

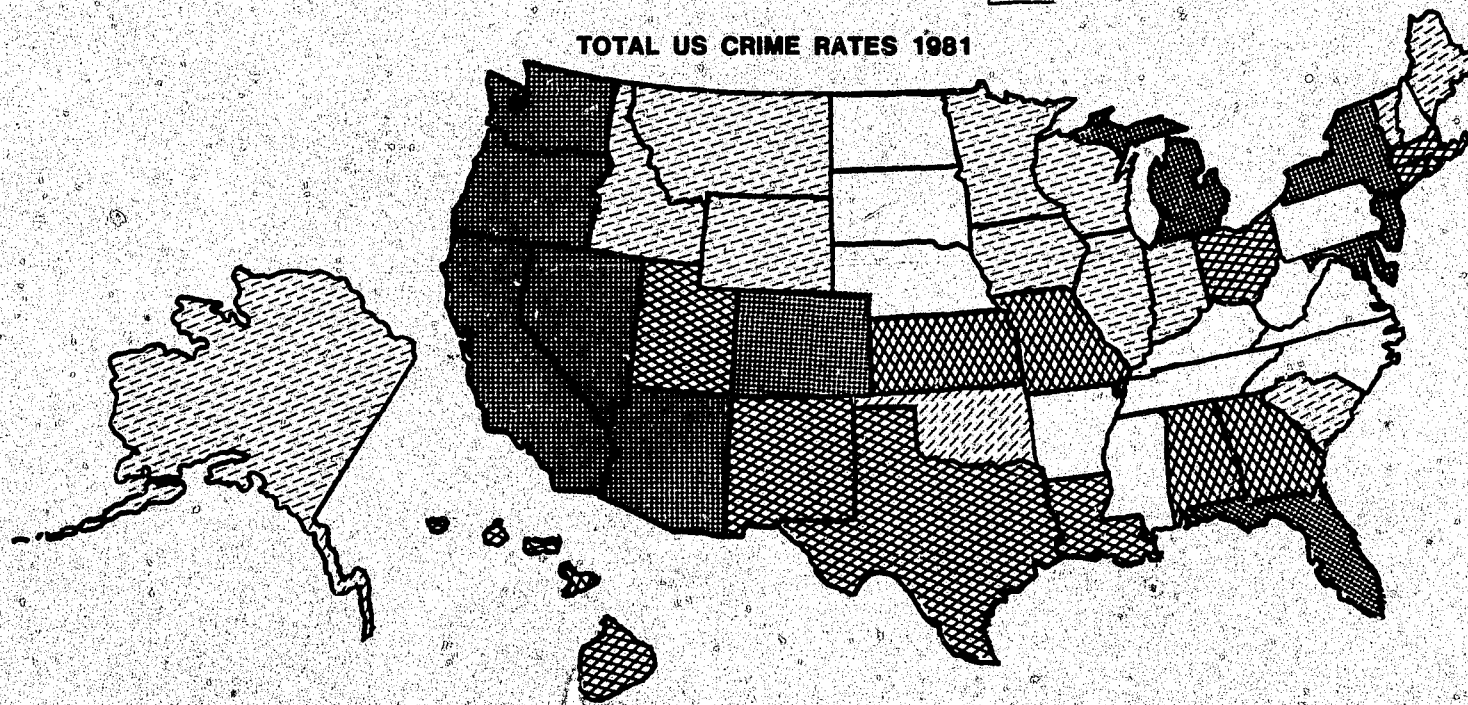


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CRIME, ARREST & INCARCERATION:

A Comparison of Washington and Other States

TOTAL US CRIME RATES 1981



LEGEND: GROUP



HIGHEST
3RD QUARTILE



2ND QUARTILE
LOWEST

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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.

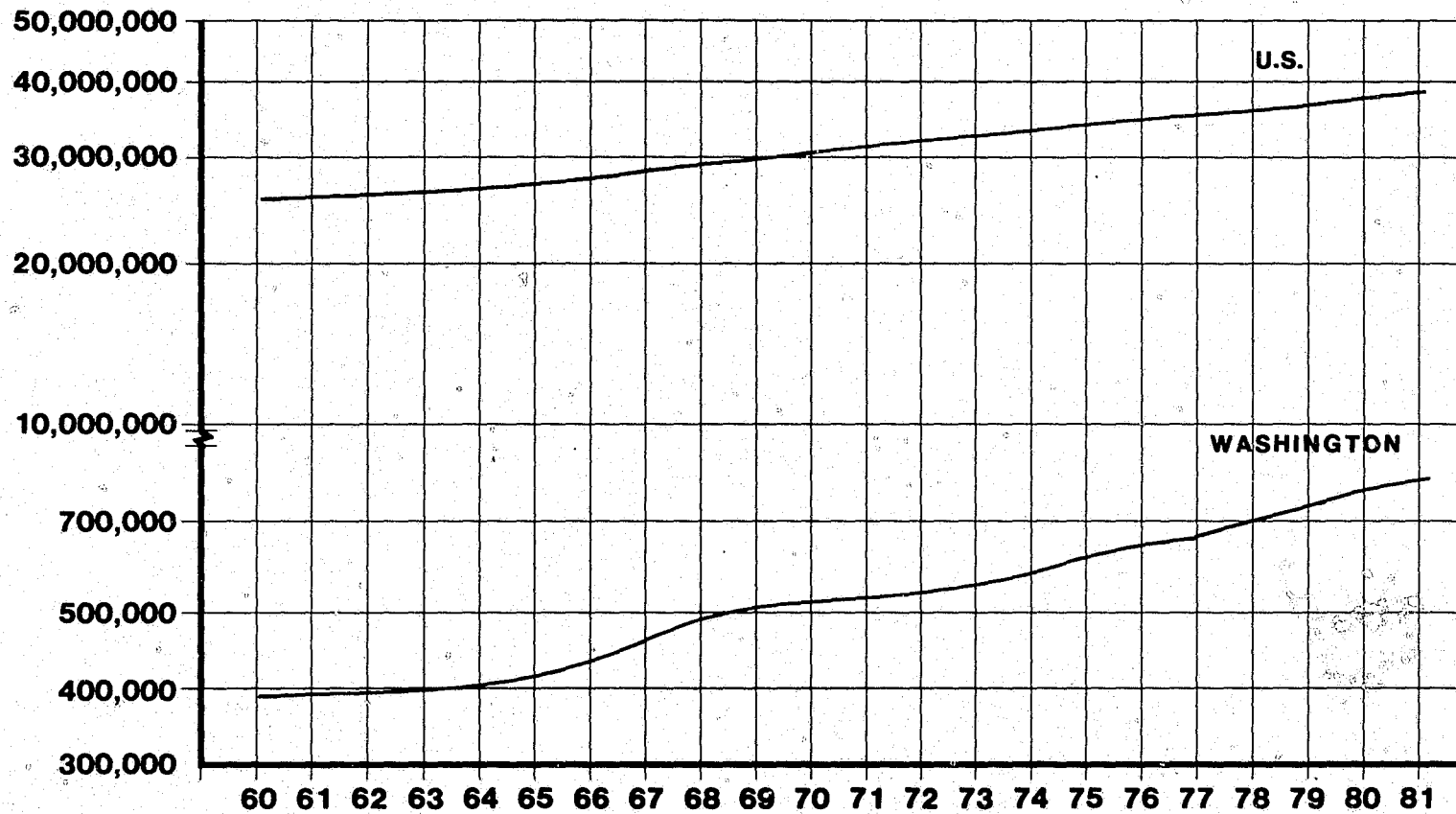
MALES 18-39 AS A PERCENT OF 1980 STATE POPULATION

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

Average: 18.09

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.

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.

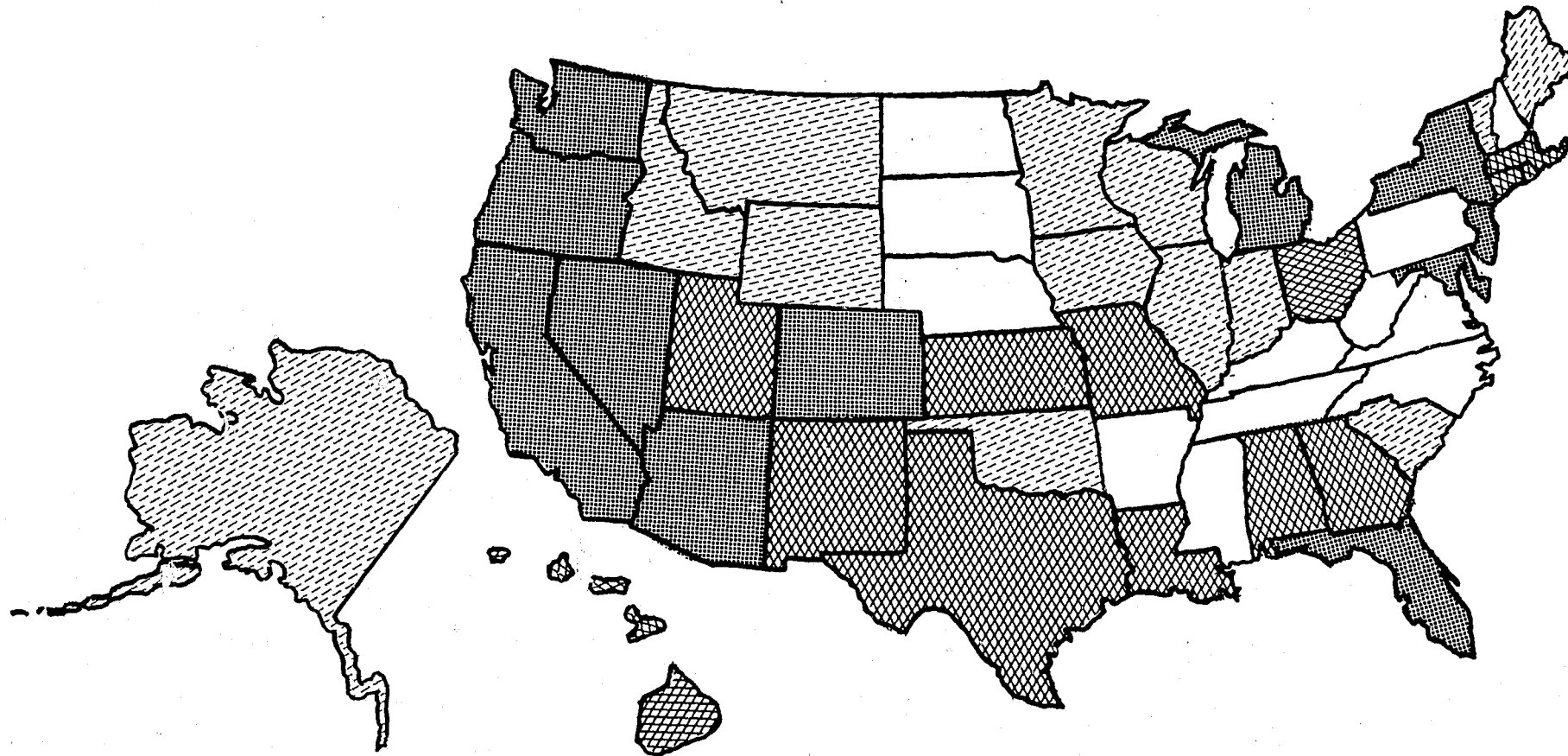
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TOTAL RATES - 1981 UCR CRIME RATE DATA & 1980 18/39 MALES - BY STATE

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

Average: 307.82

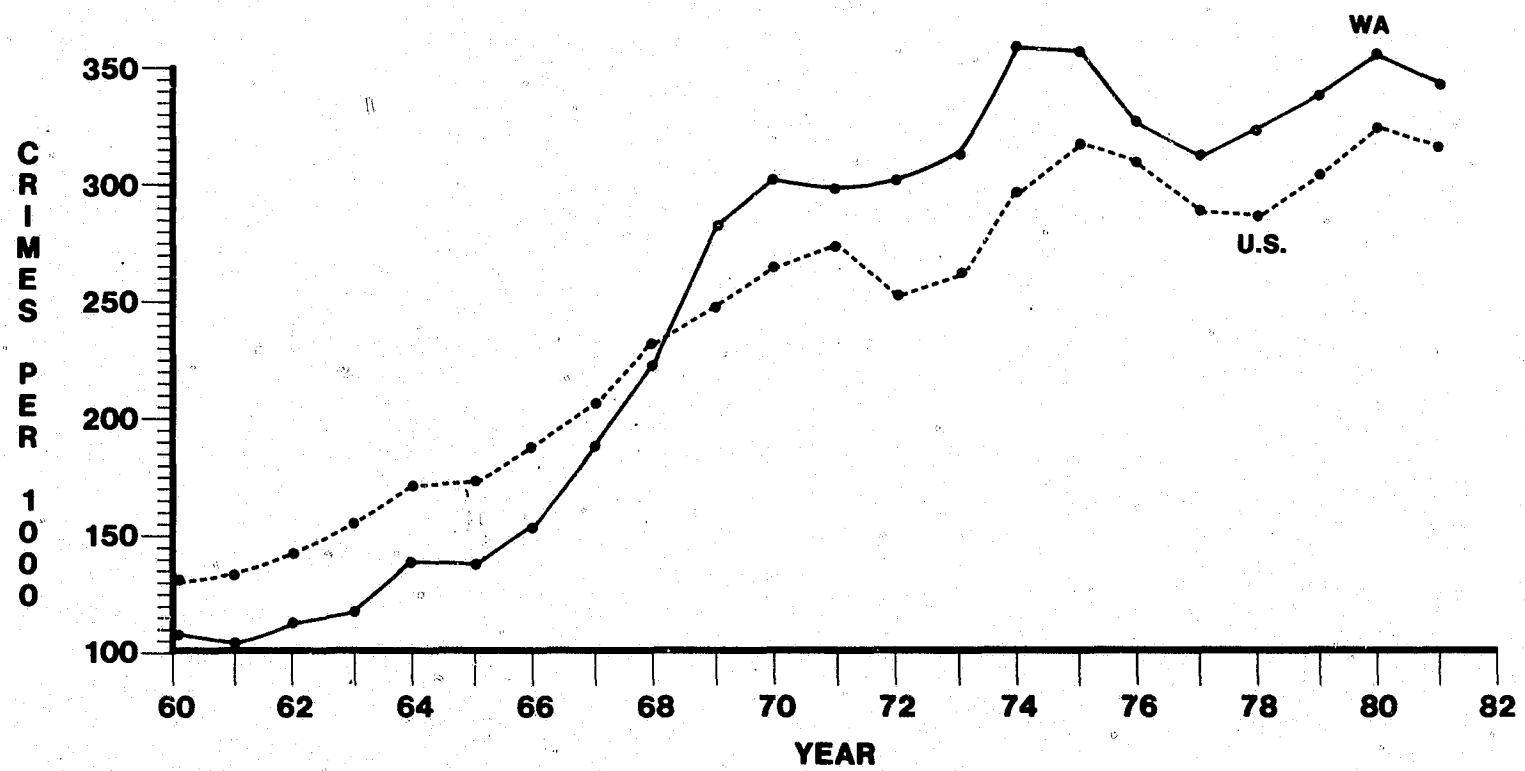
TOTAL US CRIME RATES 1981



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

- **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.

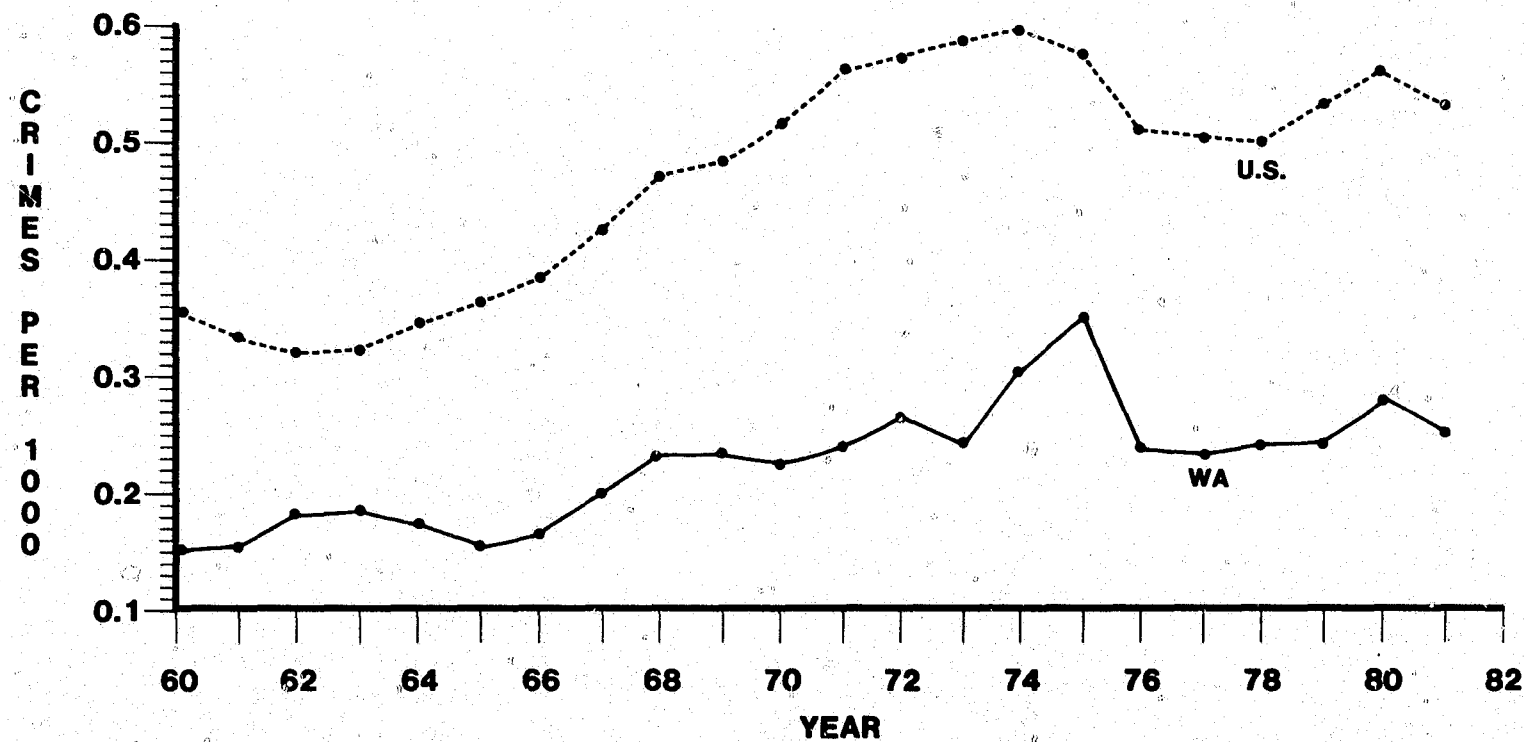
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MURDER RATES - 1981 UCR CRIME RATE DATA & 1980 18/39 MALES - BY STATE

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

Average: .47

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.

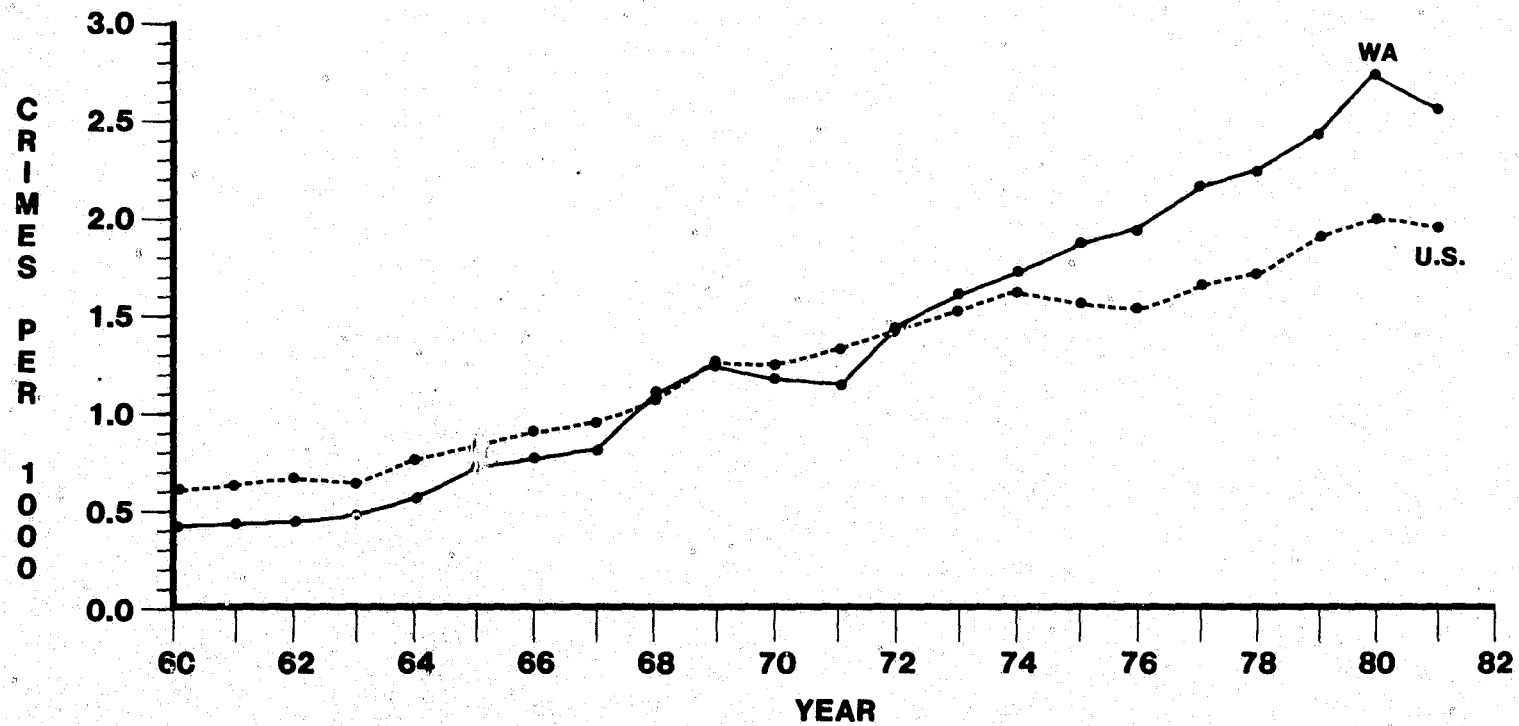
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RAPE RATES - 1981 UCR CRIME RATE DATA & 1980 18/39 MALES - BY STATE

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

Average: 1.83

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.

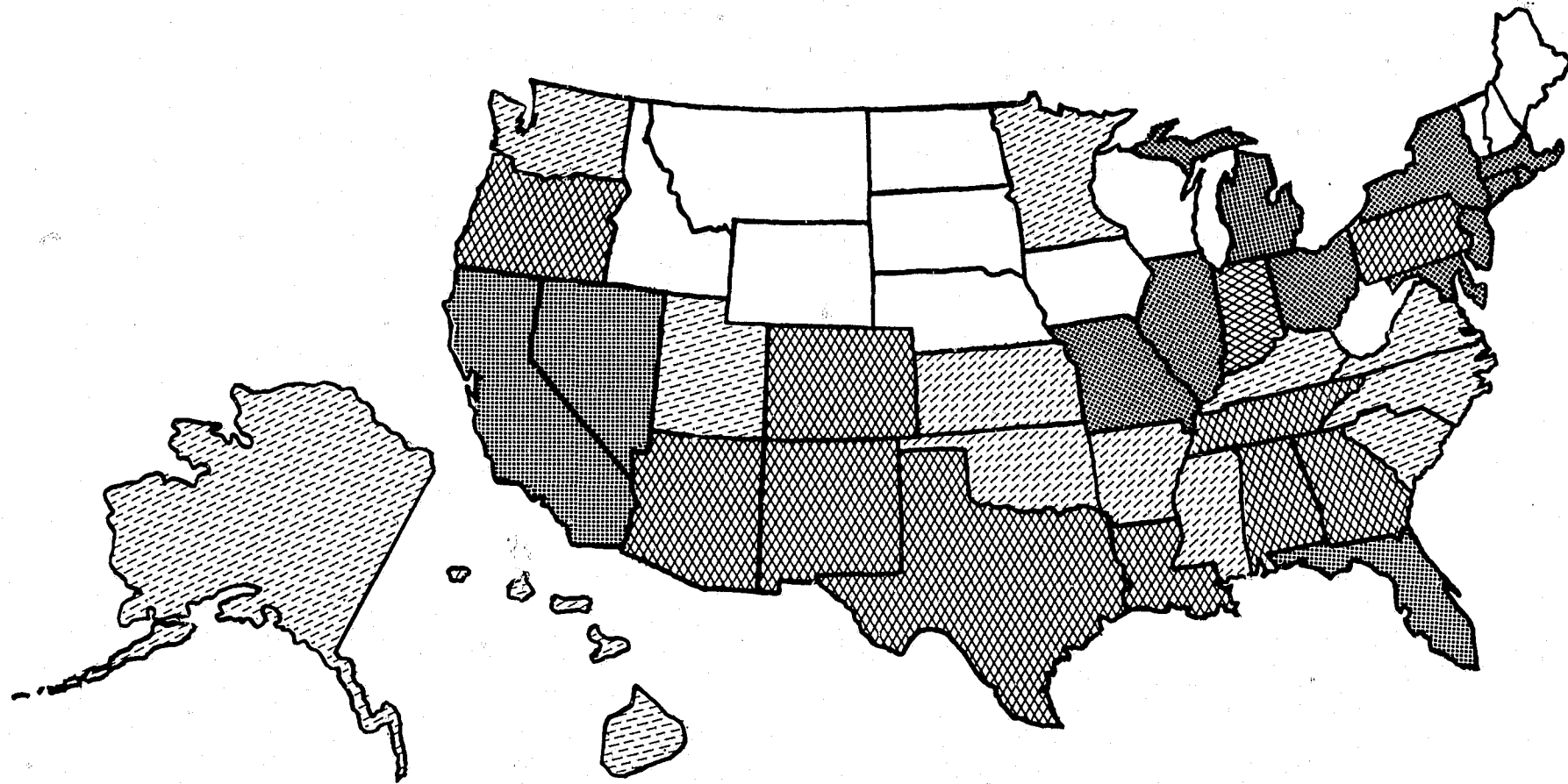
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ROBBERY RATES - 1981 UCR CRIME RATE DATA & 1980 18/39 MALES

RANK	NAME	RATE/1000	RANK	NAME	RATE/1000
1	DIST. COLUMBIA	86.73	26	INDIANA	7.27
2	NEW YORK	41.22	27	HAWAII	7.13
3	NEVADA	24.72	28	VIRGINIA	7.07
4	MARYLAND	23.57	29	WASHINGTON	6.84
5	FLORIDA	23.11	30	OKLAHOMA	6.70
6	NEW JERSEY	20.44	31	SOUTH CAROLINA	6.56
7	CALIFORNIA	20.42	32	KANSAS	6.14
8	MASSACHUSETTS	15.47	33	MINNESOTA	5.77
9	CONNECTICUT	14.48	34	KENTUCKY	5.69
10	MICHIGAN	14.38	35	MISSISSIPPI	4.96
11	OHIO	13.76	36	ARKANSAS	4.85
12	MISSOURI	12.65	37	ALASKA	4.84
13	ILLINOIS	11.92	38	UTAH	4.82
14	LOUISIANA	11.56	39	NORTH CAROLINA	4.45
15	PENNSYLVANIA	11.34	40	NEBRASKA	4.06
16	GEORGIA	10.99	41	WISCONSIN	3.91
17	TEXAS	10.65	42	IOWA	3.11
18	ARIZONA	10.10	43	WEST VIRGINIA	2.99
19	TENNESSEE	9.82	44	IDAHO	2.14
20	OREGON	9.71	45	MONTANA	2.09
21	DELAWARE	8.05	46	WYOMING	2.08
22	NEW MEXICO	7.92	47	NEW HAMPSHIRE	2.00
23	COLORADO	7.87	48	MAINE	1.91
24	RHODE ISLAND	7.75	49	VERMONT	1.51
25	ALABAMA	7.51	50	SOUTH DAKOTA	1.03
			51	NORTH DAKOTA	0.69

Average: 10.72

US CRIME RATES 1981 — ROBBERY

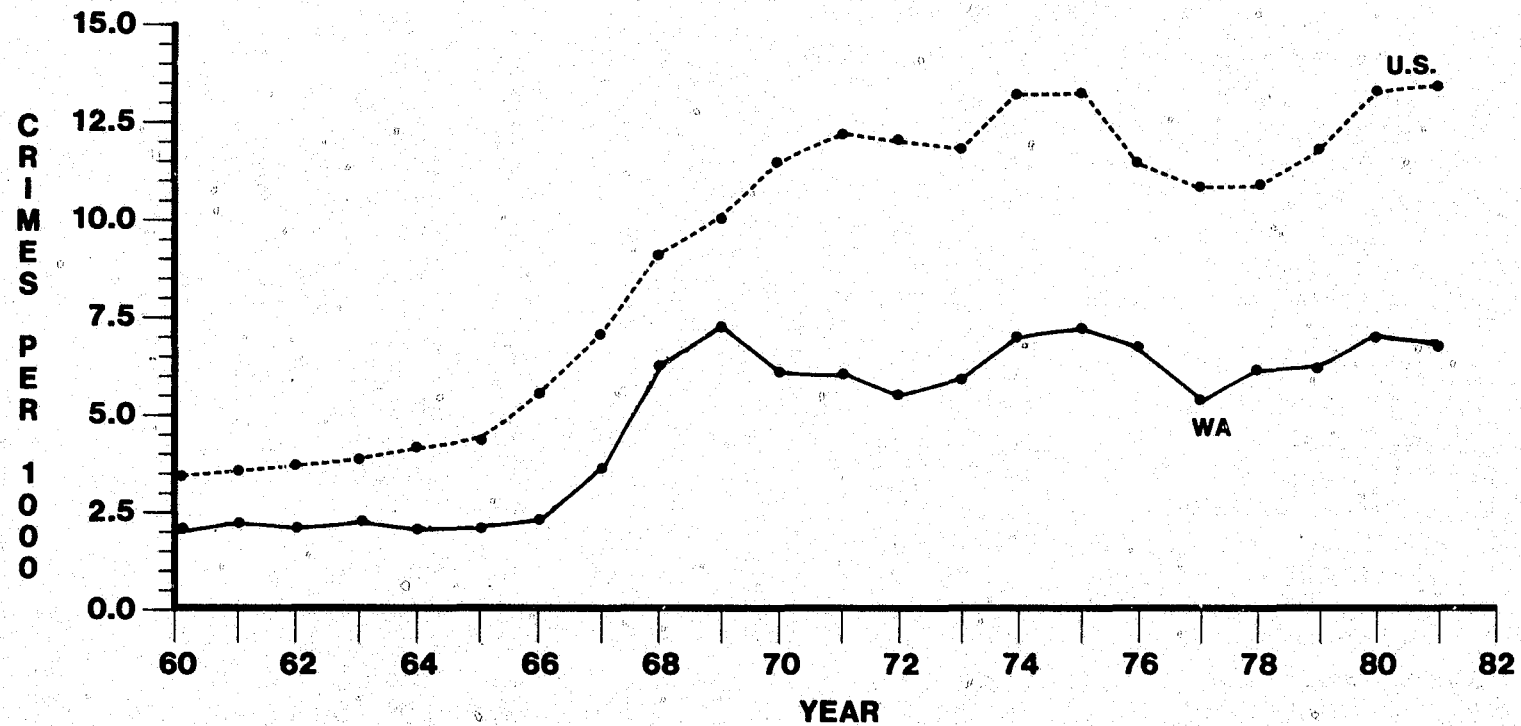


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 3RD QUARTILE  LOWEST

- Highest Rate — District of Columbia
- Twenty-Sixth Highest Rate — Indiana
- Twenty-Ninth Highest Rate — Washington
- Lowest Rate — North Dakota

- 86.7 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- 7.2 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- 6.8 crimes/1000 males 18-39
- 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.

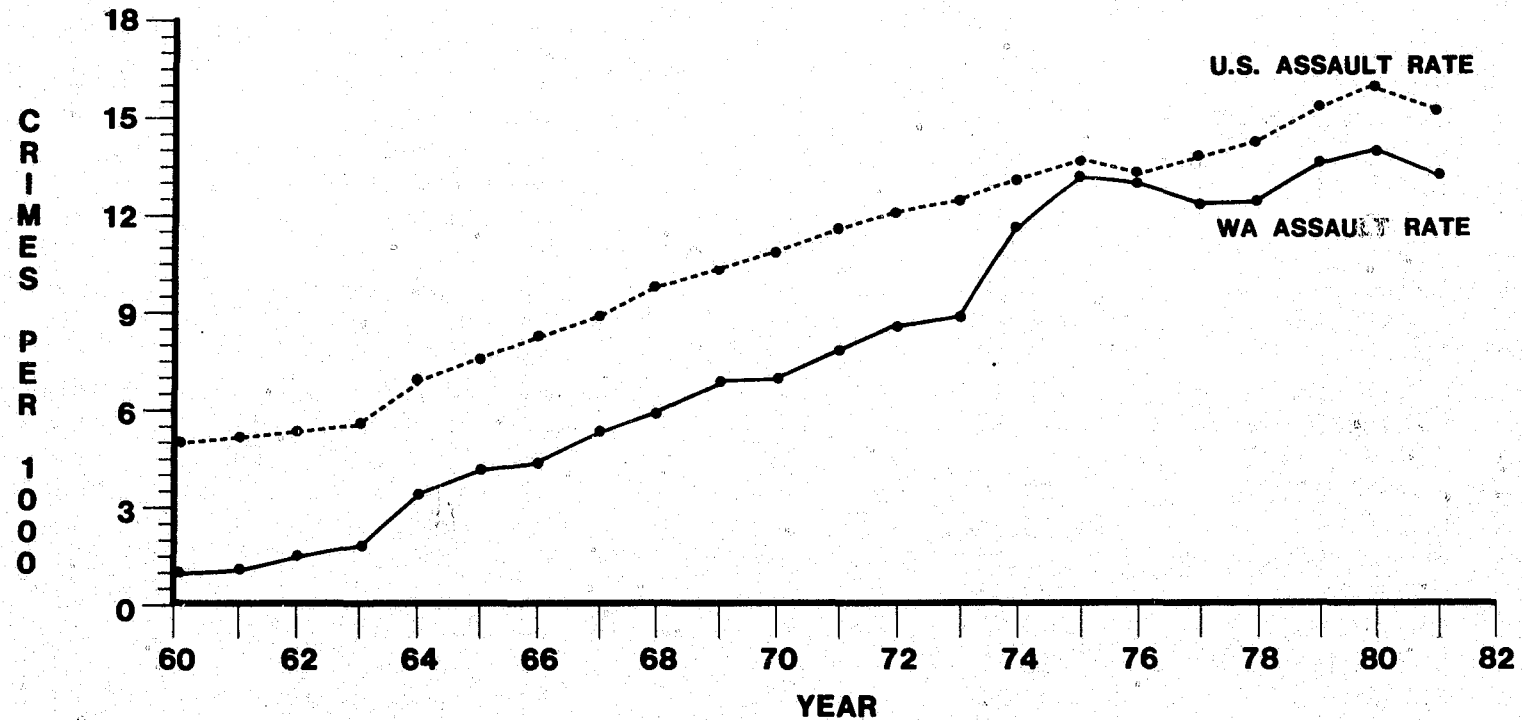
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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT RATES - 1981 UCR CRIME RATE DATA & 1980 18/39 MALES

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

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."

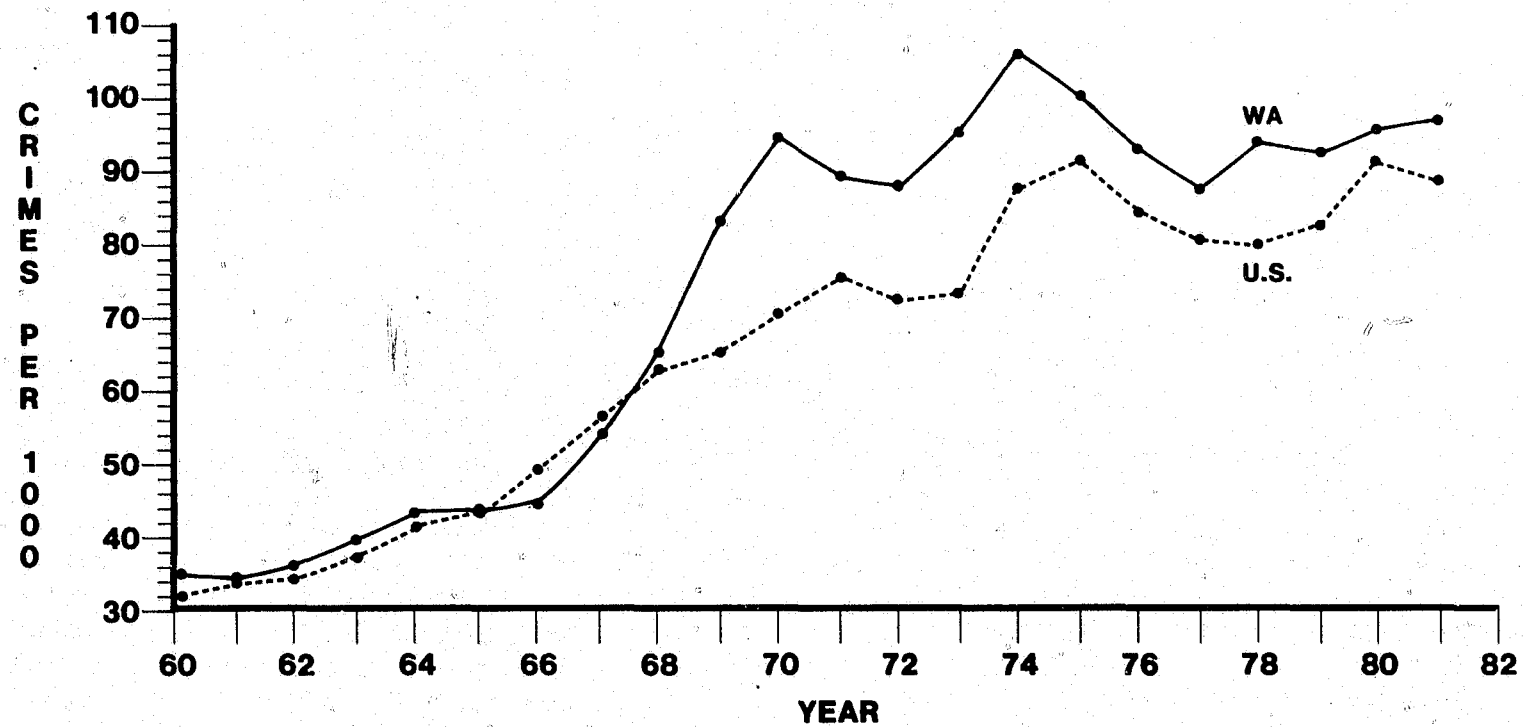
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BURGLARY RATES - 1981 UCR CRIME RATE DATA & 1980 18/39 MALES

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

Average: 83.47

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.

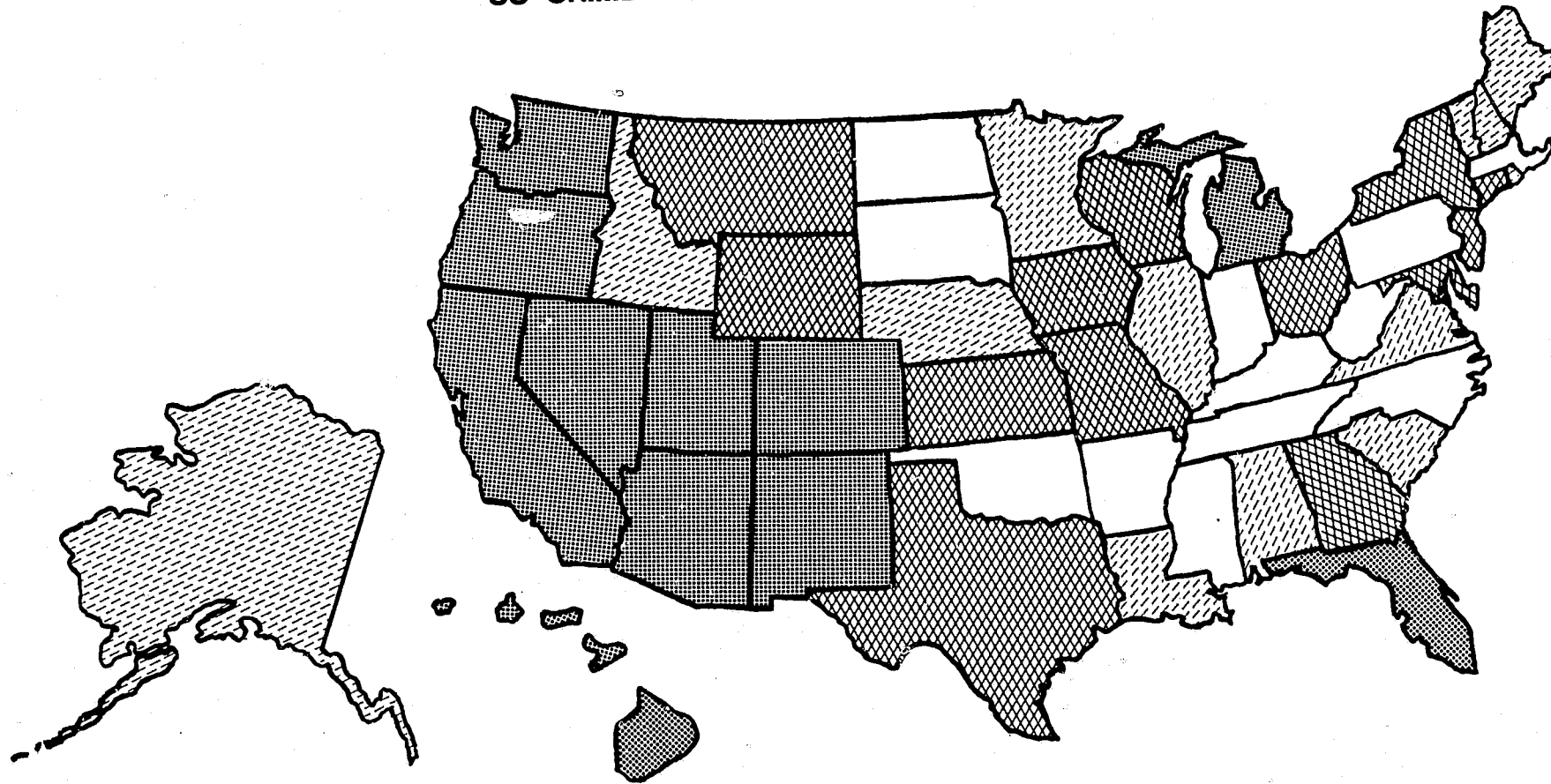
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LARCENY RATES - 1981 UCR CRIME RATE DATA & 1980 18/39 MALES

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

Average: 175.57

US CRIME RATES 1981 — LARCENY

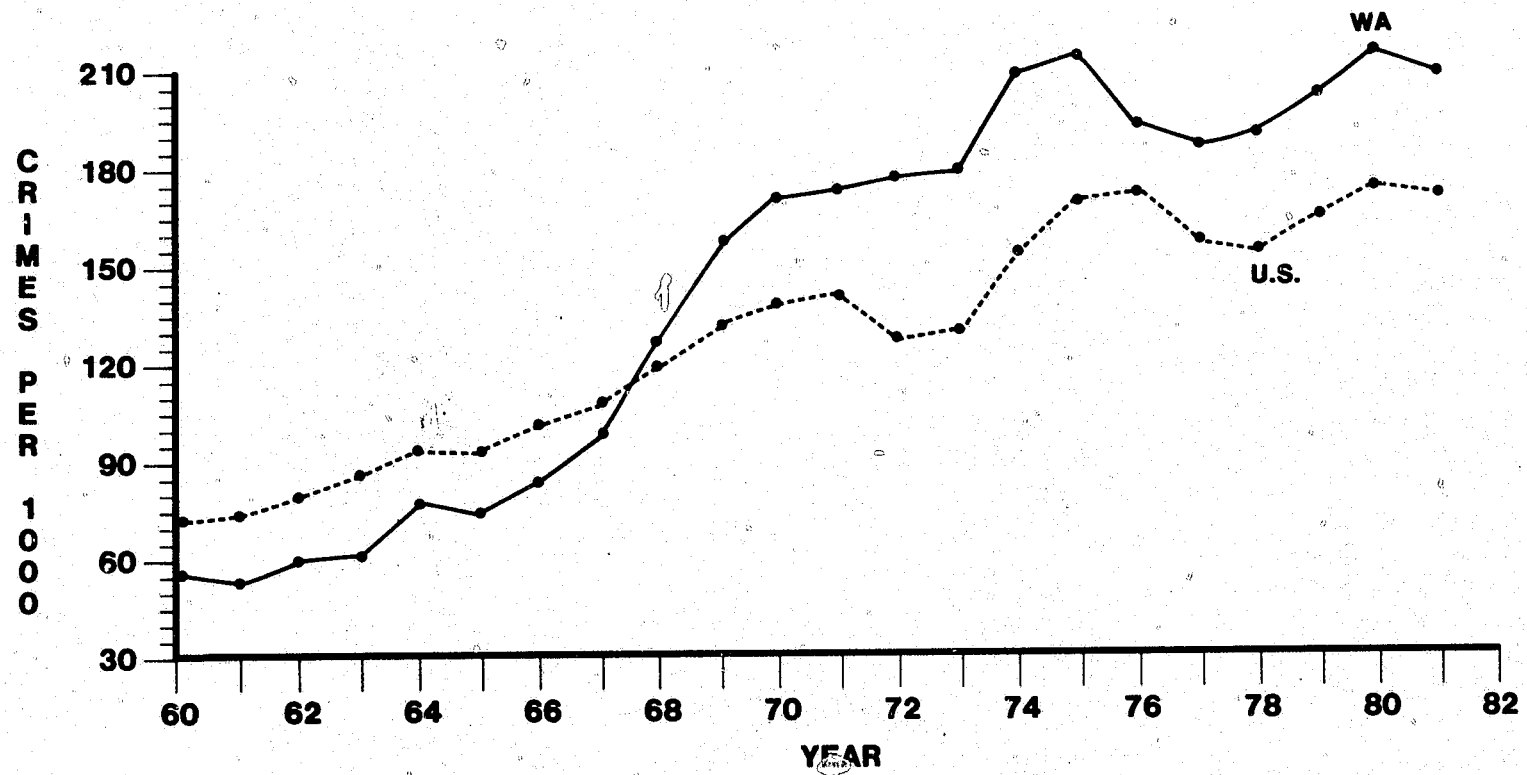


LEGEND: GROUP  HIGHEST
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- Highest Rate — Florida
- Ninth Highest Rate — Washington
- Twenty-Sixth Highest Rate — Missouri
- Lowest Rate — West Virginia

280.9 crimes/ 1000 males 18-39
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 88.2 crimes/ 1000 males 18-39

WASHINGTON & US — LARCENY RATES
RATES CALCULATED FOR MALES 18-39



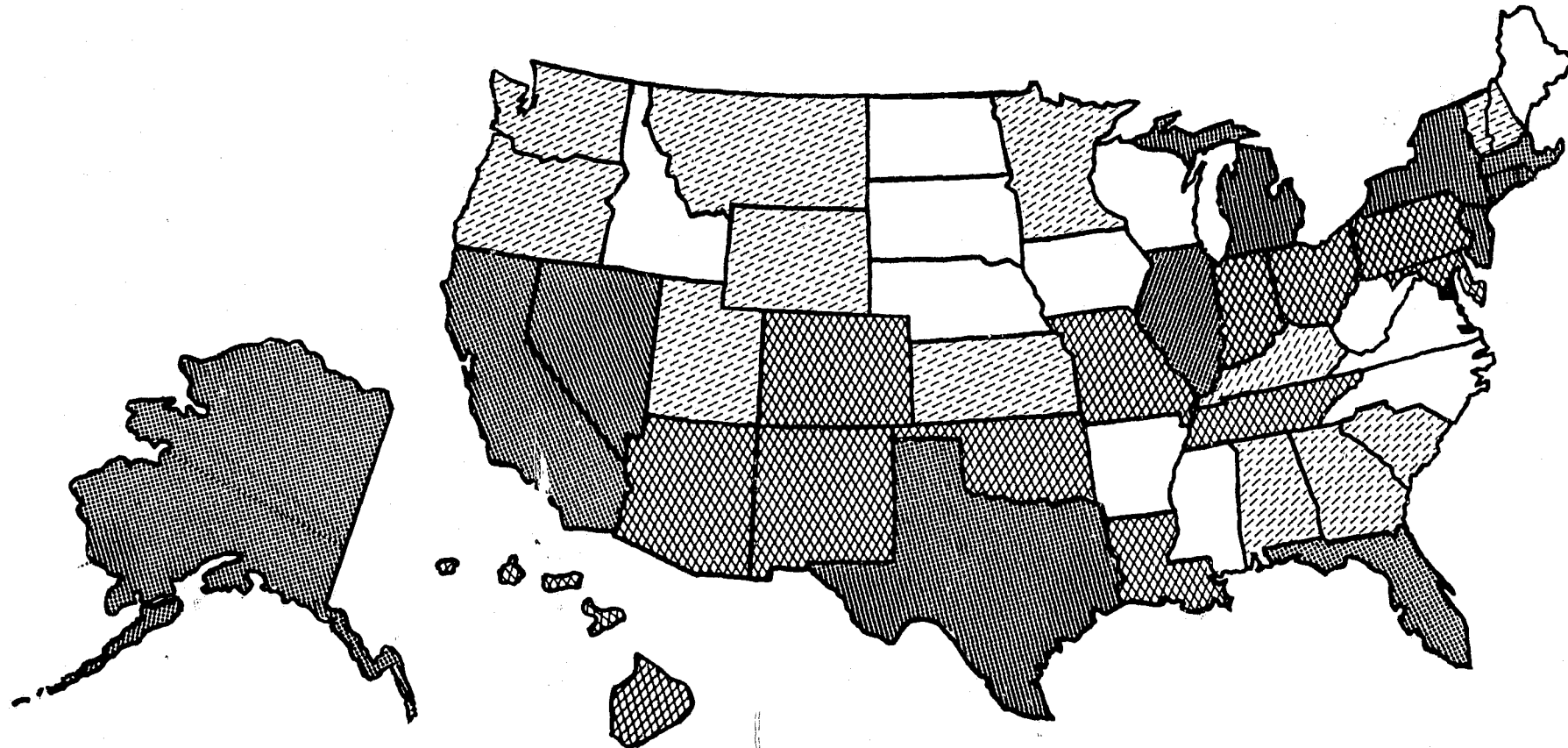
- About 25% of U.S. households are touched by larceny each year according to national statistics.
- Like burglary, the rate of reported larceny in Washington exceeded the U.S. rate in the late 1960's and has continued well ahead of the national average.

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

RANK	NAME	RATE / 1000	RANK	NAME	RATE / 1000
1	MASSACHUSETTS	57.07	26	TENNESSEE	19.11
2	RHODE ISLAND	50.69	27	GEORGIA	18.73
3	NEW YORK	46.87	28	OREGON	18.31
4	NEW JERSEY	41.75	29	ALABAMA	16.88
5	MICHIGAN	35.47	30	WASHINGTON	16.81
6	CONNECTICUT	35.44	31	UTAH	16.71
7	CALIFORNIA	35.40	32	VERMONT	16.04
8	NEVADA	32.11	33	MONTANA	15.37
9	TEXAS	31.23	34	SOUTH CAROLINA	15.04
10	DIST. COLUMBIA	30.75	35	WYOMING	14.50
11	FLORIDA	29.78	36	KANSAS	14.27
12	ALASKA	29.18	37	MINNESOTA	13.94
13	ILLINOIS	27.89	38	NEW HAMPSHIRE	13.44
14	OHIO	27.67	39	KENTUCKY	13.28
15	DELAWARE	24.52	40	IOWA	12.92
16	OKLAHOMA	24.30	41	WISCONSIN	12.37
17	MARYLAND	24.08	42	IDAHO	12.12
18	ARIZONA	23.31	43	NEBRASKA	11.91
19	MISSOURI	22.78	44	ARKANSAS	11.68
20	PENNSYLVANIA	22.38	45	MAINE	11.37
21	LOUISIANA	20.72	46	WEST VIRGINIA	11.22
22	HAWAII	20.66	47	MISSISSIPPI	11.05
23	COLORADO	20.42	48	NORTH CAROLINA	10.90
24	NEW MEXICO	19.97	49	VIRGINIA	10.72
25	INDIANA	19.11	50	NORTH DAKOTA	8.84
			51	SOUTH DAKOTA	8.33

Average: 21.69

US CRIME RATES 1981 — MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

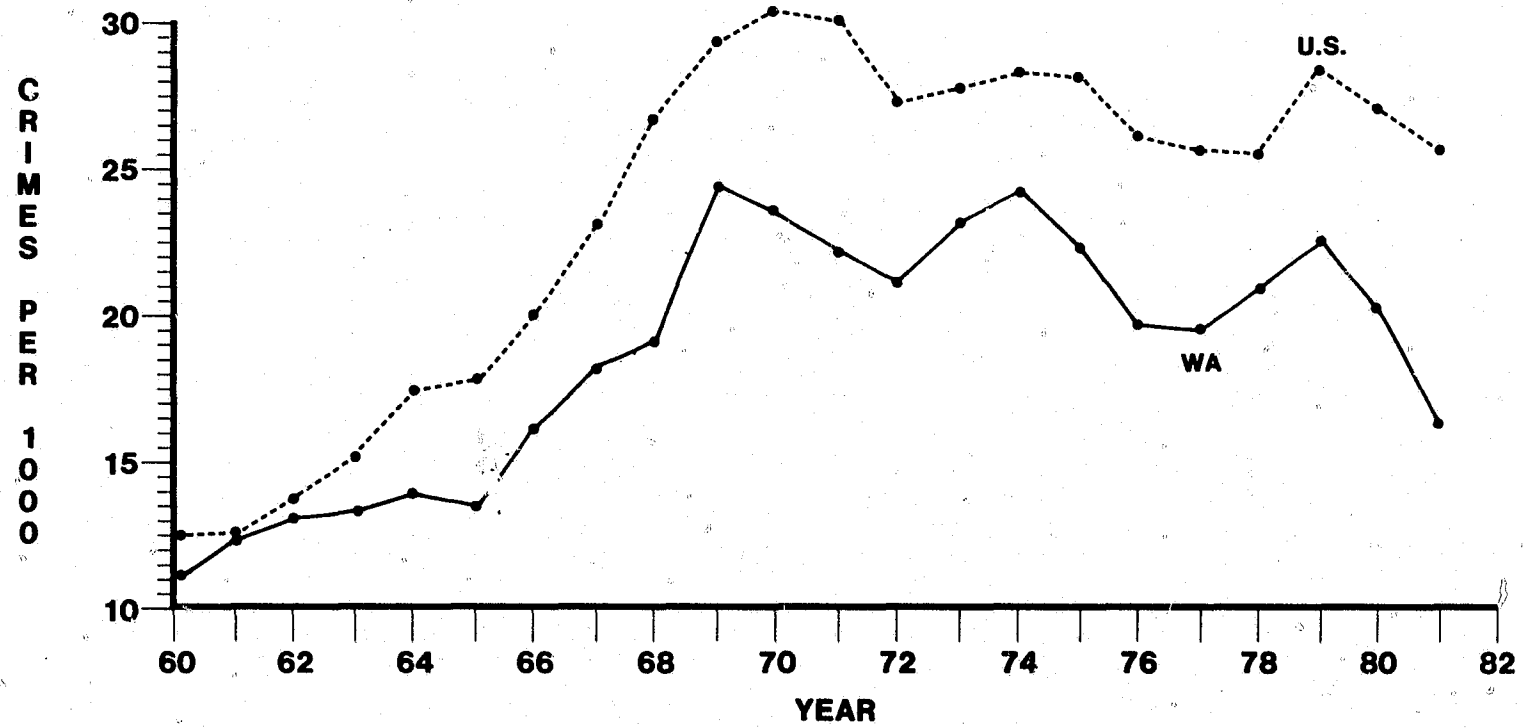


LEGEND: GROUP  HIGHEST  2ND QUARTILE
  3RD QUARTILE  LOWEST

- Highest Rate — Massachusetts
- Twenty-Sixth Highest Rate — Tennessee
- Thirtieth Highest Rate — Washington
- Lowest Rate — South Dakota

57.1 crimes/1000 males 18-39
 19.1 crimes/1000 males 18-39
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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.

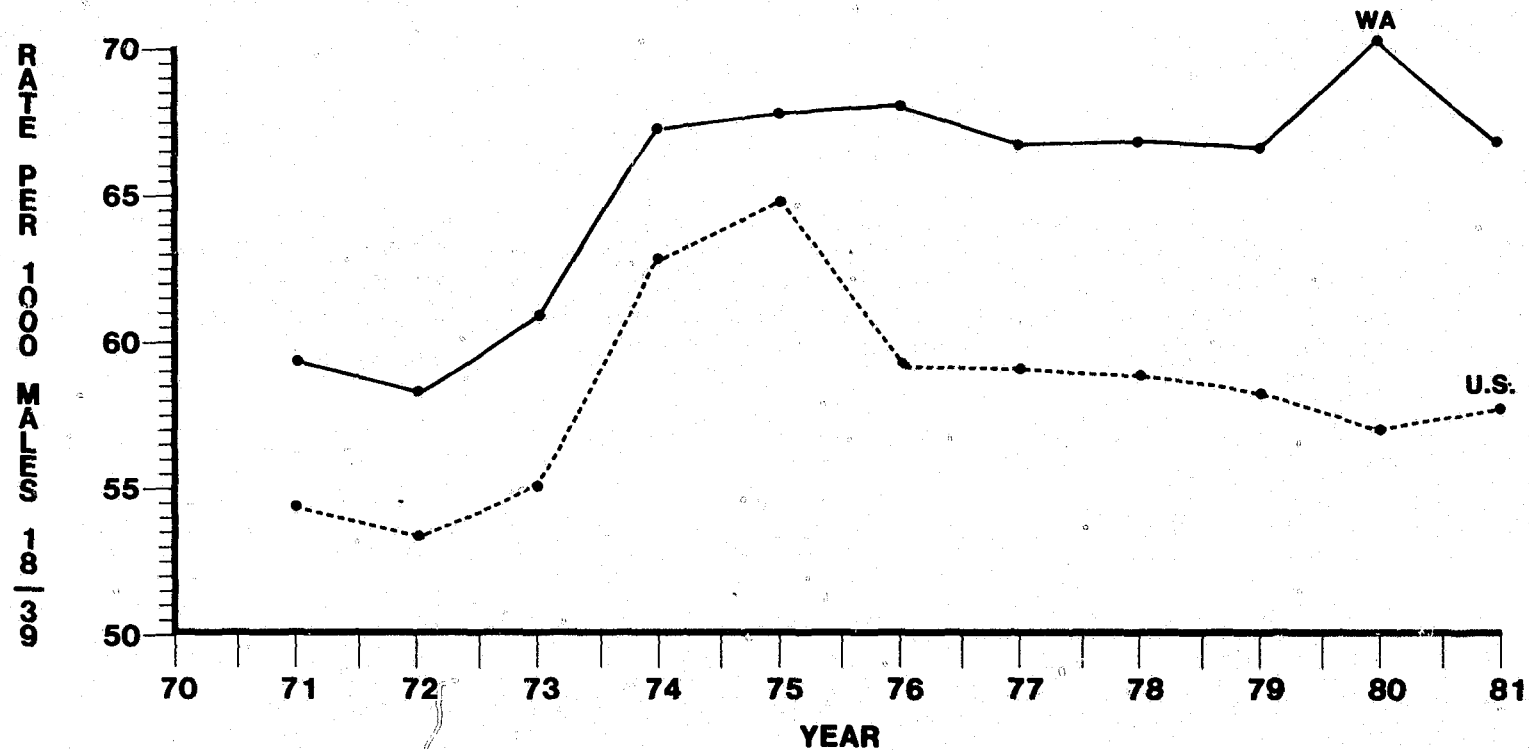
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ARREST RATE COMPARISONS

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.

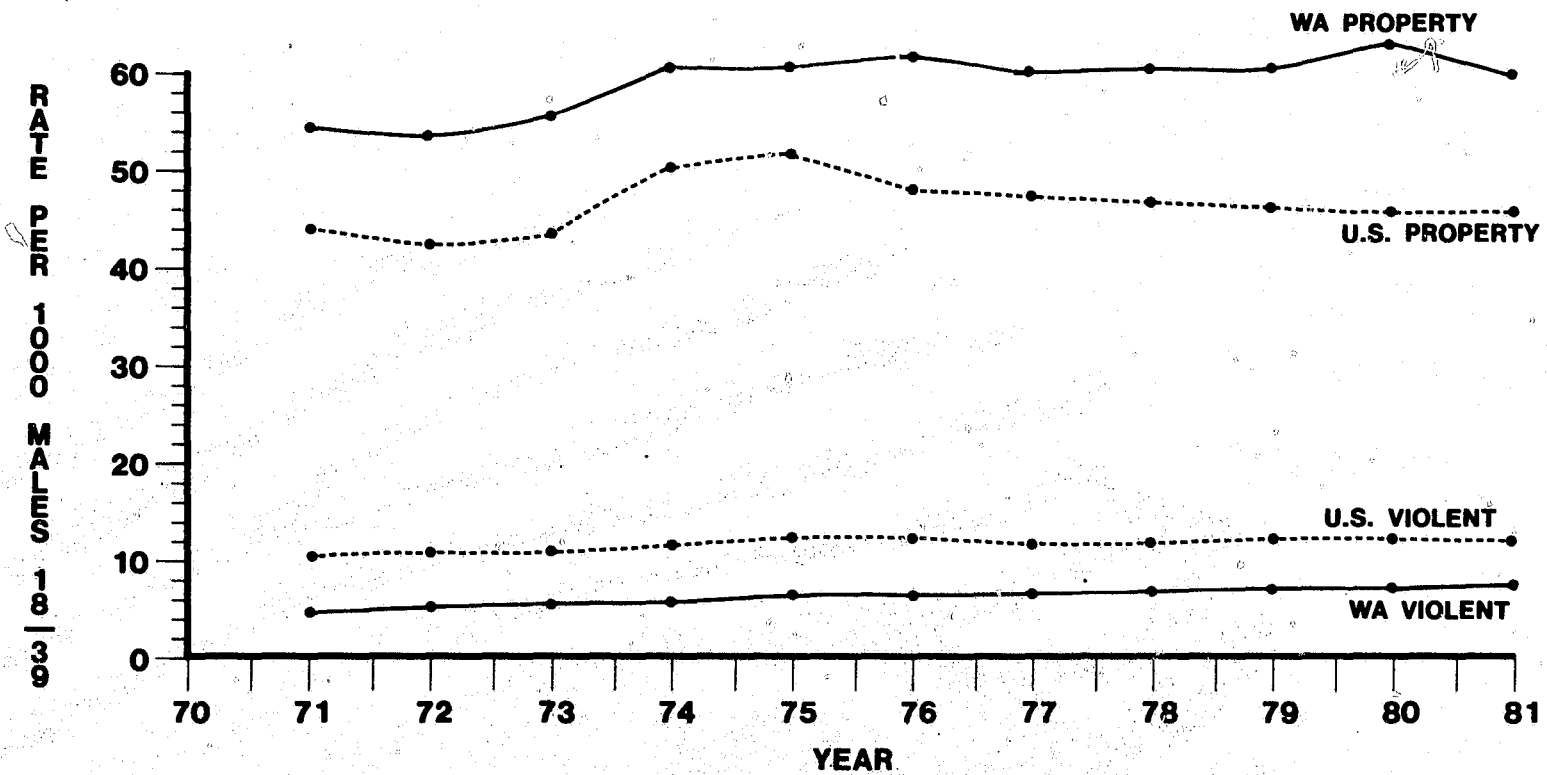
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WASHINGTON & US ARREST RATES FOR MAJOR CRIMES



- 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.

FACTS REGARDING INCARCERATION

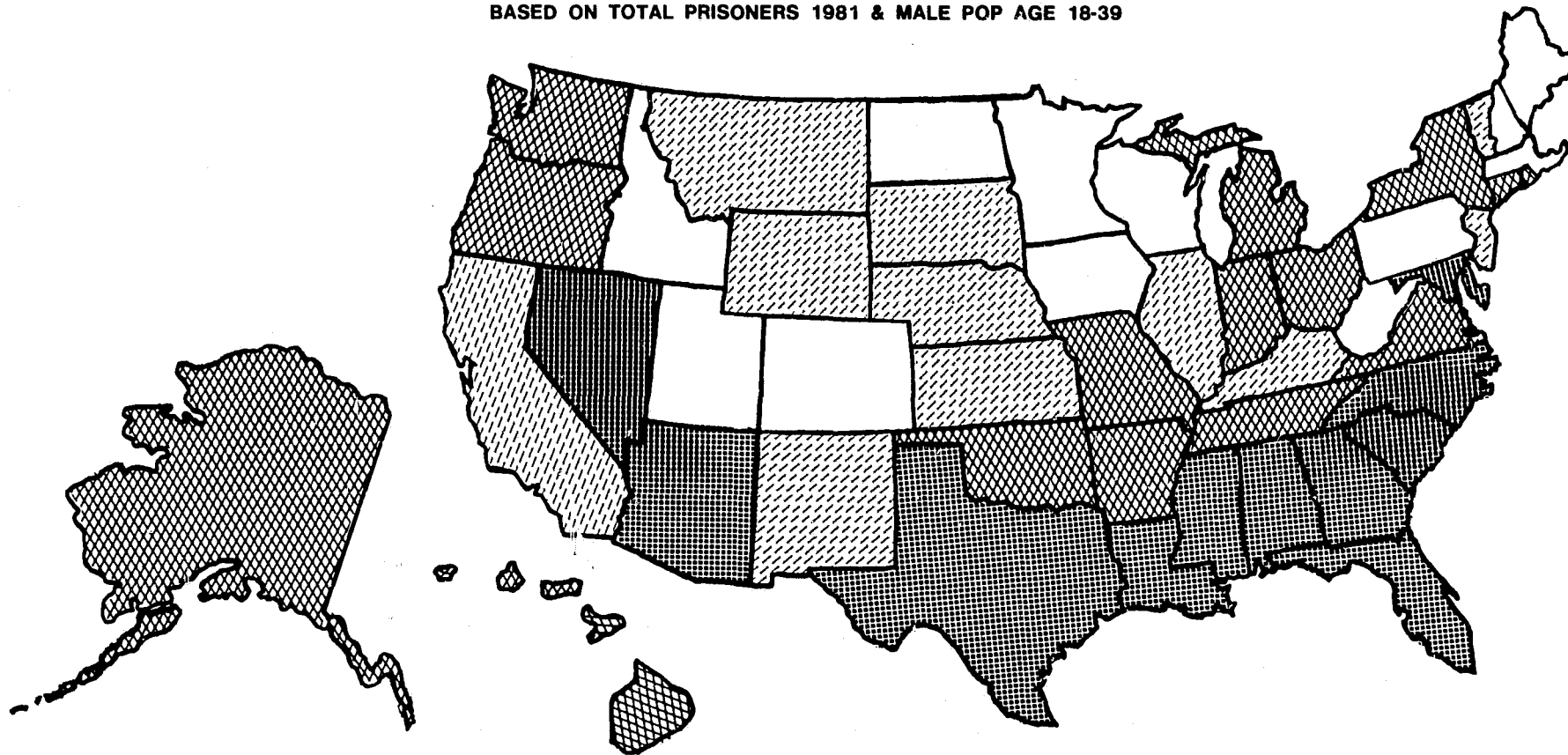
- 90% of all prison and jail inmates are males between the ages of 18 and 39 throughout the U.S.
- Only 1 in 20 inmates is a woman in the U.S. although women comprise 51% of the general population.
- The Washington incarceration rate increased 29% from 1971 to 1981 while the U.S. rate increase was 46%.
- 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.

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  2ND QUARTILE
  3RD 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

