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# Index Crime Rates For Wisconsin 1986 An Inter-State Comparison

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## Introduction

This publication compares Wisconsin crime rates with those of other states. The crime rate is the number of reported crimes for every 100,000 population. The crime categories examined are seven of the eight crimes which make up the Crime Index, as defined by the national Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. This report shows state rankings of Index Crime rates. The rankings also show the rates for the United States and the Midwest.

Most of the state data for this publication were obtained from **Crime in the United States**, published by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. State data were available for only seven of the eight index crimes. Data on arson, the eighth index crime, were not uniformly available for all states.

## The Crime Index

The Crime Index is made up of eight crime categories which are intended to reflect general crime trends. It consists of two sub-indices, the Violent Crime Index, consisting of the crimes of murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, and the Property Crime Index, consisting of the crimes of burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Sufficient data were not available to estimate state totals for arson, so it is not included in the Property Crime Index in this publication.

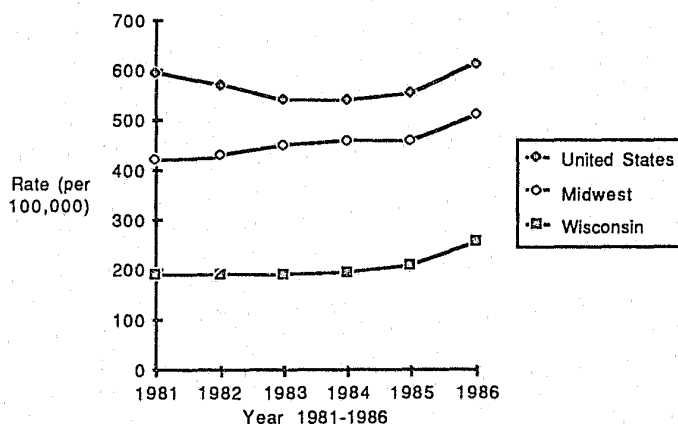
Rankings for the total Crime Index are not provided in this publication because the total Index is heavily dominated by property crime, which makes up 95 percent of the Index. Wisconsin ranked thirty-seventh in total index crimes in 1986, very close to its thirty-sixth rank for reported property crimes.

## Crime Trend Comparisons

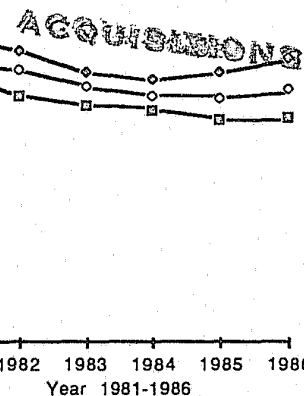
Regional crime rate trends for the United States, the Midwest, and the State of Wisconsin for the past six years for both the Violent and the Property Crime Index are shown in the charts below. The Midwest includes the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Violent crime rates for Wisconsin were substantially lower than the rates for the Midwest and the Nation. Over the past six years the rates for both Wisconsin and the Midwest have increased slightly, more than the rate for the United States. Property Index Crime rates for all three regions decreased slightly. Wisconsin property crime rates were slightly lower than those of the Midwest and the Nation.

INDEX CRIME RATES BY YEAR AND REGION

### VIOLENT



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## VIOLENT CRIMES: MURDER, FORCIBLE RAPE, ROBBERY, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

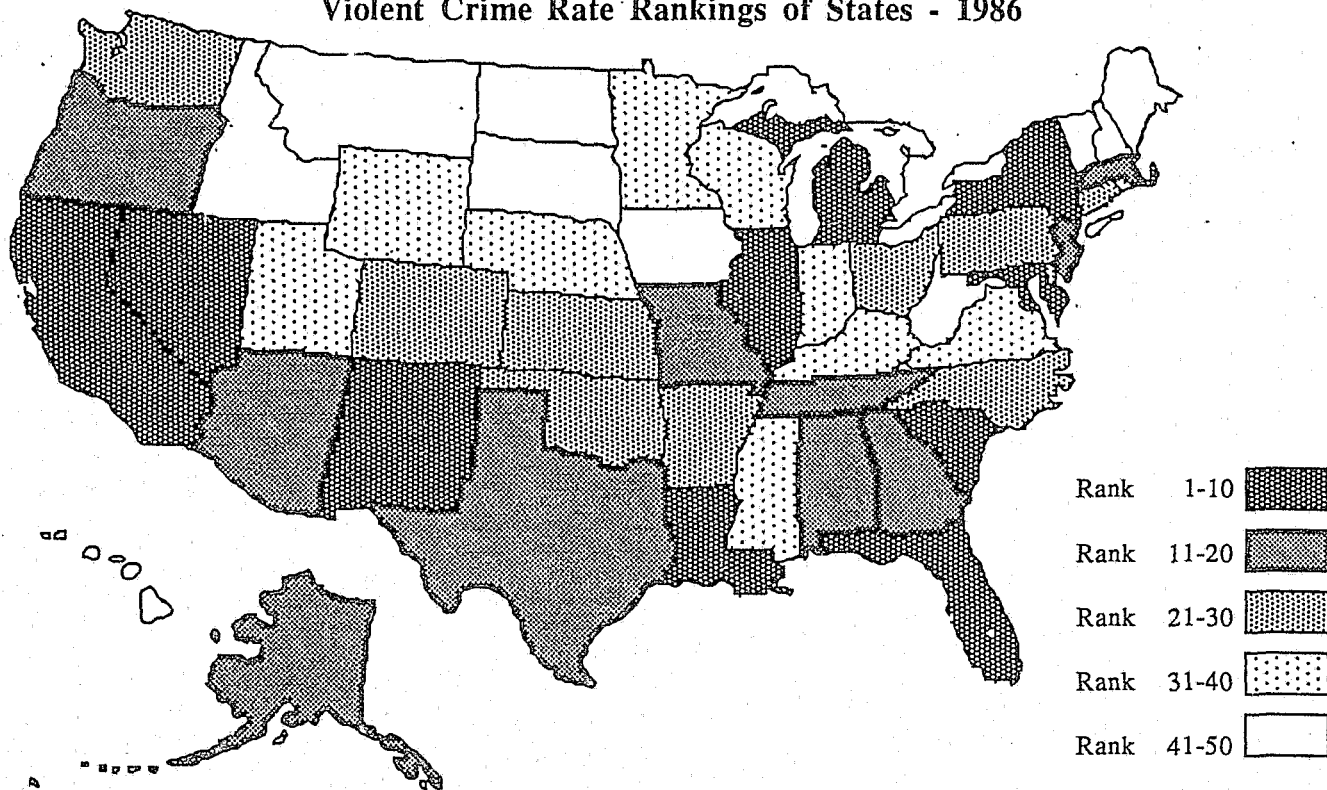
In 1986 Wisconsin ranked fortieth in reported violent crimes with a crime rate of 257.9 offenses per 100,000 population. The state rankings for violent crimes are shown in the table at right.

Wisconsin's rate is considerably lower than the United States rate of 617.3 and the Midwest rate of 510.8. Its rate is less than one-fourth that of the highest ranked state.

The map below shows the distribution of state rankings. States are divided into five categories, according to their violent crime rate ranking.

Rank	State	Rate (per 100,000)	Rank	State	Rate (per 100,000)
1.	Florida	1036.5	25.	Delaware	427.0
2.	New York	985.9	26.	Connecticut	425.8
3.	California	920.5	27.	Ohio	420.9
4.	Maryland	833.0	28.	Arkansas	394.8
5.	Michigan	803.9	29.	Kansas	368.8
6.	Illinois	800.0	30.	Pennsylvania	358.6
7.	Louisiana	758.2	31.	Rhode Island	335.5
8.	New Mexico	725.6	32.	Kentucky	334.4
9.	Nevada	718.9	33.	Indiana	307.7
10.	South Carolina	674.6	34.	Virginia	306.0
11.	Texas	658.9	35.	Wyoming	293.1
12.	Arizona	658.3	36.	Minnesota	284.6
-	<i>United States</i>	617.3	37.	Mississippi	274.1
13.	Georgia	587.6	38.	Utah	266.7
14.	Missouri	578.6	39.	Nebraska	262.6
15.	New Jersey	572.5	40.	<b>Wisconsin</b>	257.9
16.	Alaska	570.4	41.	Hawaii	245.2
17.	Alabama	558.0	42.	Iowa	235.1
18.	Massachusetts	556.9	43.	Idaho	222.5
19.	Oregon	549.7	44.	West Virginia	164.5
20.	Tennessee	539.6	45.	Montana	157.4
21.	Colorado	523.6	46.	Vermont	149.2
-	<i>Midwest</i>	510.8	47.	Maine	147.0
22.	North Carolina	475.9	48.	New Hampshire	139.5
23.	Washington	437.0	49.	South Dakota	124.7
24.	Oklahoma	436.4	50.	North Dakota	51.3

Violent Crime Rate Rankings of States - 1986



# PROPERTY CRIMES: BURGLARY, LARCENY-THEFT, MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT, ARSON

The State of Wisconsin ranked thirty-sixth in reported property crimes with a rate of 3838.9 offenses per 100,000 population. The state rankings are shown in the table at right.

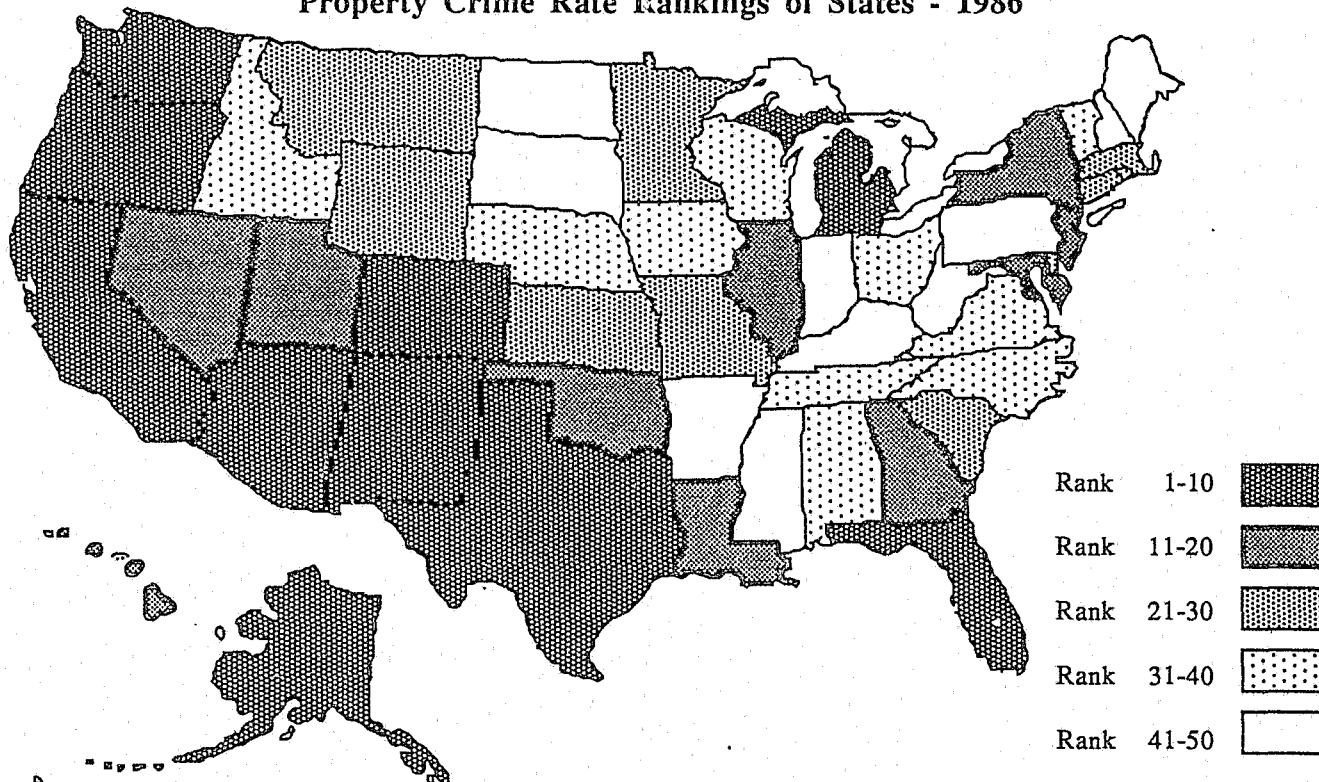
Wisconsin's rate is slightly lower than the Midwest rate of 4321.7 and substantially lower than the United States rate of 4862.6.

The map below shows the distribution of state rankings. The states are divided into five categories, according to their property crime rate ranking.

Since 1979, a fourth crime, arson, has been part of the property crime index. However, sufficient data are not available to estimate state totals for arson. Therefore, arson is not included in the property crime index shown here.

Rank	State	Rate (per 100,000)	Rank	State	Rate (per 100,000)
1.	Florida	7191.9	-	Midwest	4321.7
2.	Texas	6749.2	26.	Montana	4321.5
3.	Arizona	6663.1	27.	Massachusetts	4166.5
4.	Oregon	6531.0	28.	Minnesota	4077.6
5.	Colorado	6508.3	29.	Missouri	4075.5
6.	Washington	6442.6	30.	Wyoming	4064.1
7.	New Mexico	5900.3	31.	Tennessee	3994.6
8.	California	5842.3	32.	Idaho	3984.4
9.	Michigan	5687.6	33.	Ohio	3937.8
10.	Alaska	5675.5	34.	Iowa	3915.6
11.	Oklahoma	5577.7	35.	North Carolina	3856.0
12.	Nevada	5570.8	36.	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>3838.9</b>
13.	Hawaii	5426.2	37.	Vermont	3827.7
14.	Louisiana	5319.8	38.	Alabama	3730.3
15.	Utah	5211.7	39.	Nebraska	3593.1
16.	Georgia	4867.8	40.	Virginia	3553.8
-	United States	4862.6	41.	Indiana	3547.1
17.	New York	4781.8	42.	Arkansas	3529.9
18.	Maryland	4768.8	43.	Maine	3314.2
19.	Illinois	4746.0	44.	New Hampshire	3190.6
20.	New Jersey	4668.8	45.	Mississippi	3070.9
21.	Rhode Island	4567.0	46.	Kentucky	2757.8
22.	South Carolina	4462.8	47.	Pennsylvania	2743.3
23.	Kansas	4453.8	48.	South Dakota	2591.2
24.	Delaware	4404.6	49.	North Dakota	2554.2
25.	Connecticut	4403.0	50.	West Virginia	2152.2

Property Crime Rate Rankings of States - 1986



## Individual Violent Crimes

### Murder

Wisconsin ranked forty-third in murder and non-negligent manslaughter in 1986 with a rate of 3.1 murders per 100,000 population. The table on the right shows the state rankings for murder and nonnegligent manslaughter. The UCR definition of murder is the willful killing of one human being by another.

Wisconsin's rate is considerably lower than the United States rate of 8.6 and the Midwest rate of 6.6. It is less than one-fourth the rate of Texas, the highest ranked state.

### Forcible Rape

In 1986 Wisconsin ranked forty-third in forcible rapes with a rate of 20.1 per 100,000 population. The table on the far right shows the state rankings for the crime of forcible rape. The UCR definition of rape is the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will.

Wisconsin's rate is about one-half the United States rate of 37.5 and is also well below the Midwest rate of 35.4. It is less than one-third the rate of Alaska, the highest ranked state.

## Murder

<u>Rank</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Rate (per 100,000)</u>
1.	Texas	13.5
2.	Louisiana	12.8
3.	Nevada	12.6
4.	Florida	11.7
5.	New Mexico	11.5
6.	California	11.3
7.	Michigan	11.3
8.	Georgia	11.2
9.	Mississippi	11.2
10.	Tennessee	10.4
11.	Alabama	10.1
12.	New York	9.5
13.	Arizona	9.3
14.	Missouri	9.2
15.	Maryland	9.0
16.	Illinois	8.9
17.	Alaska	8.6
18.	South Carolina	8.6
-	<i>United States</i>	8.6
19.	Arkansas	8.1
20.	North Carolina	8.1
21.	Oklahoma	8.1
22.	Virginia	7.1
23.	Colorado	7.0
24.	Kentucky	6.7
-	<i>Midwest</i>	6.6
25.	Oregon	6.6
26.	Indiana	6.0
27.	West Virginia	5.9
28.	Ohio	5.5
29.	Pennsylvania	5.5
30.	Wyoming	5.3
31.	New Jersey	5.2
32.	Washington	5.0
33.	Delaware	4.9
34.	Hawaii	4.8
35.	Connecticut	4.6
36.	Kansas	4.4
37.	South Dakota	4.0
38.	Massachusetts	3.6
39.	Rhode Island	3.5
40.	Idaho	3.2
41.	Utah	3.2
42.	Nebraska	3.1
43.	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>3.1</b>
44.	Montana	2.9
45.	Minnesota	2.5
46.	New Hampshire	2.2
47.	Maine	2.0
48.	Vermont	2.0
49.	Iowa	1.8
50.	North Dakota	1.0

## Forcible Rape

<u>Rank</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Rate (per 100,000)</u>
1.	Alaska	72.7
2.	Michigan	67.4
3.	Nevada	64.9
4.	Delaware	56.9
5.	Washington	53.4
6.	Florida	52.7
7.	Texas	51.6
8.	Oregon	51.1
9.	Tennessee	47.0
10.	New Mexico	46.9
11.	California	44.9
12.	Georgia	43.9
13.	Maryland	43.6
14.	Arizona	43.0
15.	Colorado	42.3
16.	South Carolina	41.3
17.	Louisiana	40.1
18.	Ohio	38.6
-	<i>United States</i>	37.5
19.	Oklahoma	36.4
-	<i>Midwest</i>	35.4
20.	New Jersey	33.2
21.	Kansas	32.9
22.	Illinois	32.4
23.	Minnesota	31.8
24.	Hawaii	31.0
25.	New York	30.5
26.	Massachusetts	29.7
27.	Missouri	29.2
28.	Arkansas	28.9
29.	Alabama	28.4
30.	Virginia	26.5
31.	North Carolina	26.4
32.	Indiana	25.9
33.	Mississippi	25.8
34.	Utah	25.3
35.	Pennsylvania	25.1
36.	Nebraska	24.6
37.	Connecticut	23.8
38.	Kentucky	23.1
39.	Wyoming	21.9
40.	Vermont	21.8
41.	New Hampshire	21.5
42.	Rhode Island	21.4
43.	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>20.1</b>
44.	Idaho	20.0
45.	West Virginia	18.9
46.	South Dakota	17.7
47.	Montana	17.3
48.	Maine	14.8
49.	Iowa	12.5
50.	North Dakota	11.6

## Robbery

Wisconsin ranked thirty-seventh in reported robbery offenses in 1986 with a rate of 72.8 per 100,000 population. The table at right shows the state rankings for robbery. The UCR program defines robbery as taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence.

Wisconsin's rate is well below the United States rate of 225.1 and the Midwest rate of 178.6. It was less than one-sixth the rate of New York, the highest ranked state.

## Aggravated Assault

In 1986 Wisconsin ranked forty-first in reported aggravated assaults with a rate of 161.9 per 100,000 population. The table on the far right shows the state rankings for aggravated assault. According to the UCR program definition, aggravated assault is the unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury.

Wisconsin's rate was well below the United States rate of 346.1 and the Midwest rate of 290.2. It was less than one-third the rate of Florida, the highest ranked state.

## Robbery

Rank	State	Rate (per 100,000)
1.	New York	514.1
2.	Florida	366.8
3.	California	342.9
4.	Illinois	325.3
5.	Maryland	304.0
6.	Michigan	301.3
7.	Nevada	286.9
8.	New Jersey	268.7
9.	Texas	239.9
-	<i>United States</i>	225.1
10.	Louisiana	223.8
11.	Georgia	213.9
12.	Tennessee	207.7
13.	Oregon	205.9
14.	Massachusetts	192.7
15.	Connecticut	192.2
-	<i>Midwest</i>	178.6
16.	Missouri	170.2
17.	Arizona	169.2
18.	Pennsylvania	152.1
19.	Colorado	144.8
20.	Ohio	142.1
21.	Washington	135.1
22.	New Mexico	129.5
23.	Delaware	124.2
24.	Rhode Island	118.7
25.	Alabama	111.6
26.	Oklahoma	106.5
27.	Hawaii	106.3
28.	Virginia	105.7
29.	Minnesota	102.0
30.	South Carolina	99.5
31.	Indiana	90.0
32.	Alaska	88.0
33.	North Carolina	87.7
34.	Kentucky	82.5
35.	Arkansas	79.7
36.	Kansas	79.6
37.	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>72.8</b>
38.	Mississippi	64.6
39.	Utah	58.6
40.	Nebraska	51.5
41.	Iowa	42.0
42.	West Virginia	41.0
43.	Maine	27.9
44.	New Hampshire	23.6
45.	Wyoming	22.5
46.	Vermont	22.2
47.	Idaho	21.3
48.	Montana	19.5
49.	South Dakota	16.2
50.	North Dakota	6.9

## Aggravated Assault

Rank	State	Rate (per 100,000)
1.	Florida	605.3
2.	New Mexico	537.7
3.	South Carolina	525.2
4.	California	521.5
5.	Louisiana	481.6
6.	Maryland	476.4
7.	Arizona	436.8
8.	Illinois	433.5
9.	New York	430.6
10.	Michigan	423.9
11.	Alabama	407.9
12.	Alaska	401.1
13.	Missouri	370.0
14.	Nevada	354.5
15.	Texas	353.9
16.	North Carolina	353.6
-	<i>United States</i>	346.1
17.	Massachusetts	330.9
18.	Colorado	329.4
19.	Georgia	318.6
-	<i>Midwest</i>	290.2
20.	Oregon	286.1
21.	Oklahoma	285.4
22.	Arkansas	278.2
23.	Tennessee	274.5
24.	New Jersey	265.4
25.	Kansas	251.9
26.	Washington	243.5
27.	Wyoming	243.4
28.	Delaware	241.1
29.	Ohio	234.7
30.	Kentucky	222.2
31.	Connecticut	205.1
32.	Rhode Island	191.9
33.	Indiana	185.9
34.	Nebraska	183.7
35.	Utah	179.6
36.	Iowa	178.8
37.	Idaho	178.0
38.	Pennsylvania	175.8
39.	Mississippi	172.4
40.	Virginia	166.7
41.	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>161.9</b>
42.	Minnesota	148.3
43.	Montana	117.6
44.	Hawaii	103.1
45.	Vermont	103.1
46.	Maine	102.3
47.	West Virginia	98.6
48.	New Hampshire	92.2
49.	South Dakota	86.9
50.	North Dakota	31.7

## Individual Property Crimes

### Burglary

In 1986 Wisconsin ranked forty-fourth in reported burglaries, with a rate of 782.9 per 100,000 population. The state rankings are shown in the table at right. The UCR program defines burglary as the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft.

Wisconsin's rate was considerably below both the Midwest rate of 1081.8 and the United States rate of 1344.6. Wisconsin's rate was less than one-half that of Florida, the highest ranking state.

### Theft

Wisconsin ranked twenty-sixth in theft offenses in 1986, with a rate of 2802.2 per 100,000 population. The state rankings for theft are shown in the table on the far right. The UCR program defines theft as the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.

Wisconsin's rate was below the United States rate of 3010.3, but slightly above the Midwest rate of 2791.8.

Theft is the only offense for which Wisconsin's 1986 crime rate was higher than the Midwest rate. Wisconsin's offense rates were consistently below the United States rate. Because the volume of reported thefts is high, relative to the other index offenses, theft dominates the property crime index and, in turn, the total index. Wisconsin's high rate of reported thefts accounts for its relatively high ranking in the rate of reported property crimes.

## Burglary

<u>Rank</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Rate (per 100,000)</u>
1.	Florida	2221.3
2.	Texas	2048.6
3.	Oregon	1966.7
4.	Arizona	1907.7
5.	Washington	1861.5
6.	New Mexico	1844.7
7.	Colorado	1791.6
8.	Oklahoma	1786.8
9.	California	1696.4
10.	Nevada	1603.9
11.	Michigan	1509.5
12.	Louisiana	1460.8
13.	Georgia	1453.1
-	<i>United States</i>	1344.6
14.	South Carolina	1340.3
15.	Hawaii	1338.8
16.	Tennessee	1325.2
17.	Rhode Island	1293.9
18.	Maryland	1245.6
19.	North Carolina	1225.0
20.	New York	1221.1
21.	Connecticut	1197.6
22.	Kansas	1187.7
23.	Illinois	1179.8
24.	Alaska	1161.8
25.	Alabama	1159.0
26.	Missouri	1136.1
-	<i>Midwest</i>	1081.8
27.	Mississippi	1075.9
28.	Massachusetts	1070.9
29.	New Jersey	1070.8
30.	Delaware	1042.3
31.	Arkansas	1029.9
32.	Minnesota	1004.2
33.	Idaho	1003.5
34.	Ohio	987.8
35.	Iowa	956.0
36.	Vermont	949.2
37.	Utah	914.9
38.	Indiana	886.7
39.	Kentucky	824.2
40.	Wyoming	817.4
41.	Virginia	812.5
42.	Maine	803.5
43.	Montana	792.6
44.	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>782.9</b>
45.	New Hampshire	755.0
46.	Nebraska	748.2
47.	Pennsylvania	734.8
48.	West Virginia	625.3
49.	South Dakota	553.5
50.	North Dakota	385.1

## Theft

<u>Rank</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Rate (per 100,000)</u>
1.	Florida	4372.6
2.	Arizona	4336.6
3.	Washington	4266.6
4.	Colorado	4230.8
5.	Oregon	4162.8
6.	Utah	4073.6
7.	Texas	3986.5
8.	Alaska	3909.9
9.	Hawaii	3759.1
10.	New Mexico	3712.4
11.	Nevada	3489.2
12.	Louisiana	3417.4
13.	California	3383.9
14.	Michigan	3377.7
15.	Montana	3314.0
16.	Oklahoma	3141.7
17.	Delaware	3090.4
18.	Wyoming	3078.1
-	<i>United States</i>	3010.3
19.	Kansas	3008.1
20.	Georgia	2984.5
21.	Maryland	2977.9
22.	Illinois	2937.9
23.	New York	2923.5
24.	South Carolina	2845.8
25.	New Jersey	2822.5
26.	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>2802.2</b>
27.	Iowa	2801.3
28.	Idaho	2799.7
-	<i>Midwest</i>	2791.8
29.	Minnesota	2785.3
30.	Connecticut	2758.3
31.	Vermont	2697.4
32.	Nebraska	2677.3
33.	Ohio	2574.2
34.	Rhode Island	2568.3
35.	Virginia	2521.8
36.	Missouri	2500.5
37.	North Carolina	2422.7
38.	Maine	2346.5
39.	Indiana	2332.9
40.	Arkansas	2305.1
41.	Alabama	2304.4
42.	New Hampshire	2207.9
43.	Massachusetts	2189.1
44.	Tennessee	2125.8
45.	North Dakota	2049.2
46.	South Dakota	1939.0
47.	Mississippi	1845.0
48.	Kentucky	1740.4
49.	Pennsylvania	1654.1
50.	West Virginia	1357.7

## Motor Vehicle Theft

### Motor Vehicle Theft

Wisconsin ranked thirty-third in reported motor vehicle thefts in 1986 with a rate of 253.8 per 100,000 population. The state rankings for motor vehicle theft are shown in the table at right. Motor vehicle theft is defined as the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

Wisconsin's rate was considerably below the Midwest rate of 448.1 and less than one-half of the United States rate of 507.8. The Wisconsin rate was less than one-third the rate of Massachusetts, the highest ranked state in the rate of motor vehicle thefts.

### Arson

Data on arson, the fourth property crime in the Crime Index, were not sufficient to estimate state totals. Therefore, it was not possible to rank states on reported arson offenses.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Rate (per 100,000)</u>
1.	Massachusetts	906.5
2.	Michigan	800.4
3.	New Jersey	775.5
4.	California	762.0
5.	Texas	714.1
6.	Rhode Island	704.7
7.	Oklahoma	649.2
8.	New York	637.2
9.	Illinois	628.3
10.	Alaska	603.7
11.	Florida	598.1
12.	Maryland	545.2
13.	Tennessee	543.6
-	<i>United States</i>	507.8
14.	Colorado	486.0
15.	Nevada	477.7
-	<i>Midwest</i>	448.1
16.	Connecticut	447.1
17.	Louisiana	441.6
18.	Missouri	438.9
19.	Georgia	430.3
20.	Arizona	418.8
21.	Oregon	401.5
22.	Ohio	375.7
23.	Pennsylvania	354.4
24.	New Mexico	343.3
25.	Hawaii	328.2
26.	Indiana	327.5
27.	Washington	314.5
28.	Minnesota	288.1
29.	South Carolina	276.6
30.	Delaware	271.9
31.	Alabama	267.0
32.	Kansas	258.0
33.	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>253.8</b>
34.	New Hampshire	227.7
35.	Utah	223.2
36.	Virginia	219.5
37.	Montana	214.9
38.	North Carolina	208.3
39.	Arkansas	194.9
40.	Kentucky	193.2
41.	Idaho	181.3
42.	Vermont	181.1
43.	West Virginia	169.2
44.	Wyoming	168.6
45.	Nebraska	167.6
46.	Maine	164.2
47.	Iowa	158.3
48.	Mississippi	150.1
49.	North Dakota	119.9
50.	South Dakota	98.7

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