

Metro Areas with Largest Increases/Decreases in Violent Crime Rates, 2000-2007, from Top 100 Metros

Ten Metro Areas with Largest Decreases in Crime Rate, 2000-2007	Percent Change, Violent Crime Rate, 2000-2007	Population, 2000	Violent Crime Rate, 2000
El Paso, TX	-43.2	679,622	704.7
New York-NJ-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA	-36.7	18,323,002	654.3
Fresno, CA	-34.5	799,407	755.7
Springfield, MA	-33.5	680,014	900.3
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI	-31.7	9,098,316	1306.2
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX	-31.4	569,463	497.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	-30.6	12,365,627	797.5
Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton, OR-WA	-29.7	1,927,881	448.2
Baltimore-Towson, MD	-26.2	2,552,994	1071.1
Worcester, MA	-26.1	750,963	578.7
Mean	-32.4	4,774,729	771.4
Ten Metro Areas with Largest Increases in Crime Rate, 2000-2007	Percent Change, Violent Crime Rate, 2000-2007	Population, 2000	Violent Crime Rate, 2000
Colorado Springs, CO	27.1	537,484	378.4
Toledo, OH	29.7	659,188	488.2
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI	35.7	1,500,741	449.3
Rochester, NY	37.1	1,037,831	238.4
Santa Rosa-Petaluma, CA	43.8	458,614	295.7
Wichita, KS	45.2	571,166	466.9
Las Vegas-Paradise, NV	50.1	1,375,765	590.9
Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR	50.8	610,518	551.7
Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	64.2	481,394	234.4
Akron, OH	76.3	694,960	187.6
Mean	46.0	792,766	388.1

Source: Urban Institute Analysis of UCR Program Data: County-level Detailed Offense Data 2000-2007 and 2000 Census Data