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Violent Crime in America: 24 Months of Alarming Trends



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Violent Crime in America: 24 Months of Alarming Trends

Violent crime increased last year, and many cities experienced double-digit or even triple-digit percentage increases in homicides and other violence, according to the latest statistics gathered by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), a Washington, D.C.-based organization of police chiefs, sheriffs, and other state and local law enforcement leaders.

PERF gathered crime statistics for all of 2006 from 56 policing agencies across the nation and found that overall, homicides increased 2.89 percent compared to 2005, and robberies increased 6.48 percent. Aggravated assaults declined 2.20 percent, but when aggravated assaults *committed with a firearm* were separated out of that category, there was a 1.28-percent increase between 2005 and 2006.

24-Month Trend: Steady Increases in Violent Crime

The new crime statistics for 2006 show a worsening of a trend first identified by PERF in mid-2005, when PERF began to hear rumblings from its members that “violent crime is making a comeback.” A number of cities, particularly in the middle part of the United States, were beginning to experience large increases in three major categories of violent crime: robberies, aggravated assaults, and homicides.

Throughout 2006, PERF closely monitored violent crime rates. In an effort to obtain the latest trend information sooner than the FBI can provide with its massive Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program, PERF obtained statistics from 56 jurisdictions across the nation for 2006.

The findings are not uniformly discouraging. Dallas, Denver, and Washington, D.C., for example, reduced their homicide tolls significantly. Some cities experienced increases in certain types of violent crime but not in others.

But overall, the 24-month trend, starting on January 1, 2005, is unmistakable: Among the jurisdictions filing reports with PERF, total homicides in 2006 were 10.21 percent higher than they were in 2004. Robberies increased 12.27 percent; aggravated assaults increased 3.12 percent; and aggravated assaults with a firearm increased 9.98 percent.

The major increases in violence are not limited to a few scattered locations. Three-fourths of PERF’s 56 jurisdictions reported increases in robberies between 2005 and 2006, for example.

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Following are additional indications of a nationwide surge in violence between 2004 and 2006:

- Increases of 20 percent or more in the number of homicides over the two-year period were detected in many jurisdictions, including: Baltimore County, Md.; Boston; Charleston, S.C.; Charlotte-Mecklenburg, N.C.; Cincinnati; Cleveland; Fairfax County, Va.; Hartford, Conn.; Kansas City, Mo.; Memphis; Nashville; Newark, N.J.; New Haven, Conn.; Orlando; Philadelphia; Rochester, N.Y.; San Antonio; San Jose, Calif.; and Seattle.

- Increases of more than 30 percent in robberies between 2004 and 2006 were found in Arlington, Tex.; Baltimore County, Md.; Cleveland; Detroit; Fort Wayne, Ind.; Las Vegas; Memphis; Milwaukee; Minneapolis; Montgomery County, Md.; Orlando, Fla.; Prince William County, Va.; Rochester, N.Y.; San Francisco; San Jose, Calif.; and Virginia Beach, Va.

- Increases of more than 30 percent in aggravated assaults with firearms were found in Boston; Cincinnati; Cleveland; Las Vegas; Orlando; Rochester, N.Y.; Sacramento, Calif.; St. Louis; Seattle; and other jurisdictions.

- Volatility was seen in cities like Atlanta, where homicides fell from 112 in 2004 to 89 in 2005, but then jumped to 107 in 2006. In many cities, certain types of crime increased sharply in 2005, but fell back in 2006.

PERF Warned of a “Gathering Storm” of Violent Crime

The 24-month trend toward increasing violence is disturbing news, because the United States enjoyed astonishing declines in crime during the mid- to late-1990s, followed by a leveling off in the early 2000s.

Monitoring the recent crime trends has been a top priority for PERF since the first indications of a surge in violence came to light in 2005. In August 2006 PERF held a conference to determine whether the reports of increasing crime were merely anecdotal or reflected a nationwide trend, and received overwhelming indications of a nationwide problem. More than 170 officials, including police chiefs and mayors from 50 cities, came to Washington, D.C. to attend PERF’s Violent Crime Summit, and those leaders concluded that there was a “gathering storm” of increasing violence in America.

PERF then followed up by asking all of the chiefs who attended the Violent Crime Summit not to wait until the FBI released its nationwide crime statistics for 2006, but instead to send PERF their violent crime statistics for the first six months of 2006. PERF compiled the data and found that many cities indeed were experiencing sharp increases in violence. PERF also asked the chiefs to provide information about any recent crime “milestones” in their jurisdictions, and 13 responded. Three jurisdictions, for example, reported having experienced all-time highs in homicides in 2005 or the first half of 2006.

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The latest statistics for all of 2006 reinforce what PERF has been saying for more than a year: The crime reductions of the 1990s cannot be taken for granted. The nation is receiving a warning signal that federal, state, and local governments must refocus their attention on crime in order to restore the level of safety and security that Americans experienced in the 1990s. And the volatility in crime rates—across the nation, and within given jurisdictions—suggests that it will be critically important to watch crime statistics closely in coming months and years.

Note on PERF statistics: The PERF statistics are similar to those in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program in that they are based on law enforcement agencies' reports of crimes actually reported to the police (as opposed to surveys or other methods of measuring crime). Because PERF members are police chiefs, sheriffs, and other law enforcement executives, PERF is able to obtain official crime statistics from many of the nation's largest jurisdictions, and to release those figures several months before the nationwide tallies are released by the FBI. PERF's previous "early warnings" about crime, based on the first six months of 2006 data, were later confirmed when the FBI completed its more comprehensive UCR reports.

PERF's October 2006 report, "A Gathering Storm—Violent Crime in America," is available online at www.policeforum.org/upload/Gathering-Storm-PRINT-Final_110473745_1027200610304.pdf.)

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56 Reporting Jurisdictions

1. Number and percentage of Police Departments with an increase in Violent Crime from 2005 to 2006.

- Homicide: 28 out of 56 departments (50%) experienced an increase in homicide.
- Robbery: 42 out of 56 departments (75%) experienced an increase in robbery.
- Aggravated Assault: 18 out of 54* departments (33%) experienced an increase in aggravated assault.
- Aggravated Assault with a Firearm: 23 out of 51* departments (45%) experienced an increase in aggravated assault with a firearm

2. Number and percentage of Police Departments with an increase in Violent Crime from 2004 to 2006.

- Homicide: 40 out of 56 departments (71%) experienced an increase in homicide.
- Robbery: 45 out of 56 departments (80%) experienced an increase in robbery.
- Aggravated Assault: 23 out of 54* departments (43%) experienced an increase in aggravated assault.
- Aggravated Assault with a Firearm: 33 out of 49* departments (67%) experienced an increase in aggravated assault with a firearm

3. Percent change in violent crime from 2005 to 2006.

Homicide **increased** 2.89% from 2005 to 2006.
Robbery **increased** 6.48% from 2005 to 2006.
Aggravated Assault **decreased** 2.20% from 2005 to 2006.
Aggravated Assault with a Firearm **increased** 1.28% from 2005 to 2006.

4. Percent change in violent crime from 2004 to 2006.

Homicide **increased** 10.21% from 2004 to 2006.
Robbery **increased** 12.27% from 2004 to 2006.
Aggravated Assault **increased** 3.12% from 2004 to 2006.
Aggravated Assault with a Firearm **increased** 9.98% from 2004 to 2006.

*At the time of this report, some agencies were unable to provide complete information.



Violent Crime Statistics 2004-2006**

| Jurisdiction | Type of offense | 04-05 | | | | | 05-06 | | 04-06 | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------|------|-------------|------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------|--|
| | | 2004 | 2005 | percent +/- | 2005 | 2006** | percent +/- | percent +/- | | |
| Alexandria | Homicide | 2 | 4 | * | 4 | 5 | * | * | | |
| | Robbery | 187 | 197 | 5.35% | 197 | 202 | 2.54% | 8.02% | | |
| | Aggravated Assault | 213 | 201 | -5.63% | 201 | 178 | -11.44% | -16.43% | | |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 45 | 41 | -8.89% | 41 | 25 | -39.02% | -44.44% | | |
| Appleton | Homicide | 2 | 0 | * | 0 | 1 | * | * | | |
| | Robbery | 23 | 17 | -26.09% | 17 | 26 | 52.94% | 13.04% | | |
| | Aggravated Assault | 98 | 139 | 41.84% | 139 | 136 | -2.16% | 38.78% | | |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 8 | 7 | -12.50% | 7 | 18 | 157.14% | 125.00% | | |
| Arlington, TX | Homicide | 14 | 24 | 71.43% | 24 | 14 | -41.67% | 0.00% | | |
| | Robbery | 662 | 768 | 16.01% | 768 | 890 | 15.89% | 34.44% | | |
| | Aggravated Assault | 1017 | 1399 | 37.56% | 1399 | 1659 | 18.58% | 63.13% | | |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 193 | 382 | 97.93% | 382 | 443 | 15.97% | 129.53% | | |
| Atlanta | Homicide | 112 | 89 | -20.54% | 89 | 107 | 20.22% | -4.46% | | |
| | Robbery | 3116 | 2861 | -8.18% | 2861 | 2832 | -1.01% | -9.11% | | |
| | Aggravated Assault | 4427 | 4039 | -8.76% | 4039 | 4404 | 9.04% | -0.52% | | |
| | A.A. with Firearm | xx | xx | na | xx | xx | na | na | | |
| Baltimore | Homicide | 276 | 269 | -2.54% | 269 | 275 | 2.23% | -0.36% | | |
| | Robbery | 4050 | 3910 | -3.46% | 3910 | 4217 | 7.85% | 4.12% | | |
| | Aggravated Assault | 7159 | 6907 | -3.52% | 6907 | 6149 | -10.97% | -14.11% | | |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 1111 | 1087 | -2.16% | 1087 | 1074 | -1.20% | -3.33% | | |
| Baltimore County | Homicide | 29 | 40 | 37.93% | 40 | 36 | -10.00% | 24.14% | | |
| | Robbery | 1563 | 1765 | 12.92% | 1765 | 2083 | 18.02% | 33.27% | | |
| | Aggravated Assault | 4363 | 3665 | -16.00% | 3665 | 3472 | -5.27% | -20.42% | | |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 333 | 351 | 5.41% | 351 | 360 | 2.56% | 8.11% | | |
| Boston | Homicide | 61 | 73 | 19.67% | 73 | 75 | 2.74% | 22.95% | | |
| | Robbery | 2428 | 2649 | 9.10% | 2649 | 2678 | 1.09% | 10.30% | | |
| | Aggravated Assault | 4159 | 4489 | 7.93% | 4489 | 4358 | -2.92% | 4.78% | | |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 470 | 627 | 33.40% | 627 | 621 | -0.96% | 32.13% | | |
| Broward Sheriff's Office | Homicide | 26 | 22 | -15.38% | 22 | 33 | 50.00% | 26.92% | | |
| | Robbery | 1331 | 1299 | -2.40% | 1299 | 1348 | 3.77% | 1.28% | | |
| | Aggravated Assault | 2745 | 3015 | 9.84% | 3015 | 2770 | -8.13% | 0.91% | | |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 435 | 478 | 9.89% | 478 | 433 | -9.41% | -0.46% | | |

| Jurisdiction | Type of offense | 2004 | 2005 | percent +/- | 2005 | 2006** | percent +/- | percent +/- |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|-------------|-------------|
| Charleston | Homicide | 10 | 11 | 10.00% | 11 | 23 | 109.09% | 130.00% |
| | Robbery | 221 | 268 | 21.27% | 268 | 220 | -17.91% | -0.45% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 766 | 666 | -13.05% | 666 | 531 | -20.27% | -30.68% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 117 | 135 | 15.38% | 135 | 122 | -9.63% | 4.27% |
| Charlotte-Mecklenburg | Homicide | 60 | 85 | 41.67% | 85 | 83 | -2.35% | 38.33% |
| | Robbery | 2786 | 3649 | 30.98% | 3649 | 3207 | -12.11% | 15.11% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 4118 | 3876 | -5.88% | 3876 | 3896 | 0.52% | -5.39% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 1668 | 1976 | 18.47% | 1976 | 2086 | 5.57% | 25.06% |
| Chicago | Homicide | 449 | 450 | 0.22% | 450 | 467 | 3.78% | 4.01% |
| | Robbery | 15,974 | 16,030 | 0.35% | 16,030 | 15,860 | -1.06% | -0.71% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 18,820 | 18,033 | -4.18% | 18,033 | 17,438 | -3.30% | -7.34% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 5136 | 4735 | -7.81% | 4735 | 4636 | -2.09% | -9.74% |
| Cincinnati | Homicide | 63 | 79 | 25.40% | 79 | 89 | 12.66% | 41.27% |
| | Robbery | 2389 | 2291 | -4.10% | 2291 | 2329 | 1.66% | -2.51% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 1208 | 1276 | 5.63% | 1276 | 1151 | -9.80% | -4.72% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 192 | 269 | 40.10% | 269 | 322 | 19.70% | 67.71% |
| Cleveland | Homicide | 86 | 115 | 33.72% | 115 | 119 | 3.48% | 38.37% |
| | Robbery | 3325 | 3776 | 13.56% | 3776 | 4335 | 14.80% | 30.38% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 2465 | 2543 | 3.16% | 2543 | 2684 | 5.54% | 8.88% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 599 | 610 | 1.84% | 610 | 790 | 29.51% | 31.89% |
| Dallas | Homicide | 244 | 198 | -18.85% | 198 | 184 | -7.07% | -24.59% |
| | Robbery | 7466 | 6882 | -7.82% | 6882 | 6914 | 0.46% | -7.39% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 7863 | 7783 | -1.02% | 7783 | 7292 | -6.31% | -7.26% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 3178 | 3232 | 1.70% | 3232 | 3300 | 2.10% | 3.84% |
| Dearborn | Homicide | 4 | 3 | * | 3 | 2 | * | * |
| | Robbery | 160 | 205 | 28.13% | 205 | 166 | -19.02% | 3.75% |
| | Aggravated Assault | xx | 273 | na | 273 | 239 | -12.45% | na |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 40 | 48 | 20.00% | 48 | 36 | -25.00% | -10.00% |
| Denver | Homicide | 90 | 61 | -32.22% | 61 | 55 | -9.84% | -38.89% |
| | Robbery | 1221 | 1160 | -5.00% | 1160 | 1285 | 10.78% | 5.24% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 2585 | 2633 | 1.86% | 2633 | 2244 | -14.77% | -13.19% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 465 | 449 | -3.44% | 449 | 352 | -21.60% | -24.30% |
| Detroit | Homicide | 383 | 374 | -2.35% | 374 | 411 | 9.89% | 7.31% |
| | Robbery | 5435 | 6725 | 23.74% | 6725 | 7600 | 13.01% | 39.83% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 9330 | 13273 | 42.26% | 13273 | 11390 | -14.19% | 22.08% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 1367 | 1363 | -0.29% | 1363 | 1385 | 1.61% | 1.32% |

| Jurisdiction | Type of offense | 2004 | 2005 | percent +/- | 2005 | 2006** | percent +/- | percent +/- |
|----------------|--------------------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|-------------|-------------|
| Fairfax County | Homicide | 9 | 24 | 166.67% | 24 | 19 | -20.83% | 111.11% |
| | Robbery | 548 | 484 | -11.68% | 484 | 565 | 16.74% | 3.10% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 375 | 379 | 1.07% | 379 | 331 | -12.66% | -11.73% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 22 | 11 | -50.00% | 11 | 17 | 54.55% | -22.73% |
| Ft. Wayne | Homicide | 22 | 25 | 13.64% | 25 | 17 | -32.00% | -22.73% |
| | Robbery | 305 | 375 | 22.95% | 375 | 403 | 7.47% | 32.13% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 234 | 248 | 5.98% | 248 | 220 | -11.29% | -5.98% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 39 | 51 | 30.77% | 51 | 50 | -1.96% | 28.21% |
| Frederick | Homicide | 0 | 0 | * | 0 | 4 | * | * |
| | Robbery | 144 | 118 | -18.06% | 118 | 150 | 27.12% | 4.17% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 435 | 361 | -17.01% | 361 | 333 | -7.76% | -23.45% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 48 | 39 | -18.75% | 39 | 33 | -15.38% | -31.25% |
| Hartford | Homicide | 17 | 25 | 47.06% | 25 | 24 | -4.00% | 41.18% |
| | Robbery | 890 | 689 | -22.58% | 689 | 760 | 10.30% | -14.61% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 578 | 683 | 18.17% | 683 | 704 | 3.07% | 21.80% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 166 | 201 | 21.08% | 201 | 212 | 5.47% | 27.71% |
| Houston | Homicide | 275 | 336 | 22.18% | 336 | 376 | 11.90% | 36.73% |
| | Robbery | 10,182 | 11,128 | 9.29% | 11,128 | 11,371 | 2.18% | 11.68% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 12,065 | 11,653 | -3.41% | 11,653 | 11,648 | -0.04% | -3.46% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 3,175 | 3,531 | 11.21% | 3,531 | 3,709 | 5.04% | 16.82% |
| Kansas City | Homicide | 91 | 119 | 30.77% | 119 | 115 | -3.36% | 26.37% |
| | Robbery | 1923 | 2000 | 4.00% | 2000 | 2034 | 1.70% | 5.77% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 4120 | 4110 | -0.24% | 4110 | 3926 | -4.48% | -4.71% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 1621 | 2004 | 23.63% | 2004 | 1872 | -6.59% | 15.48% |
| Las Vegas | Homicide | 132 | 145 | 9.85% | 145 | 153 | 5.52% | 15.91% |
| | Robbery | 3729 | 3494 | -6.30% | 3494 | 5381 | 54.01% | 44.30% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 5318 | 5275 | -0.81% | 5275 | 6681 | 26.65% | 25.63% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 554 | 691 | 24.73% | 691 | 724 | 4.78% | 30.69% |
| Los Angeles | Homicide | 518 | 486 | -6.18% | 486 | 481 | -1.03% | -7.14% |
| | Robbery | 14,024 | 13,487 | -3.83% | 13,487 | 14,235 | 5.55% | 1.50% |
| | Aggravated Assault | xx | 15,476 | na | 15,476 | 14,118 | -8.77% | na |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 5,837 | 5,704 | -2.28% | 5,704 | 5,370 | -5.86% | -8.00% |
| Lowell | Homicide | 5 | 2 | * | 2 | 12 | * | * |
| | Robbery | 169 | 213 | 26.04% | 213 | 213 | 0.00% | 26.04% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 771 | 753 | -2.33% | 753 | 654 | -13.15% | -15.18% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 40 | 54 | 35.00% | 54 | 46 | -14.81% | 15.00% |

| Jurisdiction | Type of offense | 2004 | 2005 | percent +/- | 2005 | 2006** | percent +/- | percent +/- |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|--------|-------------|-------------|
| Memphis | Homicide | 107 | 136 | 27.10% | 136 | 149 | 9.56% | 39.25% |
| | Robbery | 3773 | 4464 | 18.31% | 4464 | 5380 | 20.52% | 42.59% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 5765 | 7624 | 32.25% | 7624 | 5898 | -22.64% | 2.31% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 2099 | 2478 | 18.06% | 2478 | 2237 | -9.73% | 6.57% |
| Miami | Homicide | 69 | 54 | -21.74% | 54 | 77 | 42.59% | 11.59% |
| | Robbery | 2367 | 2019 | -14.70% | 2019 | 2151 | 6.54% | -9.13% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 3870 | 3949 | 2.04% | 3949 | 3761 | -4.76% | -2.82% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 770 | 806 | 4.68% | 806 | 707 | -12.28% | -8.18% |
| Milwaukee | Homicide | 88 | 122 | 38.64% | 122 | 103 | -15.57% | 17.05% |
| | Robbery | 2656 | 2917 | 9.83% | 2917 | 3691 | 26.53% | 38.97% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 1823 | 2804 | 53.81% | 2804 | 3383 | 20.65% | 85.57% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | xx | 437 | na | 437 | 520 | 18.99% | na |
| Minneapolis | Homicide | 54 | 47 | -12.96% | 47 | 59 | 25.53% | 9.26% |
| | Robbery | 2246 | 2584 | 15.05% | 2584 | 3081 | 19.23% | 37.18% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 2026 | 2439 | 20.38% | 2439 | 2868 | 17.59% | 41.56% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 568 | 671 | 18.13% | 671 | 624 | -7.00% | 9.86% |
| Montgomery County | Homicide | 18 | 19 | 5.56% | 19 | 19 | 0.00% | 5.56% |
| | Robbery | 789 | 1035 | 31.18% | 1035 | 1137 | 9.86% | 44.11% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 987 | 875 | -11.35% | 875 | 862 | -1.49% | -12.66% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 116 | 117 | 0.86% | 117 | 105 | -10.26% | -9.48% |
| Nashville | Homicide | 58 | 97 | 67.24% | 97 | 81 | -16.49% | 39.66% |
| | Robbery | 2,138 | 2,426 | 13.47% | 2,426 | 2,521 | 3.92% | 17.91% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 6,202 | 6,081 | -1.95% | 6,081 | 5,934 | -2.42% | -4.32% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 1,505 | 1,609 | 6.91% | 1,609 | 1,676 | 4.16% | 11.36% |
| Newark, NJ | Homicide | 84 | 97 | 15.48% | 97 | 105 | 8.25% | 25.00% |
| | Robbery | 1,345 | 1,250 | -7.06% | 1,250 | 1,288 | 3.04% | -4.24% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 1,365 | 1,391 | 1.90% | 1,391 | 1,364 | -1.94% | -0.07% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | xx | xx | na | xx | na | na | na |
| New Haven | Homicide | 15 | 15 | 0.00% | 15 | 24 | 60.00% | 60.00% |
| | Robbery | 738 | 848 | 14.91% | 848 | 809 | -4.60% | 9.62% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 925 | 977 | 5.62% | 977 | 997 | 2.05% | 7.78% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 93 | 126 | 35.48% | 126 | 111 | -11.90% | 19.35% |
| Norfolk | Homicide | 35 | 58 | 65.71% | 58 | 28 | -51.72% | -20.00% |
| | Robbery | 684 | 886 | 29.53% | 886 | 884 | -0.23% | 29.24% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 541 | 803 | 48.43% | 803 | 669 | -16.69% | 23.66% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | xx | xx | na | xx | xx | na | na |

| Jurisdiction | Type of offense | 2004 | 2005 | percent +/- | 2005 | 2006** | percent +/- | percent +/- |
|------------------------|--------------------|------|-------|-------------|-------|--------|-------------|-------------|
| Orlando | Homicide | 17 | 22 | 29.41% | 22 | 49 | 122.73% | 188.24% |
| | Robbery | 962 | 1204 | 25.16% | 1204 | 1530 | 27.08% | 59.04% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 2322 | 2324 | 0.09% | 2324 | 2065 | -11.14% | -11.07% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 286 | 402 | 40.56% | 402 | 522 | 29.85% | 82.52% |
| Pasadena | Homicide | 9 | 6 | * | 6 | 11 | * | * |
| | Robbery | 298 | 285 | -4.36% | 285 | 247 | -13.33% | -17.11% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 343 | 488 | 42.27% | 488 | 334 | -31.56% | -2.62% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 58 | 57 | -1.72% | 57 | 39 | -31.58% | -32.76% |
| Philadelphia | Homicide | 330 | 377 | 14.24% | 377 | 404 | 7.16% | 22.42% |
| | Robbery | 9757 | 10069 | 3.20% | 10069 | 10686 | 6.13% | 9.52% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 9814 | 10139 | 3.31% | 10139 | 10771 | 6.23% | 9.75% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | xx | xx | na | xx | xx | na | na |
| Phoenix | Homicide | 208 | 224 | 7.69% | 224 | 233 | 4.02% | 12.02% |
| | Robbery | 3723 | 4237 | 13.81% | 4237 | 4363 | 2.97% | 17.19% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 5050 | 5701 | 12.89% | 5701 | 6047 | 6.07% | 19.74% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 1889 | 2212 | 17.10% | 2212 | 2320 | 4.88% | 22.82% |
| Prince George's County | Homicide | 134 | 151 | 12.69% | 151 | 134 | -11.26% | 0.00% |
| | Robbery | 3527 | 4446 | 26.06% | 4446 | 3069 | -30.97% | -12.99% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 3220 | 3365 | 4.50% | 3365 | 4210 | 25.11% | 30.75% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | xx | xx | na | xx | xx | na | na |
| Prince William County | Homicide | 6 | 13 | * | 13 | 16 | 23.08% | * |
| | Robbery | 206 | 250 | 21.36% | 250 | 351 | 40.40% | 70.39% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 282 | 347 | 23.05% | 347 | 379 | 9.22% | 34.40% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 21 | 30 | 42.86% | 30 | 23 | -23.33% | 9.52% |
| Richmond, CA | Homicide | 35 | 40 | 14.29% | 40 | 42 | 5.00% | 20.00% |
| | Robbery | 500 | 526 | 5.20% | 526 | 504 | -4.18% | 0.80% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 509 | 574 | 12.77% | 574 | 645 | 12.37% | 26.72% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 174 | 214 | 22.99% | 214 | 287 | 34.11% | 64.94% |
| Rochester | Homicide | 35 | 54 | 54.29% | 54 | 49 | -9.26% | 40.00% |
| | Robbery | 934 | 1029 | 10.17% | 1029 | 1335 | 29.74% | 42.93% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 1022 | 1066 | 4.31% | 1066 | 1192 | 11.82% | 16.63% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 182 | 364 | 100.00% | 364 | 462 | 26.92% | 153.85% |
| Sacramento | Homicide | 54 | 53 | -1.85% | 53 | 57 | 7.55% | 5.56% |
| | Robbery | 1909 | 2034 | 6.55% | 2034 | 2188 | 7.57% | 14.61% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 2571 | 3025 | 17.66% | 3025 | 3113 | 2.91% | 21.08% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 476 | 601 | 26.26% | 601 | 836 | 39.10% | 75.63% |

| Jurisdiction | Type of offense | 2004 | 2005 | percent +/- | 2005 | 2006** | percent +/- | percent +/- |
|------------------|--------------------|------|------|-------------|------|--------|-------------|-------------|
| St. Louis | Homicide | 114 | 131 | 14.91% | 131 | 129 | -1.53% | 13.16% |
| | Robbery | 2632 | 2965 | 12.65% | 2965 | 3147 | 6.14% | 19.57% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 4041 | 4949 | 22.47% | 4949 | 4992 | 0.87% | 23.53% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 1567 | 1908 | 21.76% | 1908 | 2272 | 19.08% | 44.99% |
| San Antonio | Homicide | 95 | 87 | -8.42% | 87 | 119 | 36.78% | 25.26% |
| | Robbery | 2134 | 2167 | 1.55% | 2167 | 2324 | 7.25% | 8.90% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 4948 | 5174 | 4.57% | 5174 | 5024 | -2.90% | 1.54% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 1104 | 1399 | 26.72% | 1399 | 1372 | -1.93% | 24.28% |
| San Francisco | Homicide | 88 | 96 | 9.09% | 96 | 85 | -11.46% | -3.41% |
| | Robbery | 3041 | 3078 | 1.22% | 3078 | 4127 | 34.08% | 35.71% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 2476 | 2791 | 12.72% | 2791 | 2455 | -12.04% | -0.85% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 211 | 252 | 19.43% | 252 | 240 | -4.76% | 13.74% |
| San Jose | Homicide | 24 | 26 | 8.33% | 26 | 29 | 11.54% | 20.83% |
| | Robbery | 785 | 884 | 12.61% | 884 | 1030 | 16.52% | 31.21% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 2314 | 2319 | 0.22% | 2319 | 2285 | -1.47% | -1.25% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 258 | 262 | 1.55% | 262 | 227 | -13.36% | -12.02% |
| Savannah-Chatham | Homicide | 25 | 31 | 24.00% | 31 | 29 | -6.45% | 16.00% |
| | Robbery | 643 | 650 | 1.09% | 650 | 690 | 6.15% | 7.31% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 419 | 478 | 14.08% | 478 | 398 | -16.74% | -5.01% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 128 | 204 | 59.38% | 204 | 171 | -16.18% | 33.59% |
| Seattle | Homicide | 24 | 25 | 4.17% | 25 | 30 | 20.00% | 25.00% |
| | Robbery | 1588 | 1603 | 0.94% | 1603 | 1667 | 3.99% | 4.97% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 2041 | 2343 | 14.80% | 2343 | 2322 | -0.90% | 13.77% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 232 | 287 | 23.71% | 287 | 337 | 17.42% | 45.26% |
| Springfield, MA | Homicide | 17 | 18 | 5.88% | 18 | 15 | -16.67% | -11.76% |
| | Robbery | 692 | 772 | 11.56% | 772 | 715 | -7.38% | 3.32% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 1931 | 1792 | -7.20% | 1792 | 1745 | -2.62% | -9.63% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 352 | 323 | -8.24% | 323 | 299 | -7.43% | -15.06% |
| Trenton | Homicide | 18 | 30 | 66.67% | 30 | 20 | -33.33% | 11.11% |
| | Robbery | 576 | 805 | 39.76% | 805 | 629 | -21.86% | 9.20% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 716 | 658 | -8.10% | 658 | 593 | -9.88% | -17.18% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 174 | 175 | 0.57% | 175 | 162 | -7.43% | -6.90% |
| Virginia Beach | Homicide | 18 | 22 | 22.22% | 22 | 19 | -13.64% | 5.56% |
| | Robbery | 477 | 670 | 40.46% | 670 | 688 | 2.69% | 44.23% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 383 | 430 | 12.27% | 430 | 425 | -1.16% | 10.97% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 44 | 92 | 109.09% | 92 | 62 | -32.61% | 40.91% |

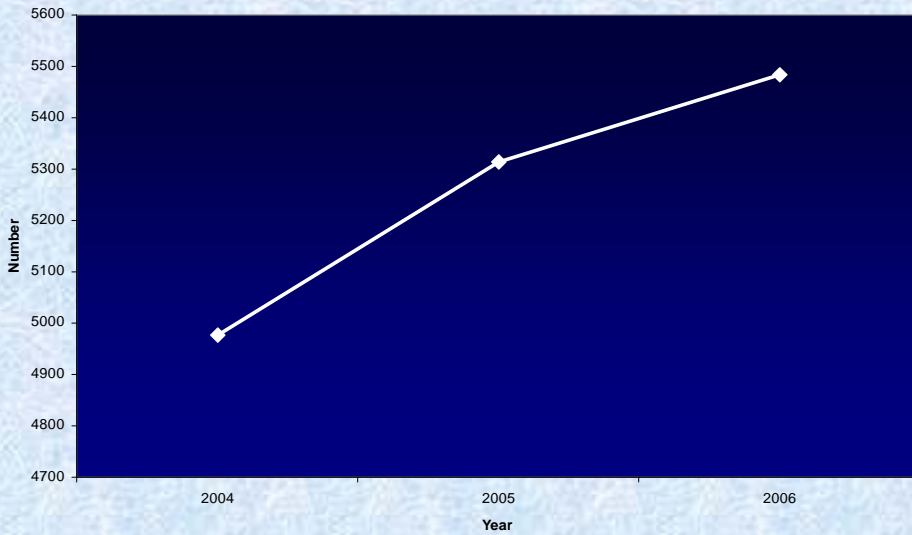
| Jurisdiction | Type of offense | 2004 | 2005 | percent +/- | 2005 | 2006** | percent +/- | percent +/- |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|-------------|-------------|
| Washington, DC | Homicide | 198 | 195 | -1.52% | 195 | 169 | -13.33% | -14.65% |
| | Robbery | 3057 | 3502 | 14.56% | 3502 | 3878 | 10.74% | 26.86% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 3863 | 3854 | -0.23% | 3854 | 3322 | -13.80% | -14.00% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 774 | 806 | 4.13% | 806 | 820 | 1.74% | 5.94% |
| West Palm Beach | Homicide | 18 | 22 | 22.22% | 22 | 17 | -22.73% | -5.56% |
| | Robbery | 560 | 528 | -5.71% | 528 | 663 | 25.57% | 18.39% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 568 | 574 | 1.06% | 574 | 537 | -6.45% | -5.46% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 168 | 155 | -7.74% | 155 | 161 | 3.87% | -4.17% |
| White Plains | Homicide | 0 | 2 | * | 2 | 2 | * | * |
| | Robbery | 66 | 45 | -31.82% | 45 | 45 | 0.00% | -31.82% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 97 | 57 | -41.24% | 57 | 59 | 3.51% | -39.18% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 0 | 1 | * | 1 | 2 | * | * |
| Total for 56 jurisdictions | Homicide | 4976 | 5314 | 6.79% | 5314 | 5478 | 3.09% | 10.09% |
| | Robbery | 139045 | 146618 | 5.45% | 146618 | 156076 | 6.45% | 12.25% |
| | Aggravated Assault | 167666 | 176790 | 5.44% | 176790 | 172831 | -2.24% | 3.08% |
| | A.A. with Firearm | 38466 | 41976 | 9.12% | 42417 | 42853 | 1.03% | 10.05% |

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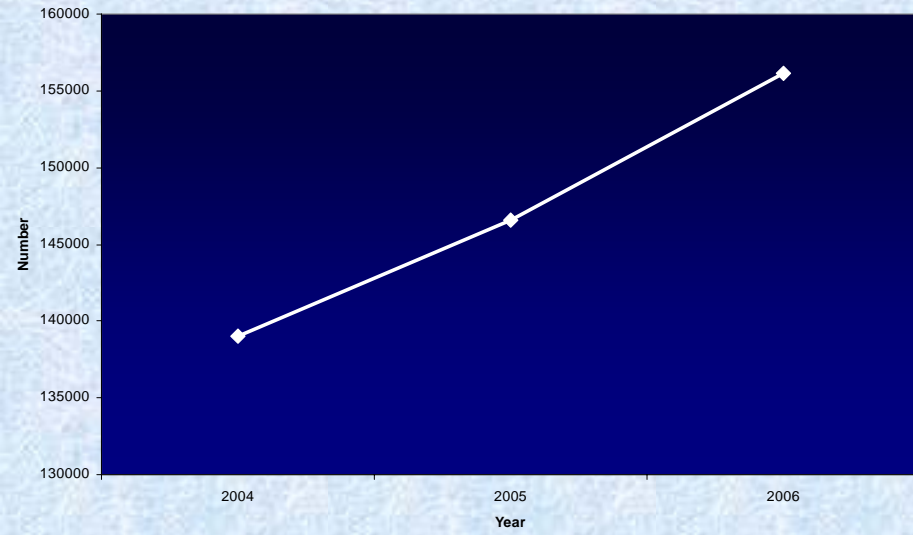
* The raw number of violent crime is too small to produce meaningful percent changes.

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Homicide

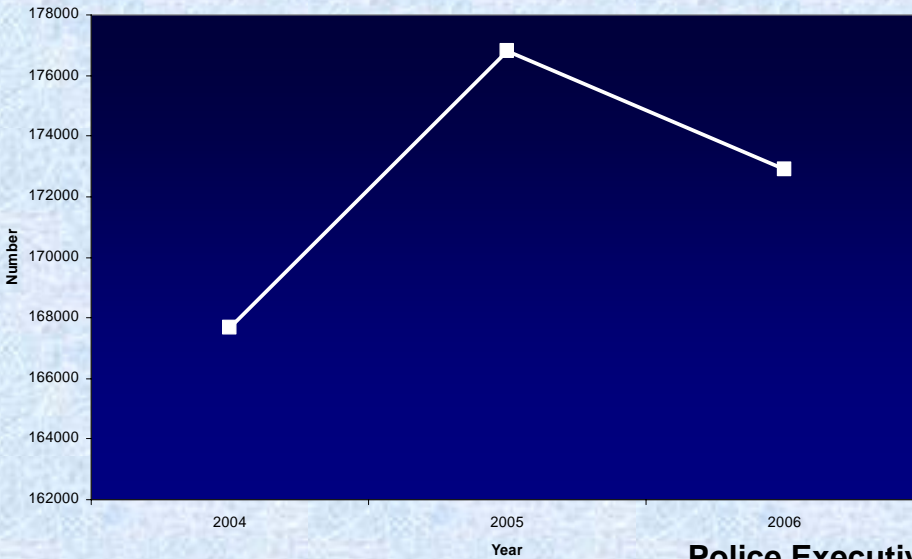


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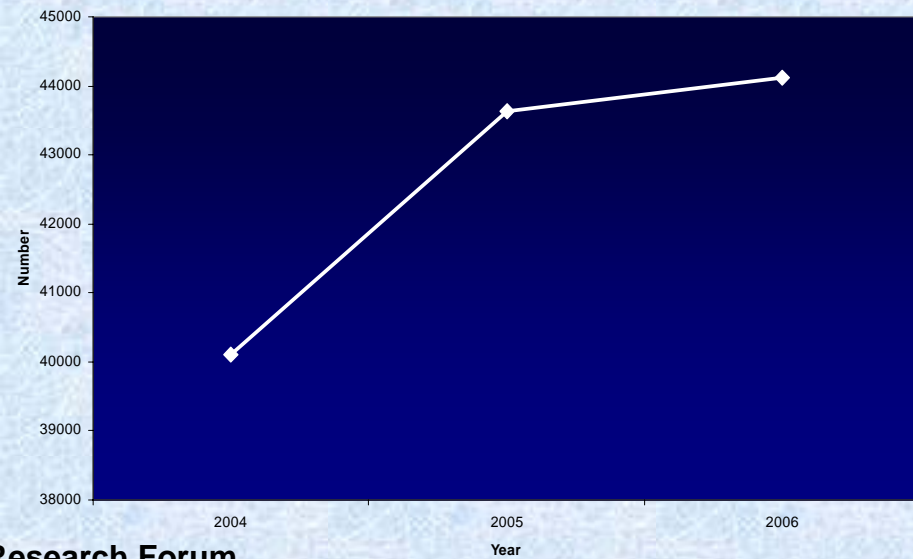


Changes in Violent Crime 2004-2006: 56 Reporting Jurisdictions

Aggravated Assault



Aggravated Assault with a Firearm



FBI Statistics Confirm Surge in Violence

According to the last two available years of FBI statistics (2004 and 2005):

- 32,840 murders occurred in the United States.
- Victims reported 818,592 robberies in America.
- 1,710,328 aggravated assaults were reported in the U.S., 289,106 of which involved the use of a firearm.

Milestones

- The nation's violent crime rose by 2% in 2005, the first increase in 13 years. (FBI)
- Major Cities across the United States experienced an increase in murders in 2006:

| | | |
|----------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| New York | +10% | (2005 FBI UCR/ 2006 NYPD Website) |
| Chicago | +3.8% | (PD stats as reported to PERF) |
| Houston | +11.9 | (PD stats as reported to PERF) |
| Miami | +42.6 % | (PD stats as reported to PERF) |
- Jurisdictions that recorded the highest number of murders ever include:

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Newark, New Jersey | (PD stats as reported to PERF) |
| Orlando, Florida | (PD stats as reported to PERF) |
- Prince William County, Virginia also had the largest number of robberies reported to the department in 2006. (PD Stats as reported to PERF)
- Murders in New Haven, Connecticut were up by more than 60%. (PD stats as reported to PERF) and Hartford experienced a five-year high in aggravated assaults (PD stats as reported to PERF)
- Boston, Massachusetts saw an eleven year high in homicides in 2006 (PD stats as reported to PERF)

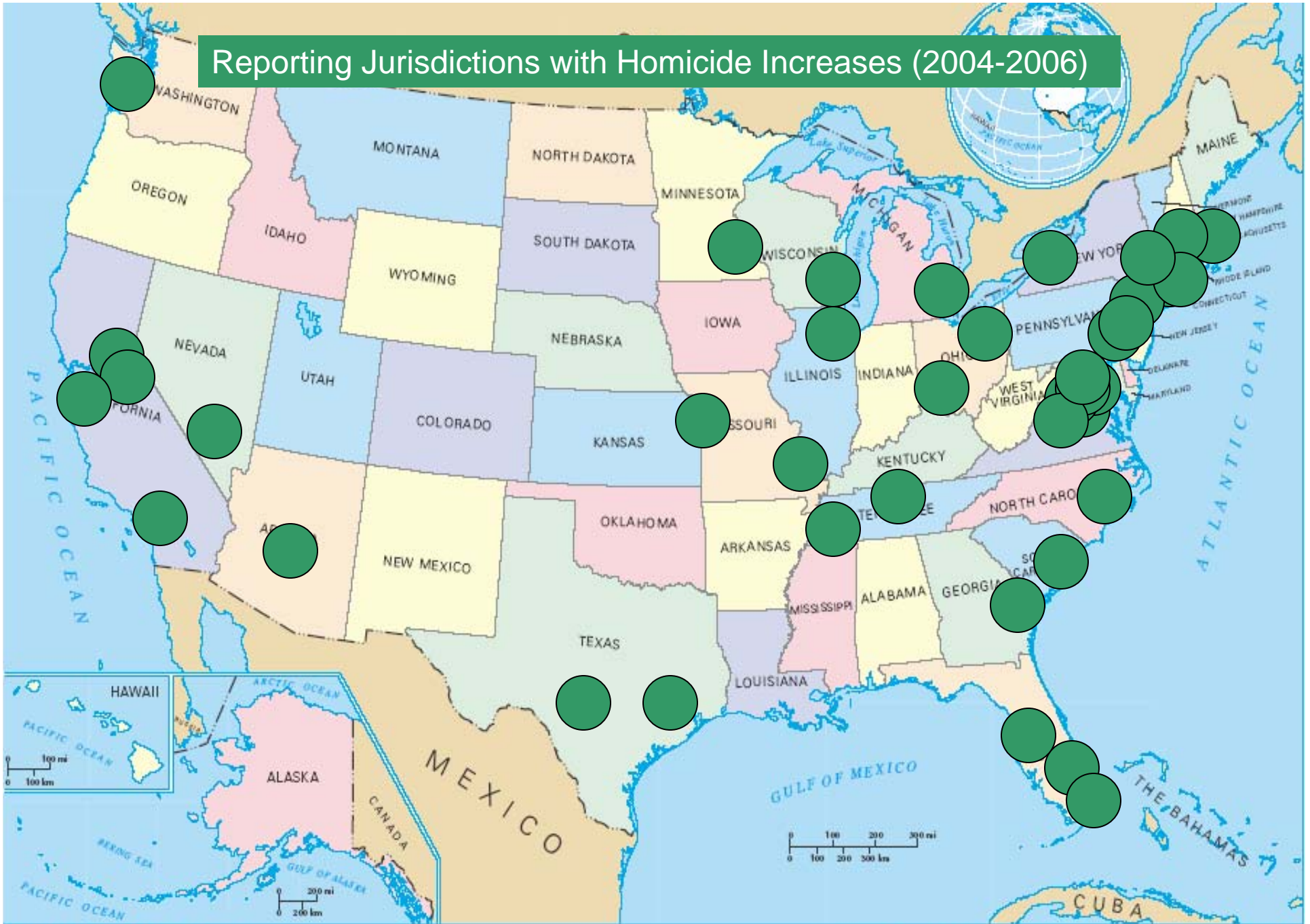


Violent Crime Increases

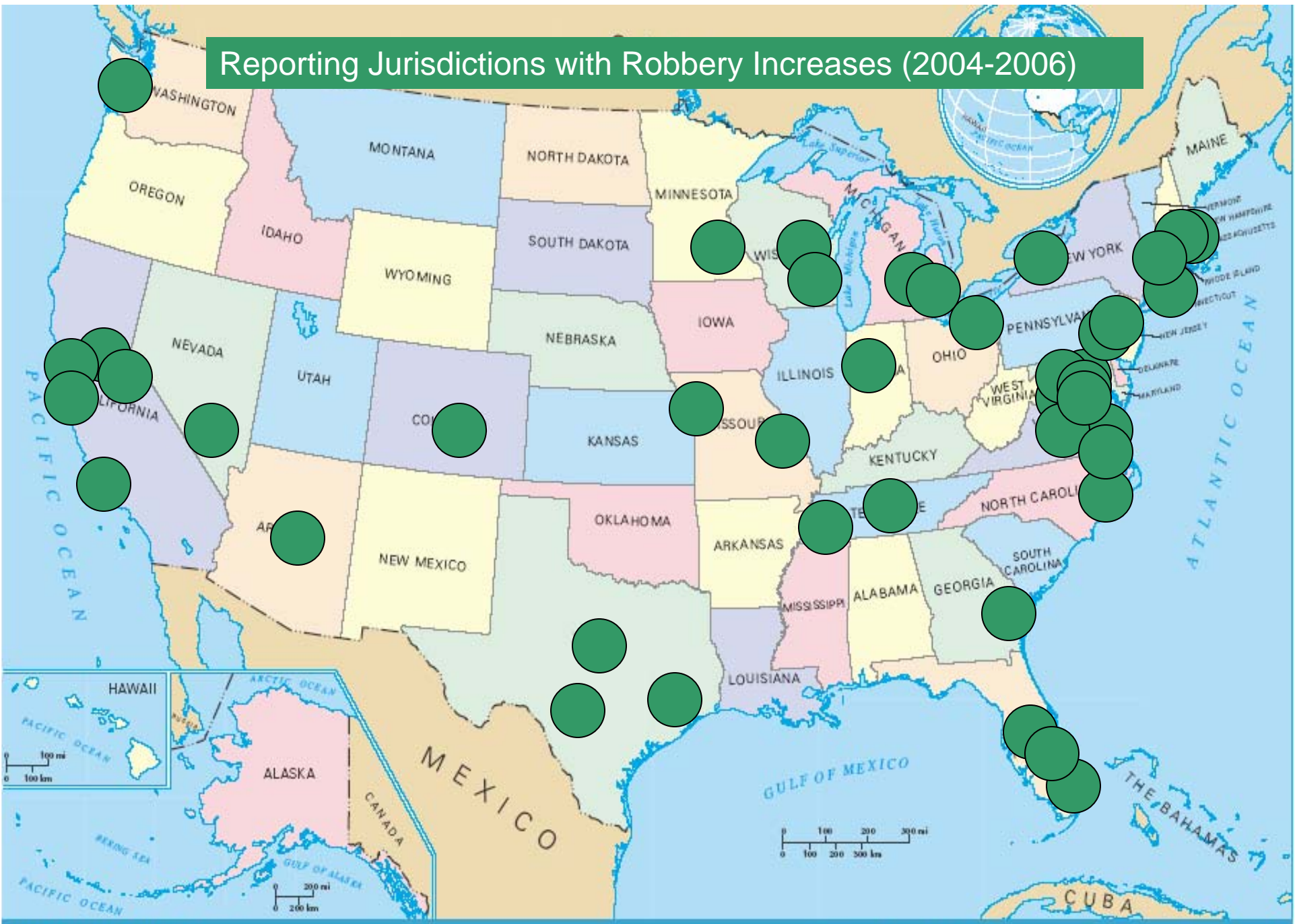
(2004—2006)

(Statistics as reported to PERF by law enforcement agencies)

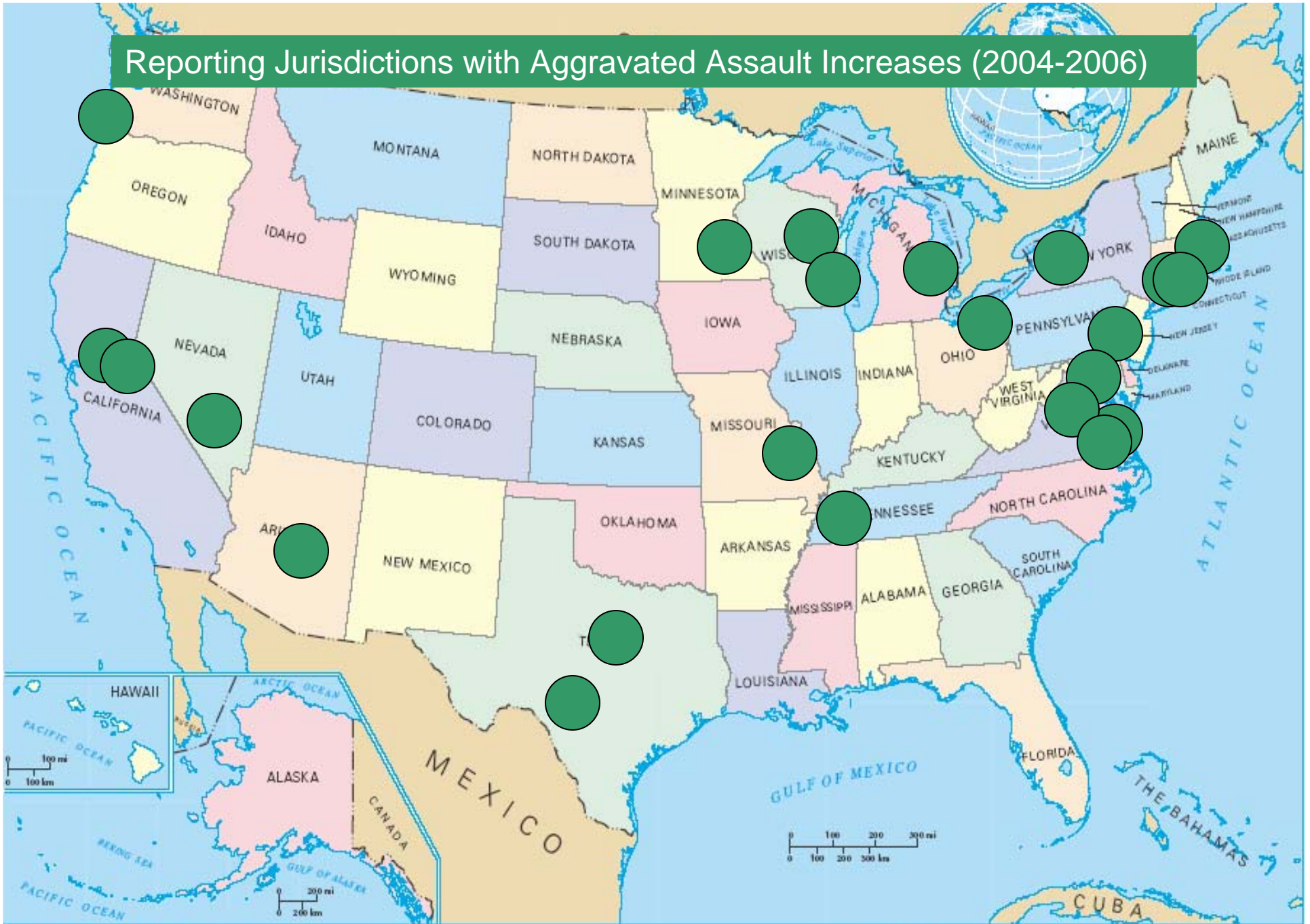
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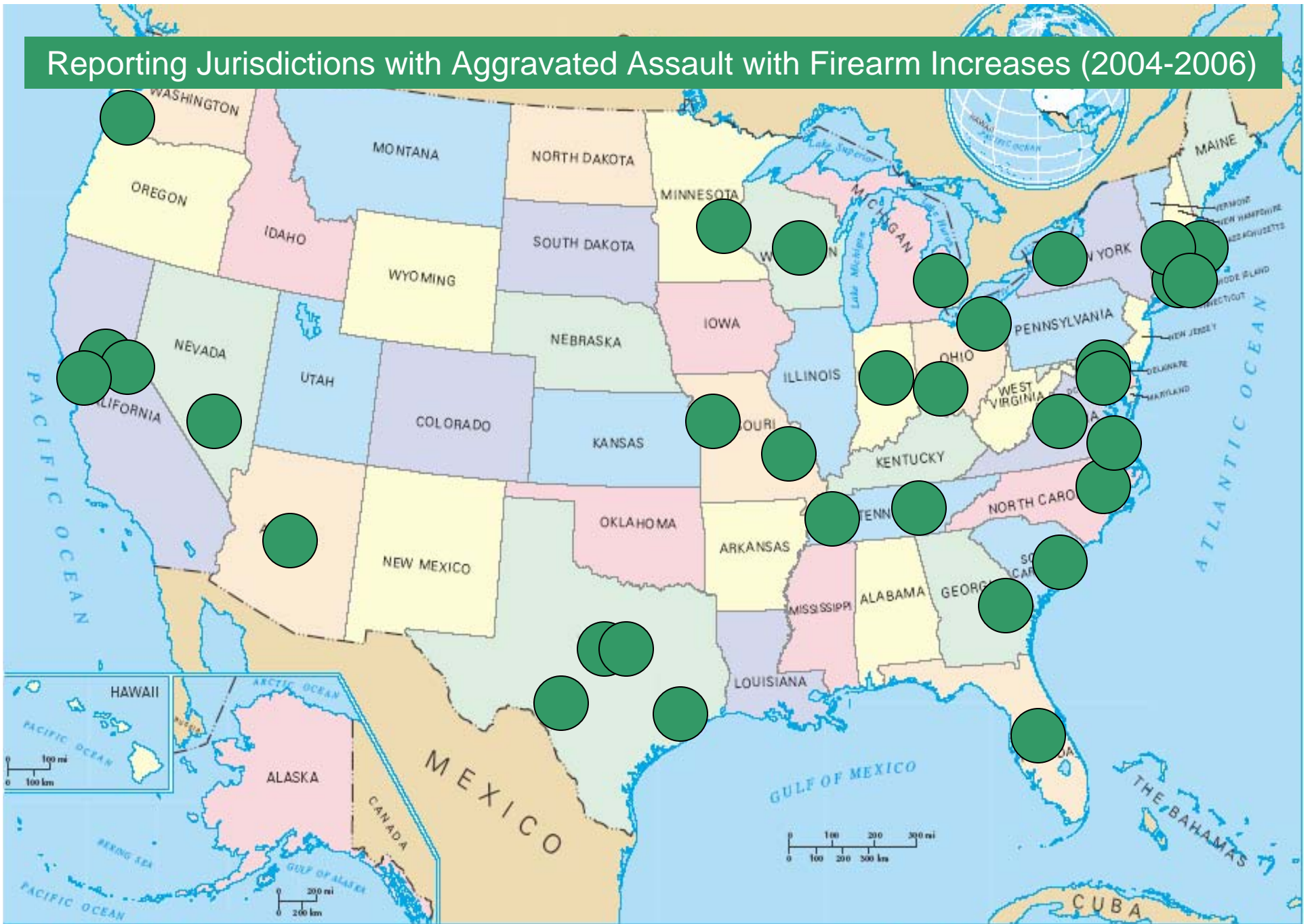
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Reporting Jurisdictions with Aggravated Assault Increases (2004-2006)



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