Chapter 2: Measuring Crime

Audio Links

* [“FBI: Murders Up Nearly 11 Percent in 2015; Violent Crime Rose Slightly”](http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2016/09/26/495460107/fbi-violent-crime-rose-slightly-in-2015-murders-up-nearly-11-percent)  
  Experts say homicides and other violence remain at low rates compared with a crime wave from 20 years ago.
* [“Historians Mine 400 Years of Crime Data at the Old Bailey”](http://www.npr.org/2014/07/13/331133770/historians-mine-400-years-of-crime-data-at-the-old-bailey)  
  Analyzing records from London’s oldest criminal court reveals how Western society has viewed violent crime over time.

Video Clips

* [Janet Lauritsen (1 of 3): What is the National Crime Victimization Survey?](https://youtu.be/CXfImluiKaQ)  
  This short clip explains the process of the National Crime Victimization Survey and how the data are representative of the population.
* [Crime Statistics: The Dark Figure](https://youtu.be/jzdTiM5wS_c)  
  This is a short video that looks at the so-called “dark figure” of crime—crimes that are committed in our society but which never appear in the official recorded crime statistics.
* [What is a Hate Crime?](http://www.cnn.com/videos/tv/2015/06/18/what-is-a-hate-crime.cnn)  
  An explanation of how a hate crime is defined is provided.
* [Not there for your children? Gangs will be.](http://abc13.com/education/not-there-for-your-children-gangs-will-be/1070205/)  
  This news clip interviews several gang members and how kids can easily be influenced into joining. *Begin video at 30 seconds.*
* [Study Highlights a New Epidemic of Drug Abuse that is a Growing Problem Among US Teens](http://ijr.com/2015/04/285766-new-study-highlights-epidemic-threat-to-u-s-teens/)  
  A recent study published in the *Journal of Public Policy and Marketing* highlights an “epidemic” of prescription drug abuse among U.S. teens.

Websites

* [Federal Bureau of Prisons—Inmate Statistics](https://www.bop.gov/about/statistics/statistics_inmate_age.jsp)  
  Contains regularly updated data about inmates of American prisons.
* [Bureau of Justice Statistics Program Report—September 2014](https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/ntcm_2014.pdf)  
  This report details the two measures of national crime: the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reporting Program and the Bureau of Justice Statistics’ National Crime Victimization Survey.
* [Crime in the United States](https://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2009/about/crime_measures.html)  
  A publication of the FBI explaining both the Uniform Crime Reporting Program and the National Crime Victimization Survey.
* [Prison Overcrowding](http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2013/08/02/chart-of-the-week-the-problem-of-prison-overcrowding/)  
  The Pew Research Center released data about the problem of prison overcrowding with supporting data.
* [NIBRS](https://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/crimestats)  
  This site displays publications reporting data for criminal occurrences, updated crime definitions, and statistical findings year by year from the FBI.
* [Crime Mapping](http://www.lsunow.com/news/crime/article_db6a4786-972f-11e2-8319-0019bb30f31a.html)  
  This article and included links on the page show an ongoing communication between law enforcement and the public about crime statistics and happenings in order to create a safer environment for everyone.