

Table 5 Crime in the United States by State, 2017																
State	Area	Population	Violent crime ¹	Property crime	Murder and nonnegligent	Rape (revised)	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle	VIOLENT CRIME	PROPERTY CRIME			
ALABAMA																
	State Total	4,874,747	25,551	144,160	404	2,028	4,217	18,902	31,477	99,842	12,841	25,551	144,160	169,711		
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants															
ALASKA																
	State Total	739,795	6,133	26,204	62	863	951	4,257	4,171	17,775	4,258	6,133	26,204	32,337		
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants															
ARIZONA																
	State Total	7,016,270	35,644	204,515	416	3,581	7,440	24,207	37,627	147,830	19,058	35,644	204,515	240,159		
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants															
ARKANSAS																
	State Total	3,004,279	16,671	92,489	258	2,053	1,935	12,425	21,862	63,374	7,253	16,671	92,489	109,160		
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants															
CALIFORNIA																
	State Total	39,536,653	177,627	987,114	1,830	14,721	56,622	104,454	176,690	642,033	168,391	177,627	987,114	1,164,741		
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants															
COLORADO																
	State Total	5,607,154	20,638	151,483	221	3,858	3,838	12,721	22,813	106,809	21,861	20,638	151,483	172,121		
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants															
CONNECTICUT																
	State Total	3,588,184	8,180	63,509	102	837	2,813	4,428	8,890	47,310	7,309	8,180	63,509	71,689		
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants															
DELAWARE																
	State Total	961,939	4,361	23,477	54	334	1,082	2,891	3,970	18,138	1,369	4,361	23,477	27,838		
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants															
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA³																
	Total	693,972														
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants															
FLORIDA																
	State Total	20,984,400	85,625	527,220	1,057	7,940	18,597	58,031	88,853	395,453	42,914	85,625	527,220	612,845		
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants															
GEORGIA																
	State Total	10,429,379	37,258	298,298	703	2,718	10,044	23,793	55,374	216,661	26,263	37,258	298,298	335,556		
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants															
HAWAII																
	State Total	1,427,538	3,577	40,392	39	567	1,077	1,894	5,549	29,574	5,269	3,577	40,392	43,969		
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants															
IDAHO																
	State Total	1,716,943	3,888	28,079	32	707	196	2,953	5,655	20,278	2,146	3,888	28,079	31,967		
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants															
ILLINOIS																
	State Total	12,802,023	56,180	257,497	997	5,556	17,567	32,060	43,459	193,157	20,881	56,180	257,497	313,677		
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants															
INDIANA																
	State Total	6,666,818	26,598	161,132	397	2,625	6,600	16,976	30,140	115,591	15,401	26,598	161,132	187,730		
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants															
IOWA																
	State Total	3,145,711	9,230	66,855	104	1,234	1,253	6,639	15,078	46,198	5,579	9,230	66,855	76,085		
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants															

KANSAS	State Total	2,913,123	12,030	81,593	160	1,627	1,785	8,458	13,931	59,816	7,846	12,030	81,593	93,623
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
KENTUCKY	State Total	4,454,189	10,056	94,833	263	1,661	2,958	5,174	20,195	64,394	10,244	10,056	94,833	104,889
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
LOUISIANA	State Total	4,684,333	26,092	157,712	582	1,867	5,358	18,285	34,265	112,485	10,962	26,092	157,712	183,804
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
MAINE	State Total	1,335,907	1,617	20,133	23	473	249	872	3,334	16,006	793	1,617	20,133	21,750
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
MARYLAND	State Total	6,052,177	30,273	134,496	546	1,691	11,200	16,836	23,508	97,420	13,568	30,273	134,496	164,769
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
MASSACHUSETTS	State Total	6,859,819	24,560	98,575	173	2,197	4,871	17,319	17,089	73,946	7,540	24,560	98,575	123,135
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
MICHIGAN	State Total	9,962,311	44,826	179,318	569	7,031	6,488	30,738	35,641	124,104	19,573	44,826	179,318	224,144
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
MINNESOTA	State Total	5,576,606	13,291	122,212	113	2,385	3,621	7,172	18,787	93,446	9,979	13,291	122,212	135,503
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
MISSISSIPPI	State Total	2,984,100	8,526	81,581	245	1,091	2,071	5,119	24,710	52,240	4,631	8,526	81,581	90,107
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
MISSOURI	State Total	6,113,532	32,420	173,253	600	2,729	6,351	22,740	30,081	123,251	19,921	32,420	173,253	205,673
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
MONTANA	State Total	1,050,493	3,961	27,225	41	613	295	3,012	3,615	21,018	2,592	3,961	27,225	31,186
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
NEBRASKA	State Total	1,920,076	5,873	43,663	43	1,191	968	3,671	6,472	31,988	5,203	5,873	43,663	49,536
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
NEVADA	State Total	2,998,039	16,667	78,322	274	1,890	4,841	9,662	20,049	45,461	12,812	16,667	78,322	94,989
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
NEW HAMPSHIRE	State Total	1,342,795	2,668	18,555	14	663	419	1,572	2,574	15,066	915	2,668	18,555	21,223
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
NEW JERSEY	State Total	9,005,644	20,604	140,086	324	1,505	7,895	10,880	23,891	104,025	12,170	20,604	140,086	160,690
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
NEW MEXICO	State Total	2,088,070	16,359	82,306	148	1,259	3,722	11,230	17,917	52,617	11,772	16,359	82,306	98,665
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
NEW YORK	State Total	19,849,399	70,799	300,555	548	6,324	20,108	43,819	35,002	252,143	13,410	70,799	300,555	371,354
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
NORTH CAROLINA⁴	State Total	10,273,419	37,364	261,486	591	2,715	9,350	24,708	64,786	180,902	15,798	37,364	261,486	298,850
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
NORTH DAKOTA	State Total	755,393	2,125	16,602	10	399	183	1,533	2,942	11,887	1,773	2,125	16,602	18,727
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													

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	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
OHIO	State Total	11,658,609	34,683	282,034	710	5,859	11,605	16,509	58,573	203,208	20,253	34,683	282,034	316,717
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
OKLAHOMA	State Total	3,930,864	17,934	113,066	242	2,142	3,000	12,550	28,608	72,207	12,251	17,934	113,066	131,000
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
OREGON	State Total	4,142,776	11,674	123,722	104	1,999	2,432	7,139	17,705	88,877	17,140	11,674	123,722	135,396
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
PENNSYLVANIA	State Total	12,805,537	40,120	211,220	739	4,201	11,793	23,387	32,057	166,178	12,985	40,120	211,220	251,340
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
PUERTO RICO														
RHODE ISLAND	State Total	1,059,639	2,460	18,561	20	445	474	1,521	3,217	13,861	1,483	2,460	18,561	21,021
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
SOUTH CAROLINA	State Total	5,024,369	25,432	160,575	390	2,504	3,870	18,668	31,306	115,012	14,257	25,432	160,575	186,007
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
SOUTH DAKOTA	State Total	869,666	3,771	16,317	25	595	238	2,913	2,707	12,227	1,383	3,771	16,317	20,088
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
TENNESSEE	State Total	6,715,984	43,755	197,488	527	2,934	7,862	32,432	38,716	140,248	18,524	43,755	197,488	241,243
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
TEXAS	State Total	28,304,596	124,238	725,328	1,412	14,470	32,267	76,089	134,066	523,221	68,041	124,238	725,328	849,566
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
UTAH	State Total	3,101,833	7,410	86,238	73	1,697	1,468	4,172	11,817	64,892	9,529	7,410	86,238	93,648
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
VERMONT	State Total	623,657	1,034	8,960	14	218	92	710	1,854	6,912	194	1,034	8,960	9,994
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
VIRGINIA	State Total	8,470,020	17,632	151,855	453	2,862	4,332	9,985	18,468	123,215	10,172	17,632	151,855	169,487
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
WASHINGTON	State Total	7,405,743	22,548	235,027	230	3,255	5,390	13,673	43,720	162,511	28,796	22,548	235,027	257,575
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
WEST VIRGINIA	State Total	1,815,857	6,368	33,630	85	795	524	4,964	7,628	23,000	3,002	6,368	33,630	39,998
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
WISCONSIN	State Total	5,795,483	18,539	104,802	186	2,139	4,345	11,869	17,599	77,735	9,468	18,539	104,802	123,341
	Rate per 100,000 inhabitants													
			1,276,246	7,664,357	17,168	135,311	316,733	807,034	1,400,031	5,493,774	770,552	1,276,246	7,664,357	8,940,603
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Editorial: Cracking down on sex traffickers

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For too long in this country, law enforcers have treated underage prostitutes as participants in a criminal enterprise instead of what they truly are — victims. The adults who recruit and exploit underage prostitutes are engaging in a form of human slavery, while their customers are committing nothing short of statutory rape.

Two Texas Republicans, Sen. John Cornyn and Rep. Ted Poe of the Houston area, are co-sponsoring a bill that would impose stiff penalties on these adult victimizers of up to life in prison. The Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, which has bipartisan support in both houses, would supplement an existing law that focuses primarily on punishing sex-trafficking organizations abroad.

Poe and Cornyn estimate that one-quarter of U.S. sex-trafficking victims have Texas roots. Poe says our state's proximity to Mexico and high immigrant population give the state a particularly high profile. In Houston alone, about 300,000 sex trafficking cases are prosecuted each year. Tighter border controls and reduced profit margins from the drug trade are pushing organized crime groups to turn increasingly to sex trafficking, law enforcers say.

North Texas has an additional problem. Dallas is one of the co-headquarters for backpage.com, a popular advertising website that is cited often in federal prosecutions of sex-trafficking rings. Earlier this month, U.S. Attorney Sarah Saldaña announced the conviction in Fort Worth of two women who used Backpage to advertise the services of a girl, "all in reckless disregard that [she] was under age 18." One of the traffickers received a 121-month federal prison sentence, while the other received 72 months.

Katie Pedigo, of the victim recovery group New Friends New Life, wrote on our Viewpoints page last year that drugs and alcohol are typical ways that traffickers make their young victims compliant and a way in which the victims numb their own pain.

Addiction and the fear of violent retaliation prevent victims from breaking free of the adults controlling them. A vicious cycle develops that can ruin young lives and trap them in a life of crime while only a small percentage of the adult victimizers pay for the damage they inflict.

Cornyn, Poe and other co-sponsors not only want to increase the prison penalties for traffickers and their customers but also to ensure that local police file these crimes into a federal database. The bill also would ease the seizure of traffickers' assets to provide restitution to victims.

A key facet of this bill is punishment for johns — the patrons of sex trafficking and the real economic drivers behind the trade.

This is a proposed law with real teeth, designed to help young people recover after being caught in the trafficking network, while helping ensure their adult victimizers pay a steep price for what constitute truly heinous crimes.

Editorial Staff has a MATH problem... not only were there NOT 300,000 sex trafficking cases prosecuted in Houston alone, there were not even 100 sex trafficking cases prosecuted in TEXAS in a year...