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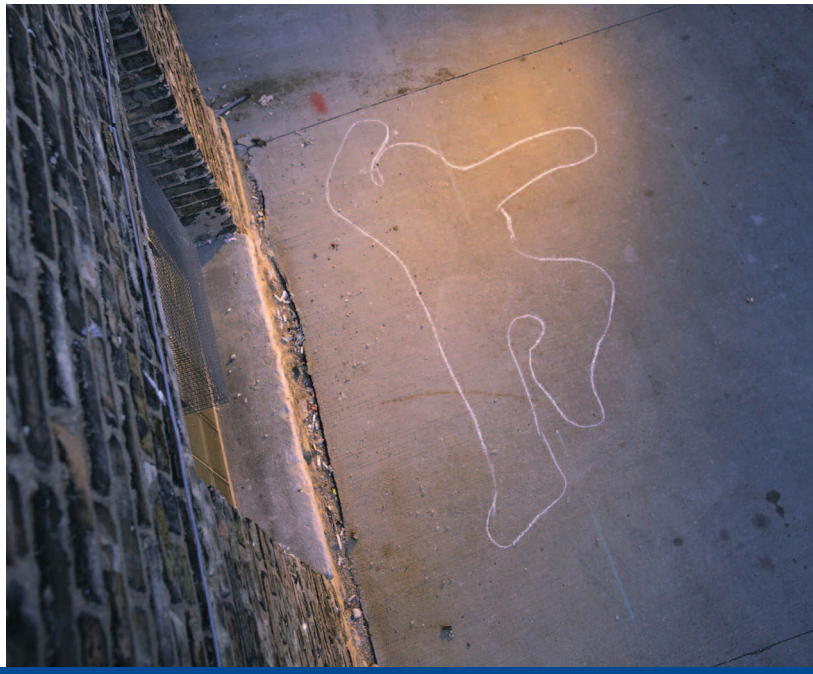

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Violent crime increased last year, and many cities experienced double-digit or even triple-digit percentage increases in homicides and other violence, according to the latest statistics gathered by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), a Washington, 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.

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 fist 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	2004	2005	04-05 percent +/-	2005	2006**	05-06 percent +/-	04-06 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%

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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%

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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
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%

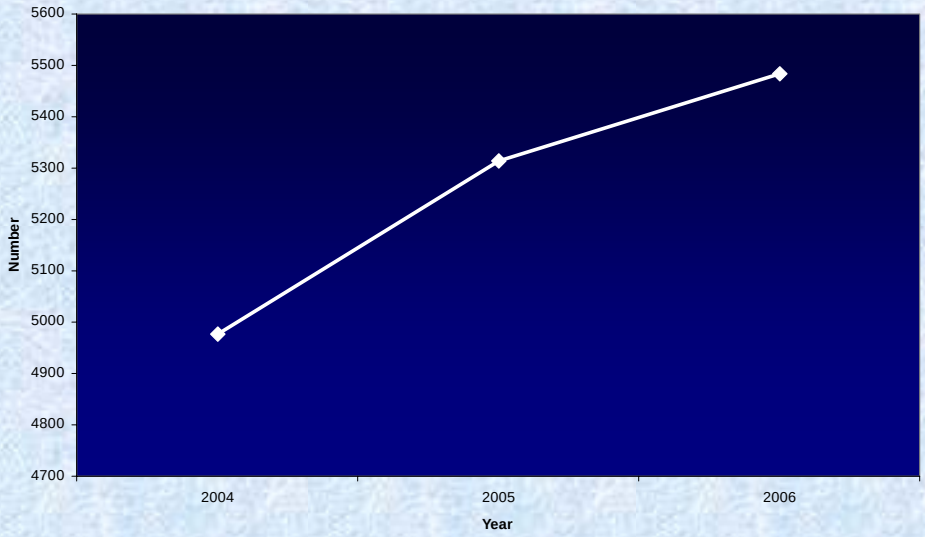
Jurisdiction	Type of offense	2004	2005	percent +/-	2005	2006**	percent +/-	percent +/-
Washington, DC	**Homicide**	198	195	-1.52%	195	169	-13.33%	-14.65%
	Robbery	3057	3502	14.56%	3502	3878	10.74%	26.86%
	Aggravated Assault	3863	3854	-0.23%	3854	3322	-13.80%	-14.00%
	A.A. with Firearm	774	806	4.13%	806	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%

xx Jurisdiction did not provide data

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

**** Some of the 2006 data are estimates or preliminary numbers and may change.**

Homicide



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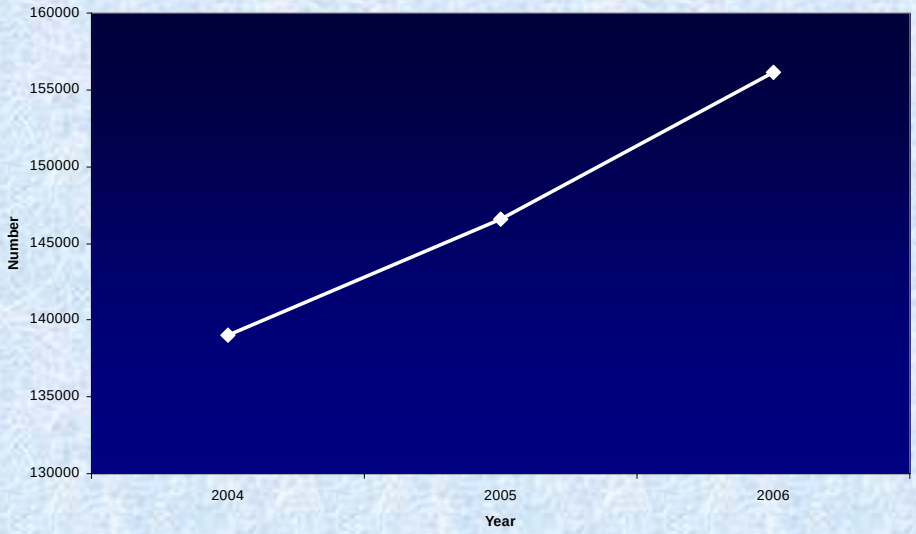

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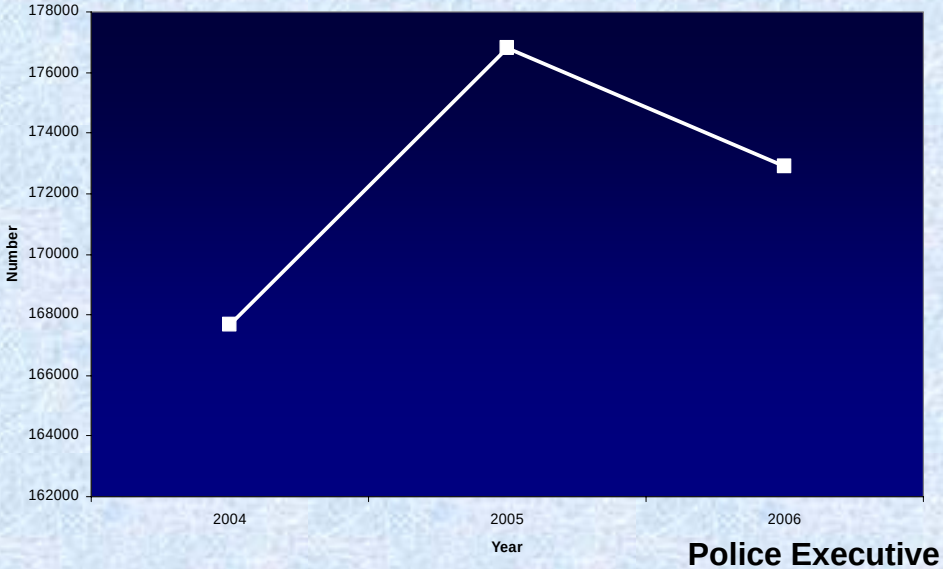

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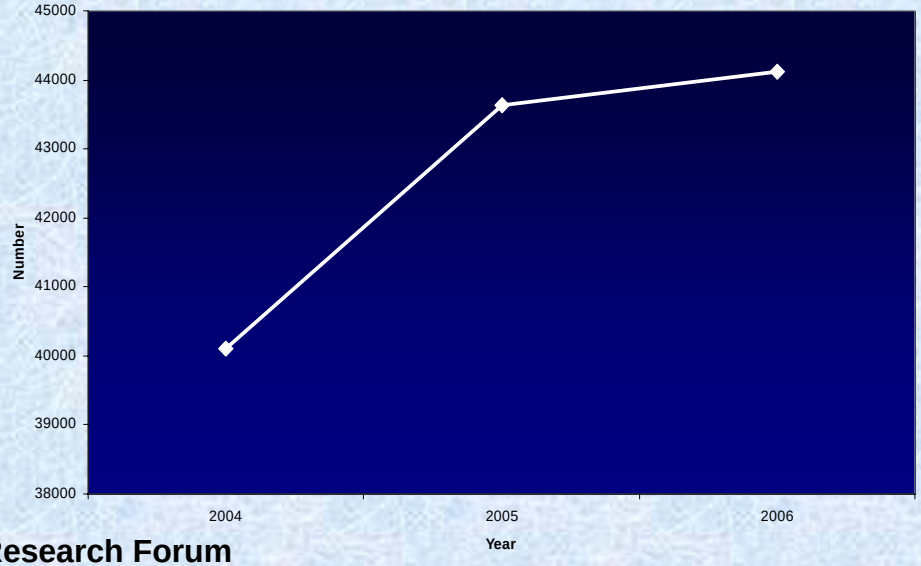


FBI Statistics Confirm Surge in Violence

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:

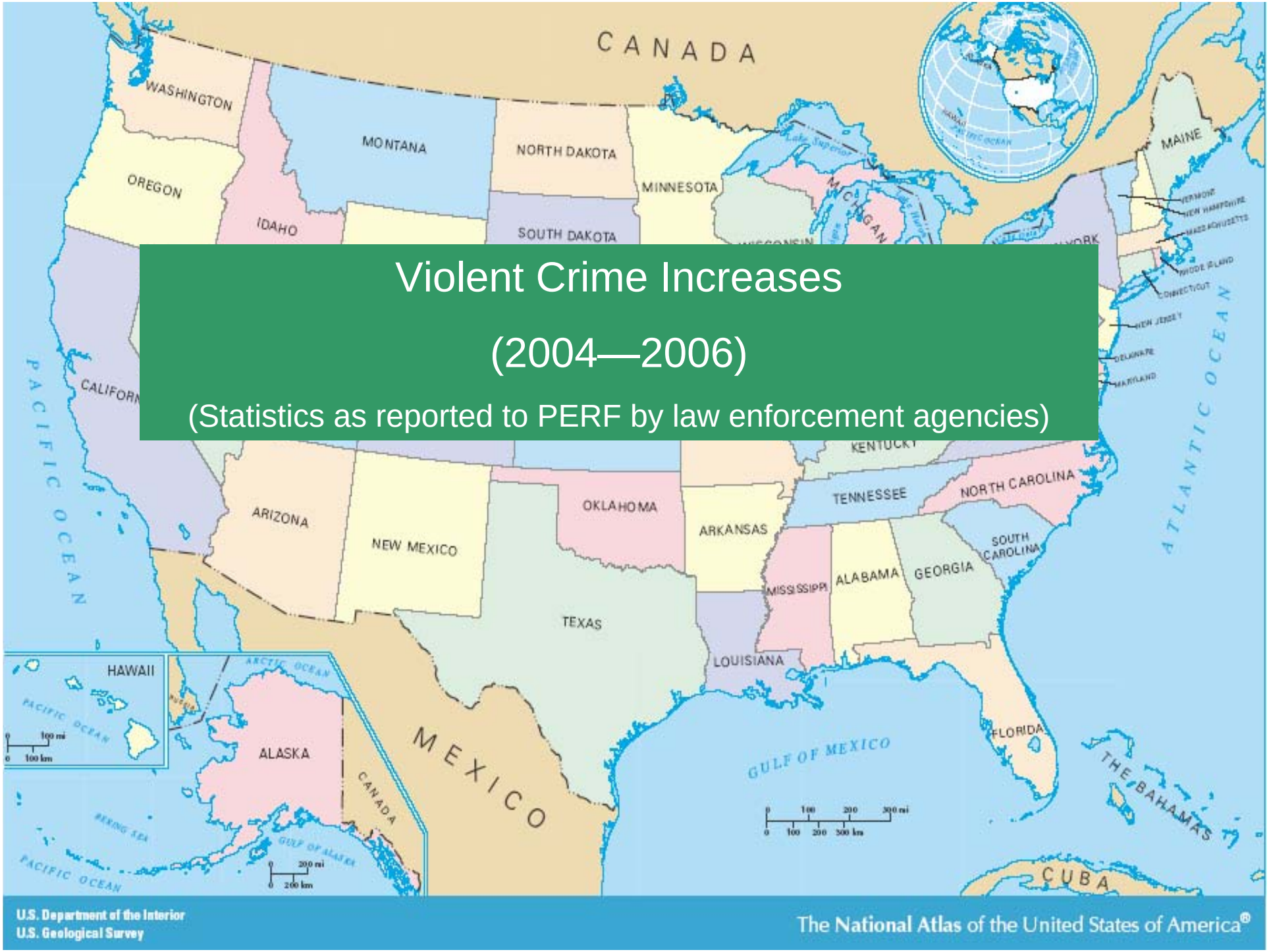
Newark, New Jersey	(PD stats as reported to PERF)
Orlando, Florida	(PD stats as reported to PERF)

- 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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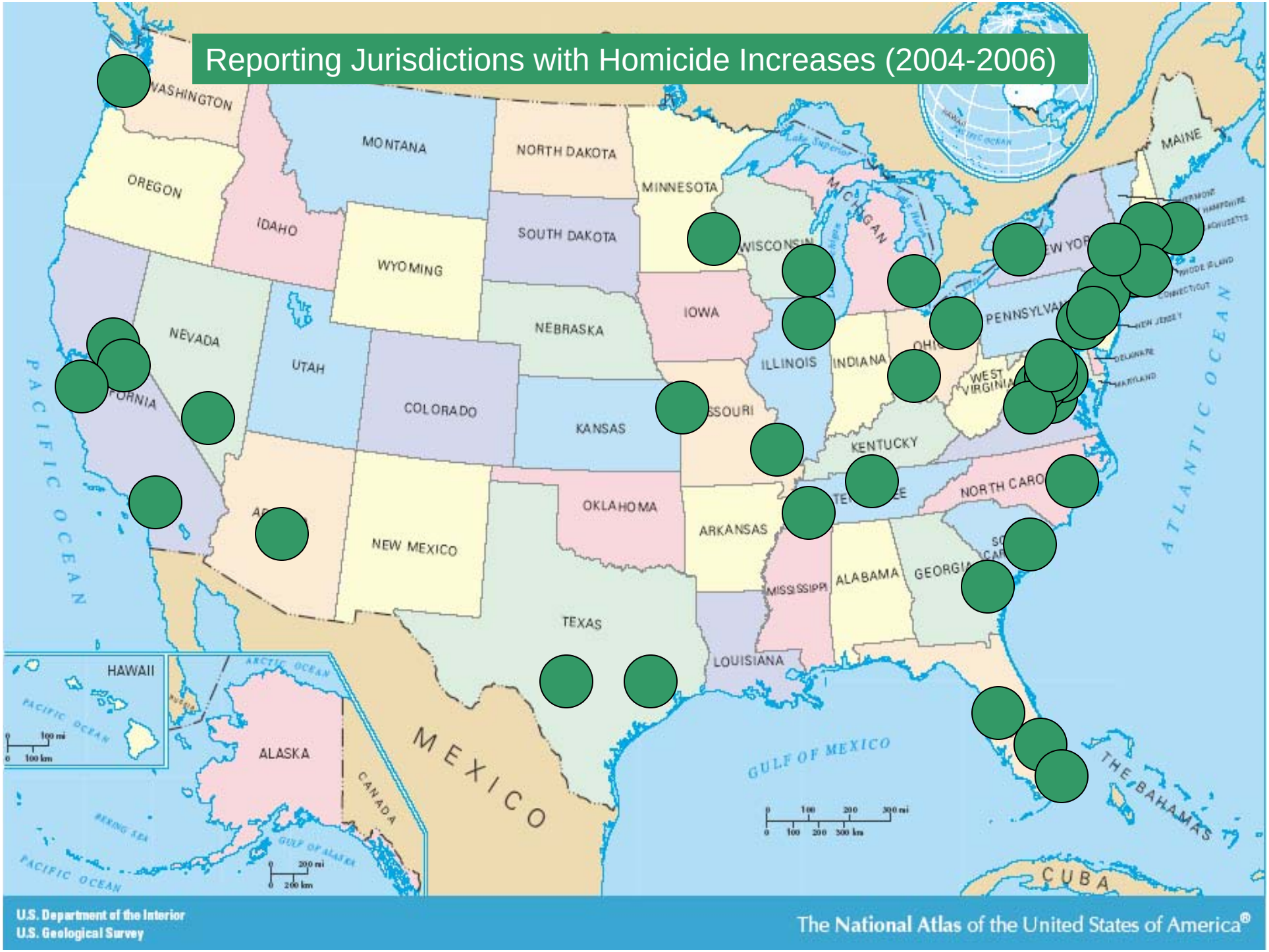

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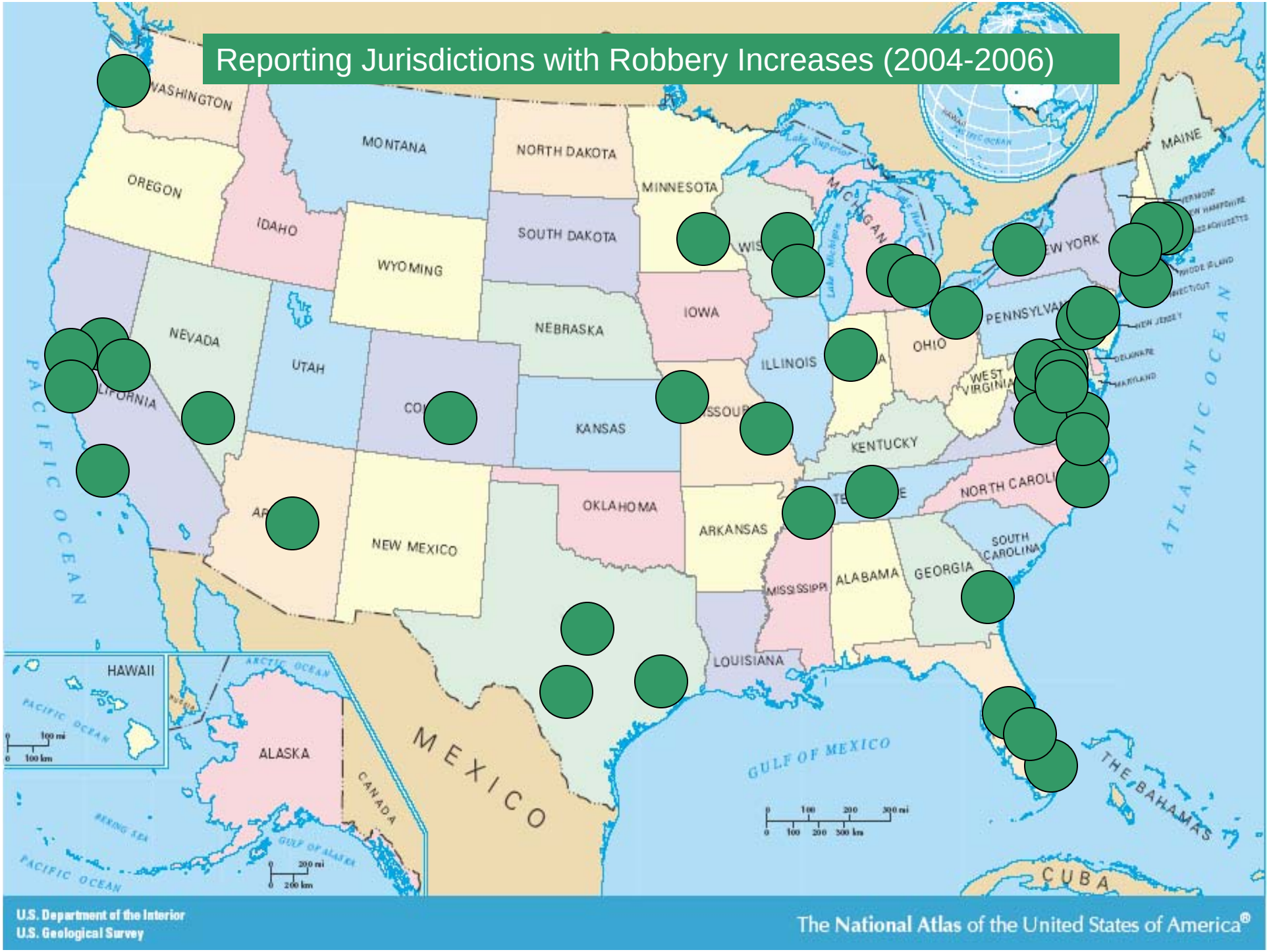

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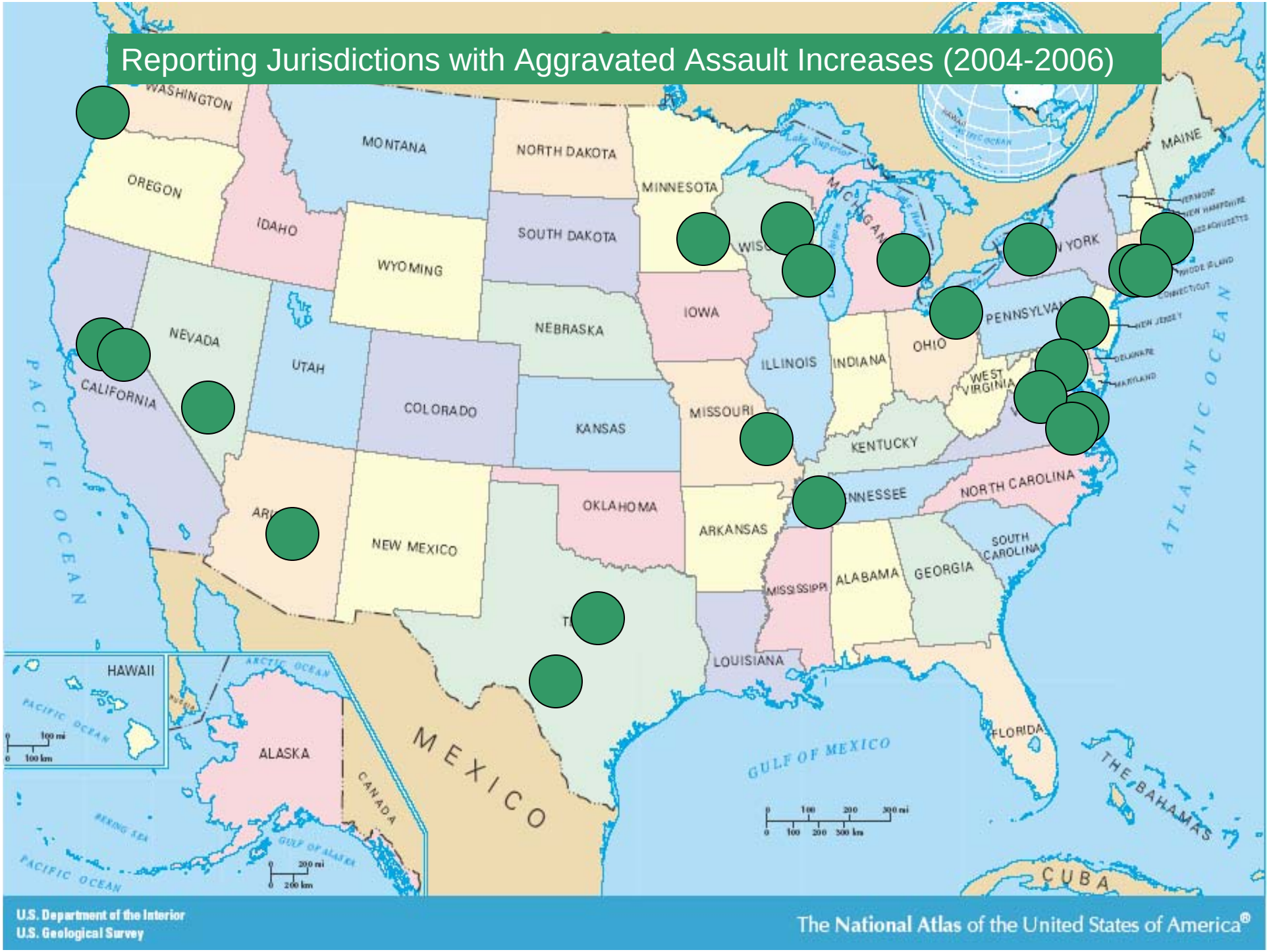

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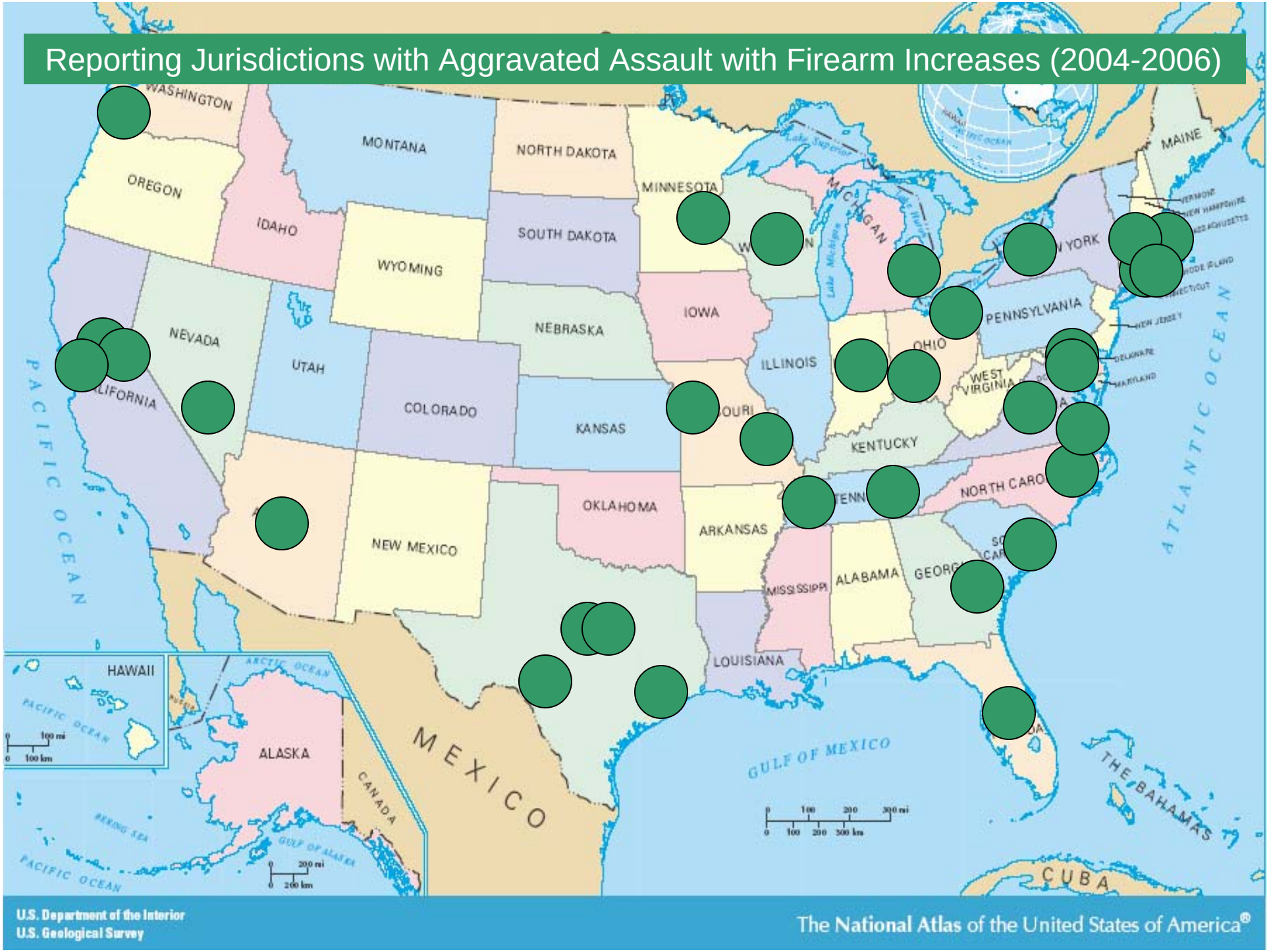

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