO	12.47
4	SOUTH CAROLINA	25.85	29	KANSAS	12.46
5	MARYLAND	22.99	30	ARKANSAS	12.44
6	LOUISIANA	21.71	31	ILLINOIS	11.39
7	CALIFORNIA	21.34	32	MISSISSIPPI	11.25
8	NEW YORK	20.61	33	TENNESSEE	11.07
9	ARIZONA	20.01	34	MONTANA	10.38
10	NEVADA	19.22	35	UTAH	10.34
11	DELAWARE	18.97	36	CONNECTICUT	10.27
12	MASSACHUSETTS	18.66	37	INDIANA	9.91
13	MICHIGAN	18.29	38	PENNSYLVANIA	9.49
14	ALABAMA	18.18	39	KENTUCKY	9.01
15	NORTH CAROLINA	17.83	40	MAINE	8.63
16	WYOMING	17.29	41	VIRGINIA	8.11
17	MISSOURI	17.01	42	IOWA	7.79
18	RHODE ISLAND	16.88	43	WEST VIRGINIA	6.18
19	GEORGIA	16.35	44	WISCONSIN	5.71
20	ALASKA	16.24	45	MINNESOTA	5.33
21	COLORADO	15.71	46	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5.12
22	NEW JERSEY	15.68	47	NEBRASKA	5.00
23	OKLAHOMA	15.53	48	SOUTH DAKOTA	4.26
24	TEXAS	15.28	49	VERMONT	3.45
25	**WASHINGTON**	13.79	50	HAWAII	2.87
			51	NORTH DAKOTA	2.34

Average: 14.07

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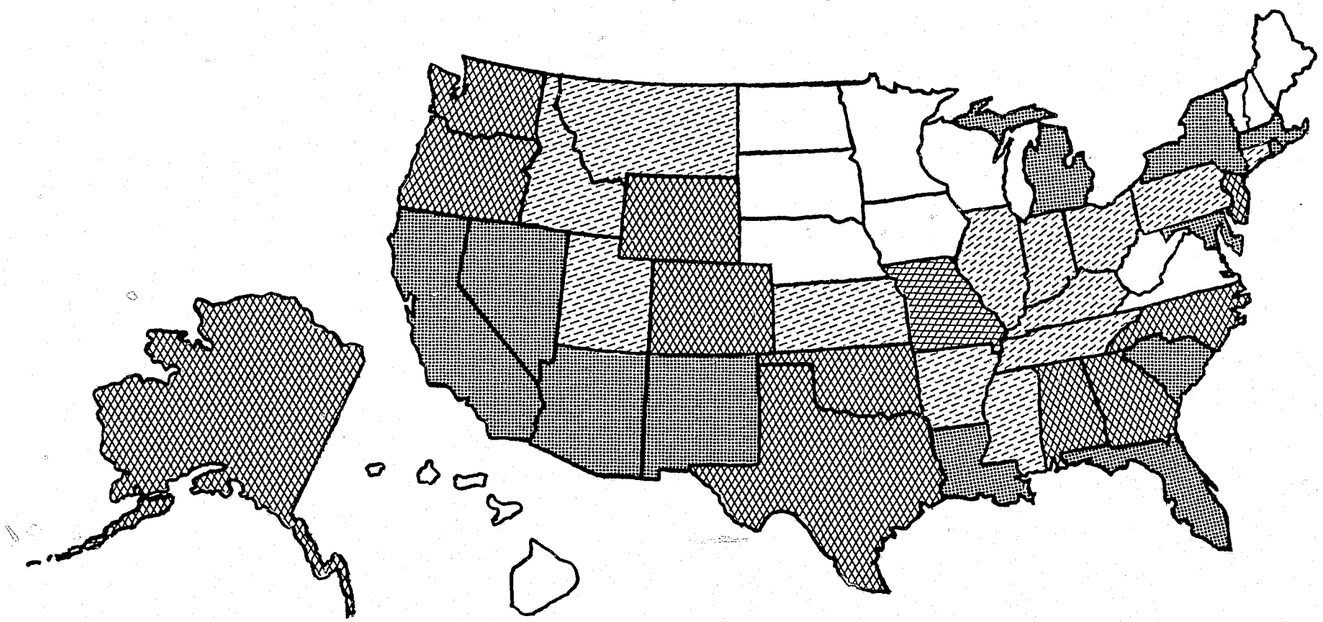

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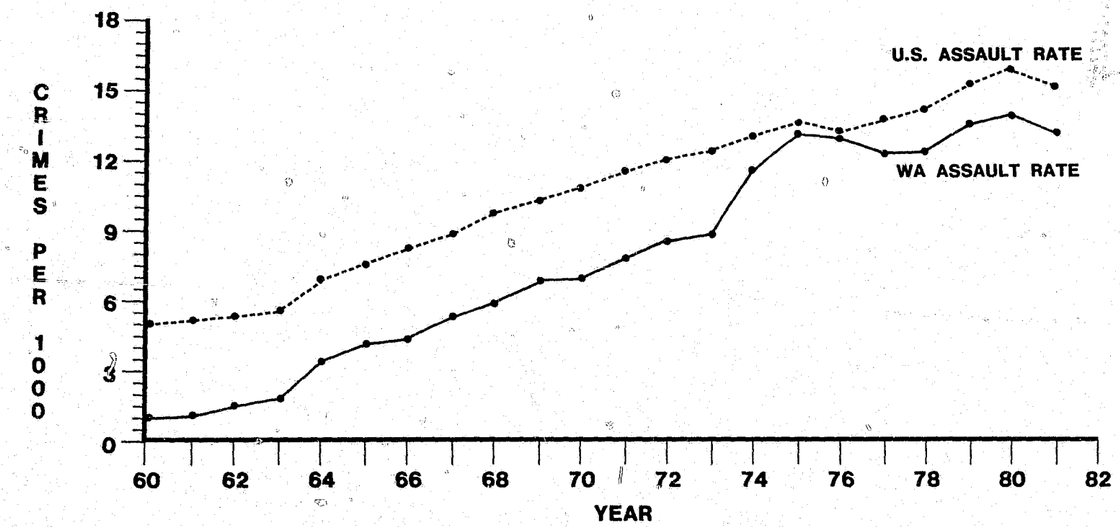
- Highest Rate — Florida 36.1 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Twenty-Fifth Highest Rate — Washington 13.8 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Twenty-Sixth Highest Rate — Oregon 13.5 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Lowest Rate — North Dakota 2.3 crimes/1000 males 18-39

WASHINGTON & US — AGGRAVATED ASSAULT RATES

RATES CALCULATED FOR MALES 18-39



- Aggravated Assault is the most common violent crime.
- Although the U.S. rate has increased by an astounding 1024% since 1960, the Washington rate of reported aggravated assault increased by 1103%.
- An estimated 60% of simple assaults never reach the attention of the police because they are considered, "a personal matter," or "not important enough."

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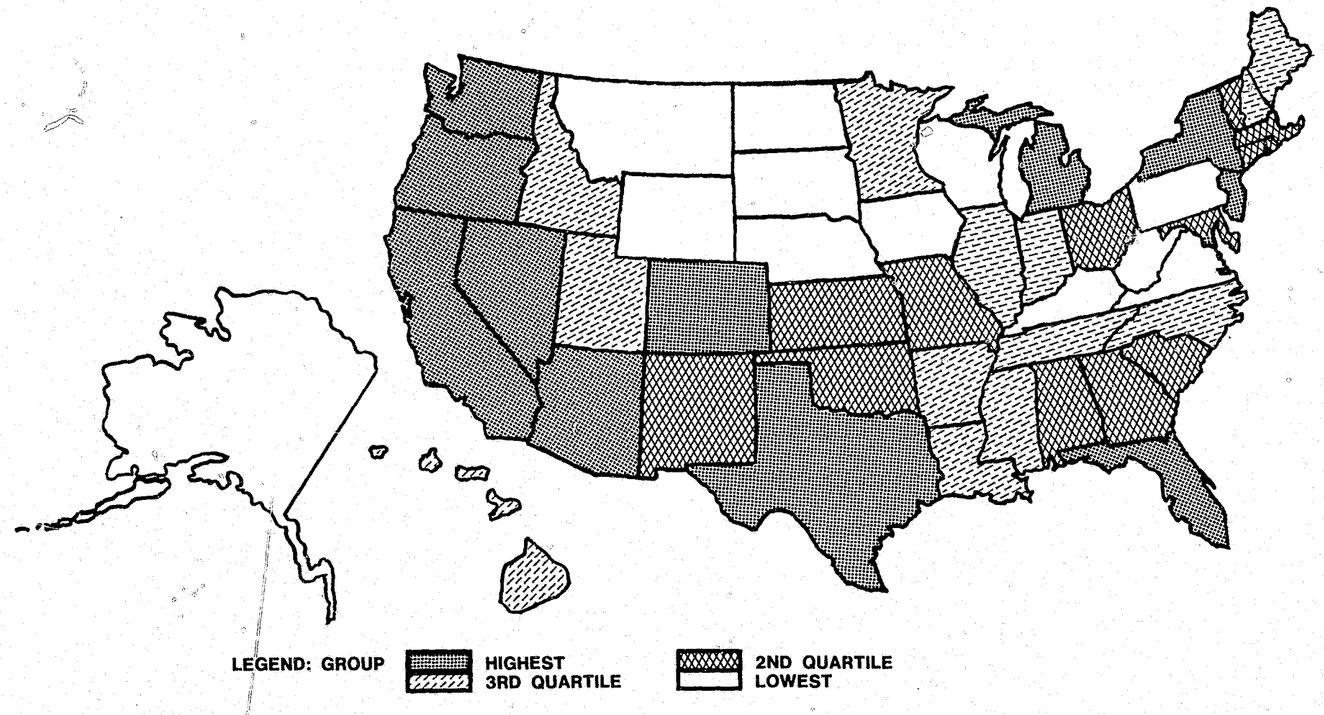
BURGLARY RATES – 1981 UCR CRIME RATE DATA & 1980 18/39 MALES

RANK	NAME	RATE/1000
1	FLORIDA	157.36
2	NEVADA	147.23
3	DIST. COLUMBIA	137.53
4	NEW YORK	120.02
5	CALIFORNIA	117.76
6	ARIZONA	117.35
7	NEW JERSEY	105.89
8	OREGON	105.78
9	MICHIGAN	103.99
10	TEXAS	103.45
11	COLORADO	100.22
12	**WASHINGTON**	99.62
13	CONNECTICUT	99.52
14	RHODE ISLAND	97.11
15	MISSOURI	94.53
16	MASSACHUSETTS	94.11
17	GEORGIA	93.57
18	OKLAHOMA	92.30
19	MARYLAND	92.18
20	DELAWARE	91.77
21	NEW MEXICO	90.73
22	SOUTH CAROLINA	87.12
23	OHIO	86.73
24	KANSAS	86.41
25	ALABAMA	86.18
26	VERMONT	85.27
27	LOUISIANA	82.11
28	HAWAII	82.08
29	TENNESSEE	79.19
30	NORTH CAROLINA	73.54
31	MAINE	73.00
32	UTAH	72.39
33	MISSISSIPPI	71.32
34	MINNESOTA	70.72
35	ARKANSAS	67.49
36	IDAHO	66.41
37	ILLINOIS	66.22
38	NEW HAMPSHIRE	66.17
39	INDIANA	65.84
40	PENNSYLVANIA	62.53
41	VIRGINIA	61.99
42	IOWA	61.81
43	WISCONSIN	61.10
44	KENTUCKY	60.03
45	ALASKA	56.19
46	MONTANA	52.94
47	NEBRASKA	52.38
48	WYOMING	47.84
49	WEST VIRGINIA	46.12
50	SOUTH DAKOTA	36.69
51	NORTH DAKOTA	26.87

Average: 83.47

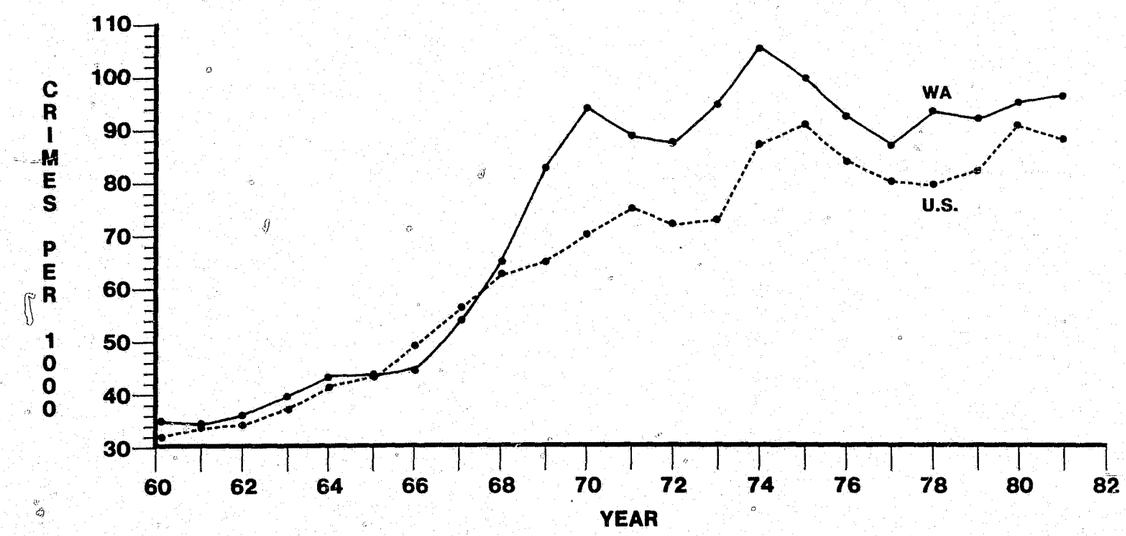
US CRIME RATES 1981 — BURGLARY



- Highest Rate — Florida — 157.4 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Twelfth Highest Rate — Washington — 99.6 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Twenty-Sixth Highest Rate — Vermont — 85.3 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Lowest Rate — North Dakota — 26.8 crimes/1000 males 18-39

WASHINGTON & US — BURGLARY RATES

RATES CALCULATED FOR MALES 18-39



- Washington has exceeded the national rate for reported burglary each year since 1968. Since that time, the ratio between the U.S. and Washington has remained fairly constant.
- An estimated 7% of U.S. households are touched by burglary each year.

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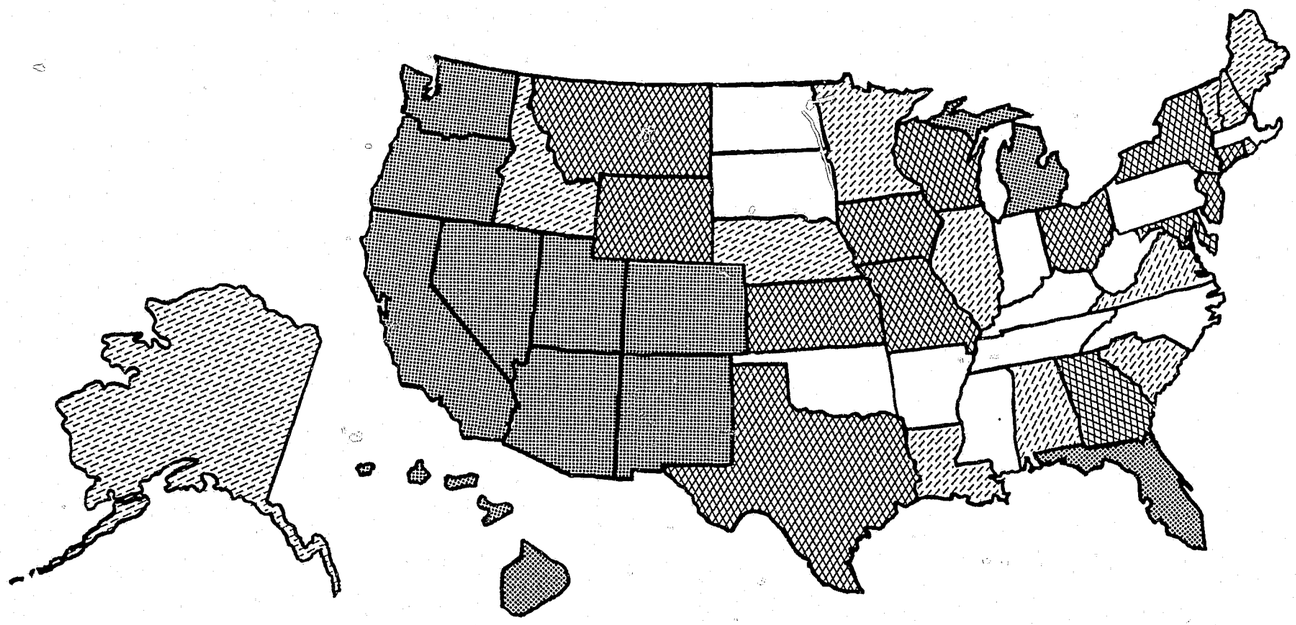
LARCENY RATES – 1981 UCR CRIME RATE DATA & 1980 18/39 MALES

RANK	NAME	RATE/1000
1	FLORIDA	280.94
2	DIST. COLUMBIA	274.46
3	ARIZONA	259.44
4	NEVADA	236.09
5	DELAWARE	236.02
6	OREGON	228.59
7	UTAH	220.46
8	COLORADO	215.86
9	**WASHINGTON**	214.99
10	MICHIGAN	207.45
11	CALIFORNIA	200.75
12	NEW MEXICO	200.30
13	HAWAII	199.71
14	MARYLAND	198.60
15	MONTANA	192.88
16	NEW JERSEY	191.39
17	WISCONSIN	187.44
18	IOWA	186.54
19	NEW YORK	184.77
20	CONNECTICUT	182.03
21	KANSAS	181.04
22	OHIO	176.09
23	GEORGIA	172.00
24	WYOMING	171.74
25	TEXAS	170.52
26	MISSOURI	169.98
27	RHODE ISLAND	169.65
28	VERMONT	168.35
29	ALASKA	167.27
30	NEBRASKA	165.06
31	MINNESOTA	164.89
32	ILLINOIS	162.40
33	LOUISIANA	162.16
34	IDAHO	161.81
35	ALABAMA	159.99
36	VIRGINIA	158.20
37	NEW HAMPSHIRE	153.30
38	SOUTH CAROLINA	153.29
39	MAINE	153.18
40	INDIANA	151.54
41	MASSACHUSETTS	146.19
42	NORTH CAROLINA	140.24
43	OKLAHOMA	139.63
44	ARKANSAS	139.07
45	TENNESSEE	124.75
46	SOUTH DAKOTA	123.08
47	NORTH DAKOTA	121.20
48	PENNSYLVANIA	115.85
49	MISSISSIPPI	114.60
50	KENTUCKY	109.88
51	WEST VIRGINIA	88.18

Average: 175.57

US CRIME RATES 1981 — LARCENY

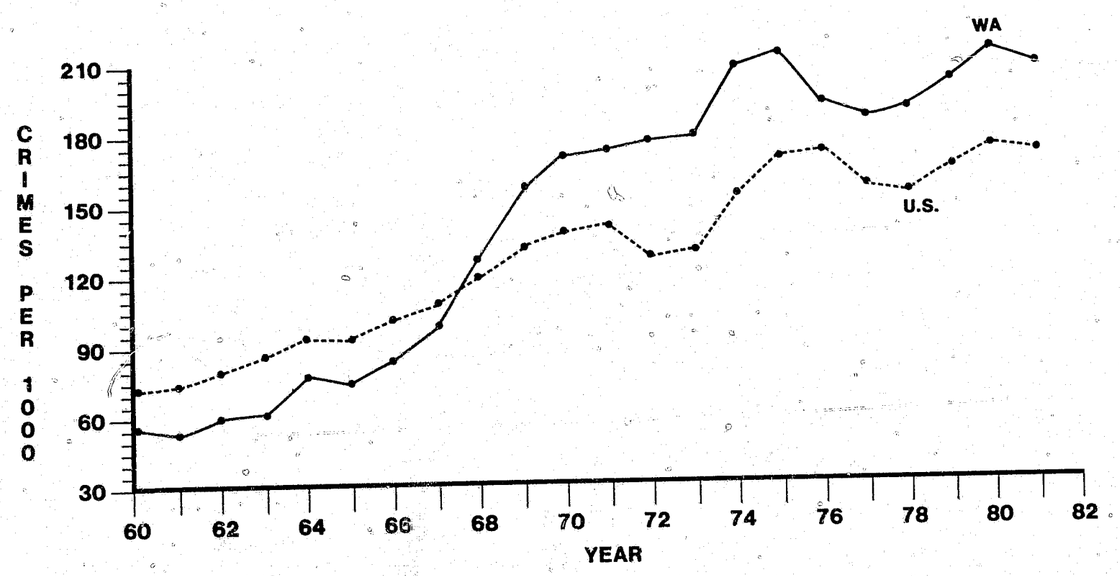


LEGEND: GROUP HIGHEST 3RD QUARTILE 2ND QUARTILE LOWEST

- Highest Rate — Florida 280.9 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Ninth Highest Rate — Washington 214.9 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Twenty-Sixth Highest Rate — Missouri 169.9 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Lowest Rate — West Virginia 88.2 crimes/1000 males 18-39

WASHINGTON & US — LARCENY RATES

RATES CALCULATED FOR MALES 18-39



- About 25% of U.S. households are touched by larceny each year according to national statistics.
- Like burglary, the rate of reported larceny in Washington exceeded the U.S. rate in the late 1960's and has continued well ahead of the national average.

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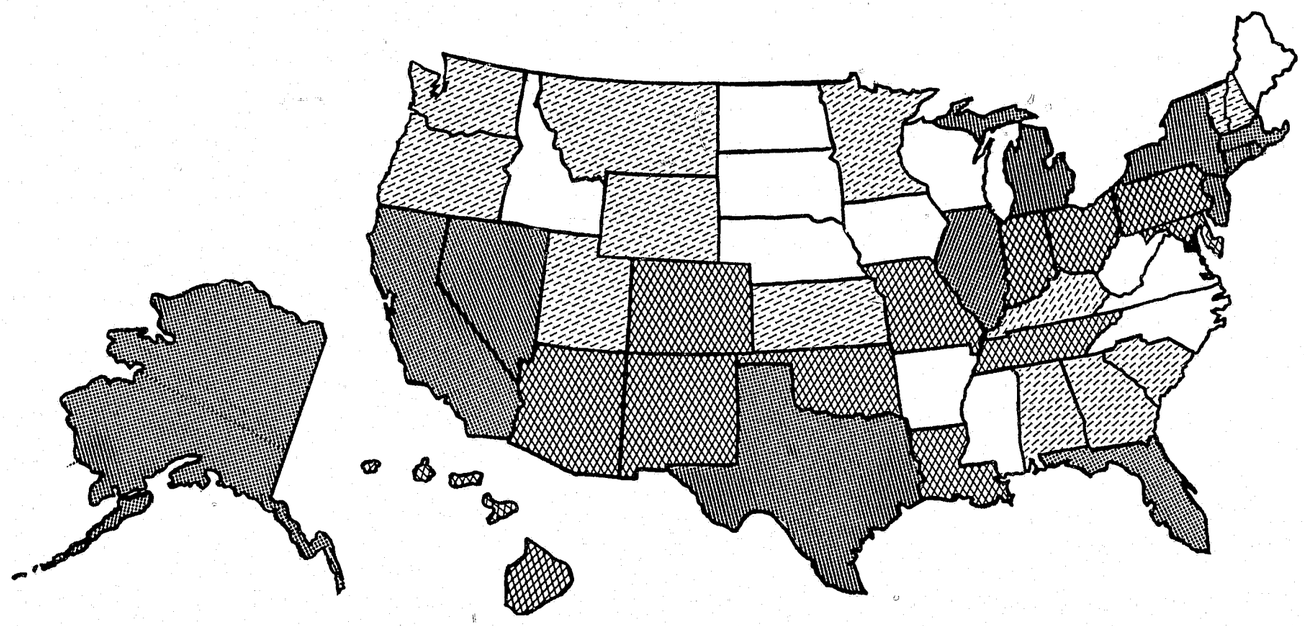
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT - 1981 UCR DATA & 1980 18/39 MALES — BY STATE

RANK	NAME	RATE/1000
1	MASSACHUSETTS	57.07
2	RHODE ISLAND	50.69
3	NEW YORK	46.87
4	NEW JERSEY	41.75
5	MICHIGAN	35.47
6	CONNECTICUT	35.44
7	CALIFORNIA	35.40
8	NEVADA	32.11
9	TEXAS	31.23
10	DIST. COLUMBIA	30.75
11	FLORIDA	29.78
12	ALASKA	29.18
13	ILLINOIS	27.89
14	OHIO	24.67
15	DELAWARE	24.52
16	OKLAHOMA	24.30
17	MARYLAND	24.08
18	ARIZONA	23.31
19	MISSOURI	22.78
20	PENNSYLVANIA	22.38
21	LOUISIANA	20.72
22	HAWAII	20.66
23	COLORADO	20.42
24	NEW MEXICO	19.97
25	INDIANA	19.11
26	TENNESSEE	19.11
27	GEORGIA	18.73
28	OREGON	18.31
29	ALABAMA	16.88
30	**WASHINGTON**	16.81
31	UTAH	16.71
32	VERMONT	16.04
33	MONTANA	15.37
34	SOUTH CAROLINA	15.04
35	WYOMING	14.50
36	KANSAS	14.27
37	MINNESOTA	13.94
38	NEW HAMPSHIRE	13.44
39	KENTUCKY	13.28
40	IOWA	12.92
41	WISCONSIN	12.37
42	IDAHO	12.12
43	NEBRASKA	11.91
44	ARKANSAS	11.68
45	MAINE	11.37
46	WEST VIRGINIA	11.22
47	MISSISSIPPI	11.05
48	NORTH CAROLINA	10.90
49	VIRGINIA	10.72
50	NORTH DAKOTA	8.84
51	SOUTH DAKOTA	8.33

Average: 21.69

US CRIME RATES 1981 — MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

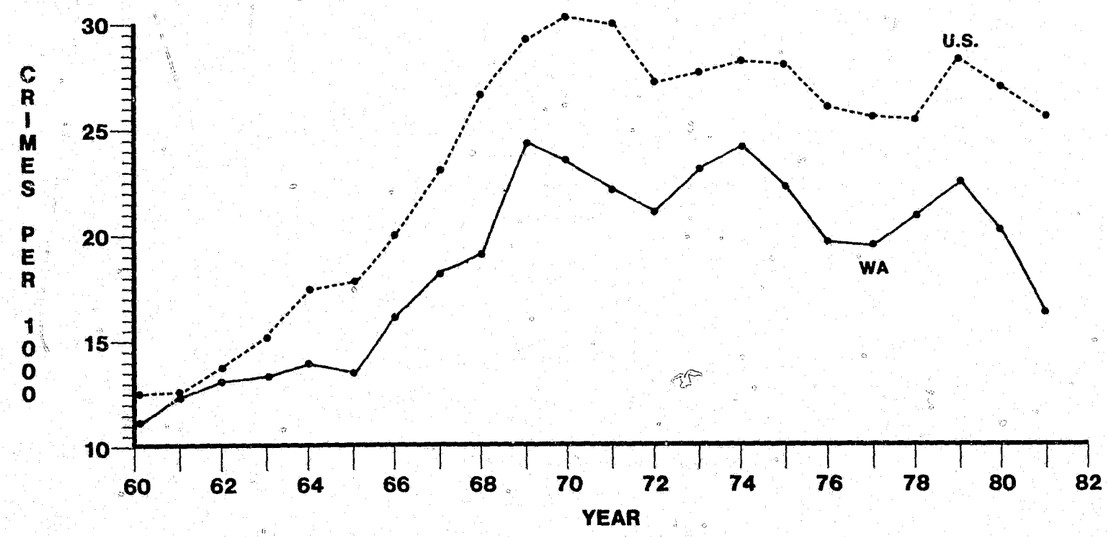


LEGEND: GROUP — HIGHEST; 3RD QUARTILE; 2ND QUARTILE; LOWEST

- Highest Rate — Massachusetts — 57.1 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Twenty-Sixth Highest Rate — Tennessee — 19.1 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Thirtieth Highest Rate — Washington — 16.8 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- Lowest Rate — South Dakota — 8.3 crimes/1000 males 18-39

WASHINGTON & US — MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT RATES

RATES CALCULATED FOR MALES 18-39



- The rate for reported motor vehicle thefts is encouraging for Washington compared to the U.S. average. Although the rate shows a net increase since 1960, it is less than half of the increase for the U.S. as a whole.
- Changes in automotive design throughout the industry have made auto theft more difficult.

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ARREST RATE COMPARISONS

On the whole, the number of arrests tend to reflect changes in the number of reported crimes. Therefore, arrest rates are not normally a major factor in explaining the difference between state's incarceration rates. They may possibly be used as a leading indicator of the types of prisoner to be expected in the institutions.

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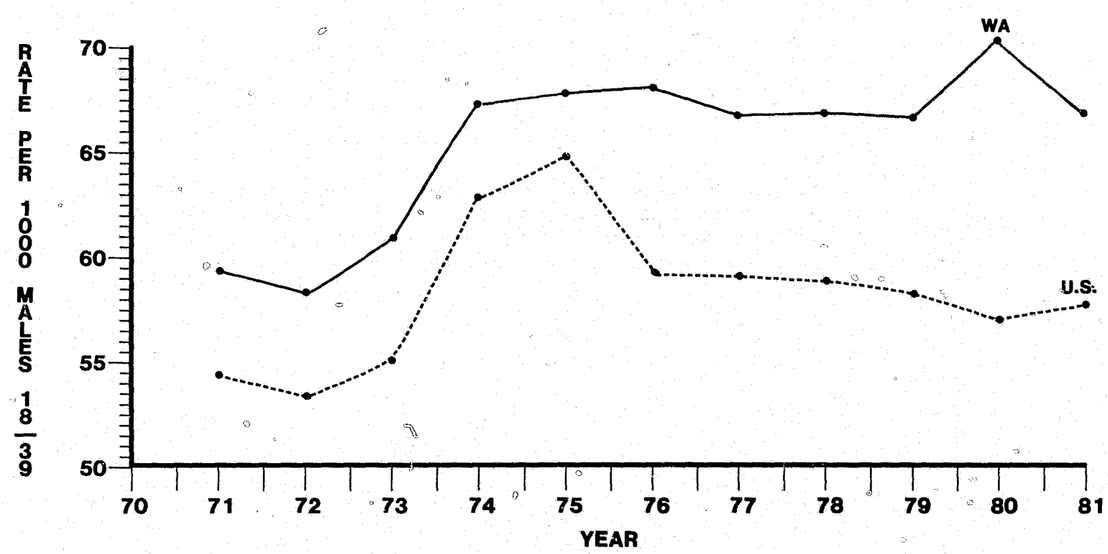
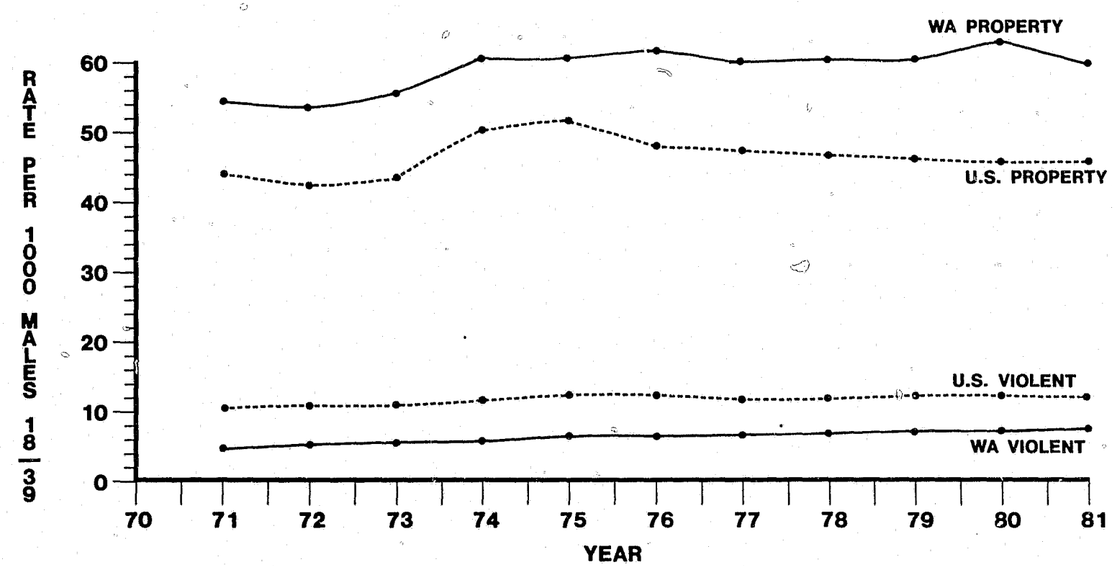
WASHINGTON & US ARREST RATES FOR MAJOR CRIMES



- From 1971 to 1981, the arrest rates for major crimes fluctuated but showed little net change for the U.S. However, a great change was shown in Washington arrest rates.
- Changes in the arrest rates generally follow the changes in the crime rate.
- Based on the higher total arrest rate for Washington State, it may be expected that Washington should have a higher than average incarceration rate. This original conclusion is shown to be erroneous in the latter part of this document.

WASHINGTON & US ARREST RATES FOR MAJOR CRIMES



- Arrest rates for violent crimes increased 52% from 1971 to 1981 in Washington while arrest rates for property crimes increased 19%. U.S. arrest rates increased by 13% for violent crimes but remained constant for property crimes over the same time period.
- The majority of those arrested for violent crimes are between the ages of 18 and 29.

INCARCERATION RATE COMPARISONS

Incarceration rates represent the number of persons per 1,000 males between 18 and 39 that are in prison.

Two factors determine the incarceration rate.

1. The higher the number of admissions to prison the higher the incarceration rate.
2. The longer the length of stay in prison the higher the incarceration rate.

It is important to realize that the occurrence of crime and the legal processing of criminals is only one of the major determinates of incarceration rates. The length of stay is also very important. Normally, the greater the percentage of violent criminals the greater the length of stay and therefore, the higher the incarceration rate.

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FACTS REGARDING INCARCERATION

- 90% of all prison and jail inmates are males between the ages of 18 and 39 throughout the U.S.

- Only 1 in 20 inmates is a woman in the U.S. although women comprise 51% of the general population.

- The Washington incarceration rate increased 29% from 1971 to 1981 while the U.S. rate increase was 46%.

- The proportion of prison inmates who were violent offenders increased from 52% to 57% in the latter 1970's on the national level. The state increase was from 48% to 55%. Jails have experienced the same type of increase.

- Nationally, over 50% of all prison inmates used drugs during the month prior to the offense for which they were arrested.

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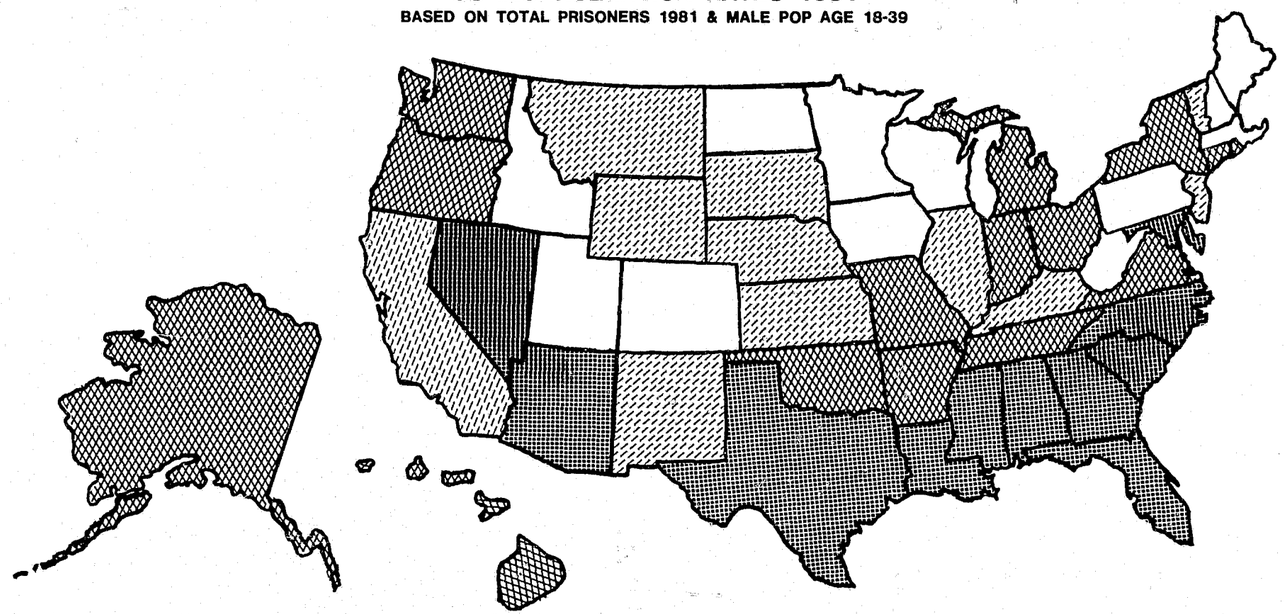
1981 INCARCERATION RATES MALES 18/39

RANK	NAME	RATE	RANK	NAME	RATE
1	DIST. COLUMBIA	28.26	27	ILLINOIS	6.56
2	DELAWARE	16.32	28	KANSAS	6.51
3	FLORIDA	15.37	29	KENTUCKY	6.43
4	SOUTH CAROLINA	14.72	30	CALIFORNIA	6.36
5	NORTH CAROLINA	14.60	31	NEW MEXICO	6.35
6	NEVADA	13.52	32	NEBRASKA	6.02
7	LOUISIANA	12.52	33	WYOMING	5.94
8	GEORGIA	12.50	34	RHODE ISLAND	5.93
9	MARYLAND	12.16	35	HAWAII	5.92
10	TEXAS	11.81	36	SOUTH DAKOTA	5.85
11	ALABAMA	11.61	37	NEW JERSEY	5.79
12	MISSISSIPPI	11.13	38	MONTANA	5.75
13	ARIZONA	10.63	39	VERMONT	5.67
14	ALASKA	10.45	40	IDAHO	5.65
15	OKLAHOMA	9.90	41	IOWA	5.34
16	TENNESSEE	9.80	42	WISCONSIN	5.31
17	MICHIGAN	9.20	43	MAINE	5.14
18	VIRGINIA	9.19	44	PENNSYLVANIA	4.79
19	ARKANSAS	9.08	45	WEST VIRGINIA	4.78
20	NEW YORK	8.77	46	COLORADO	4.61
21	CONNECTICUT	8.73	47	UTAH	4.27
22	INDIANA	8.27	48	MASSACHUSETTS	3.85
23	OHIO	8.07	49	MINNESOTA	2.74
24	MISSOURI	7.85	50	NEW HAMPSHIRE	2.37
25	OREGON	6.69	51	NORTH DAKOTA	2.28
26	**WASHINGTON**	6.67			

Average: 8.39

US INCARCERATION RATES 1981

BASED ON TOTAL PRISONERS 1981 & MALE POP AGE 18-39



LEGEND: GROUP — **HIGHEST** / **3RD QUARTILE** — **2ND QUARTILE** / **LOWEST**

***Incarceration refers to the number of persons in state prisons.**

- **Highest Rate — District of Columbia** — **28.27 crimes/1000 males 18-39**
- **Median Rate — Washington** — **6.67 crimes/1000 males 18-39**
- **Lowest Rate — North Dakota** — **2.28 crimes/1000 males 18-39**

WHAT HAPPENS TO CRIMINALS IN WASHINGTON STATE

VIOLENT CRIMES 1981

For reported major violent crimes in Washington State in 1981:

Reported major violent crimes	18,839	(100.0%)
Arrests for major violent crimes	5,779	(30.7%)
Felony cases filed+	3,800	(20.2%)
Convicted & Sentenced+	1,097	(5.8%)
Incarcerated**	794	(4.2%)

PROPERTY CRIMES 1981

For reported major property crimes in Washington State in 1981:

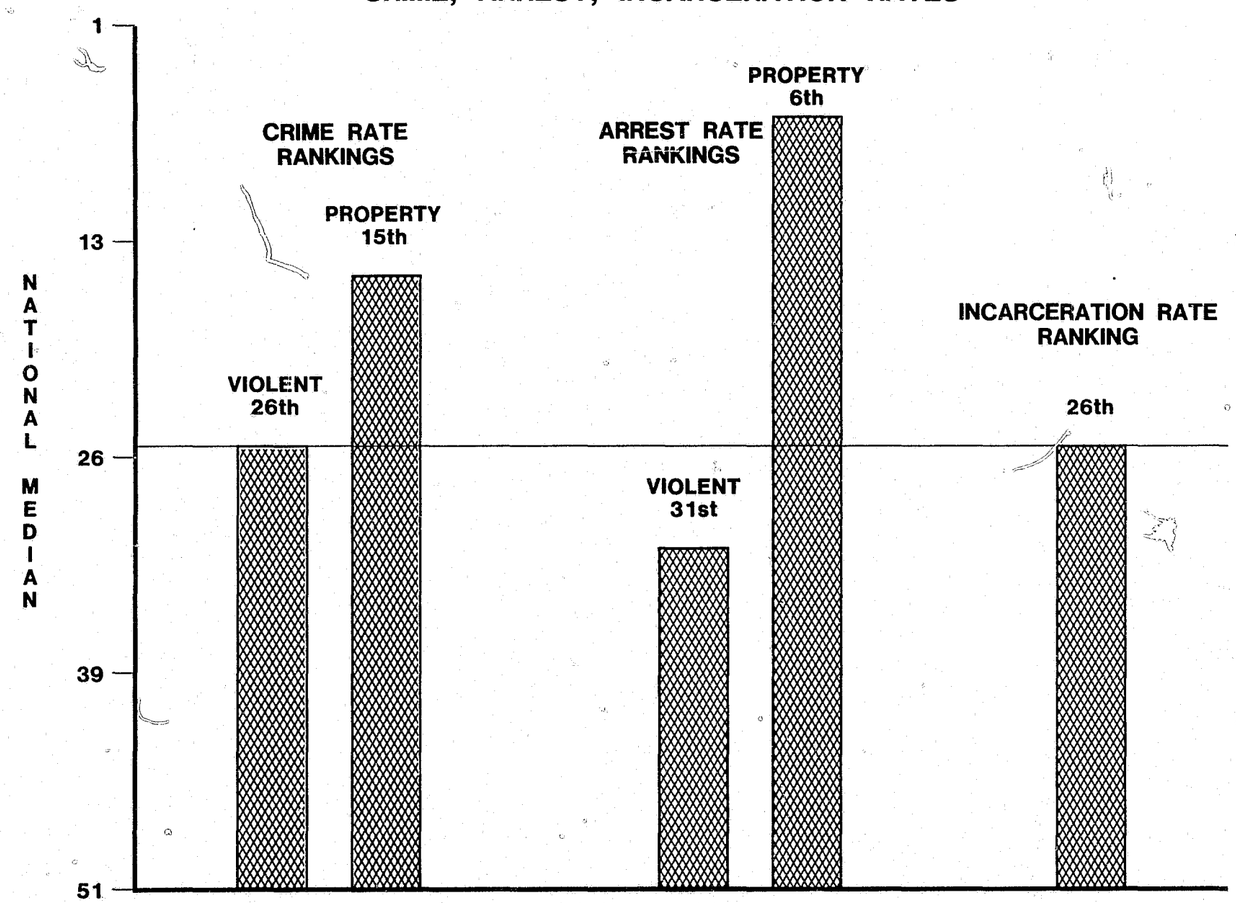
Reported major property crimes	265,135	(100.0%)
Arrests for major property crimes	46,659	(17.6%)
Felony cases filed+	12,913	(4.9%)
Convicted & Sentenced+	8,174	(3.1%)
Incarcerated**	1,642	(.6%)

+refers to cases not individuals

**prison only, does not include jail. Those not going to prison once convicted are normally sentenced to probation or jail or both.

WASHINGTON STATE RANKINGS

CRIME, ARREST, INCARCERATION RATES



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