

# APPENDIX D

## Key Facts on Crime and Justice

The homicide rate doubled from the mid 1960s to the late 1970s. In 1980, it peaked at 10.2 per 100,000 population and subsequently fell off to 7.9 per 100,000 in 1985. It rose again in the late 1980s and early 1990s to another peak in 1991 of 9.8 per 100,000. Since then, the rate has declined sharply, reaching 6.3 per 100,000 by 1998. Homicide rates recently declined to levels last seen in the late 1960s.

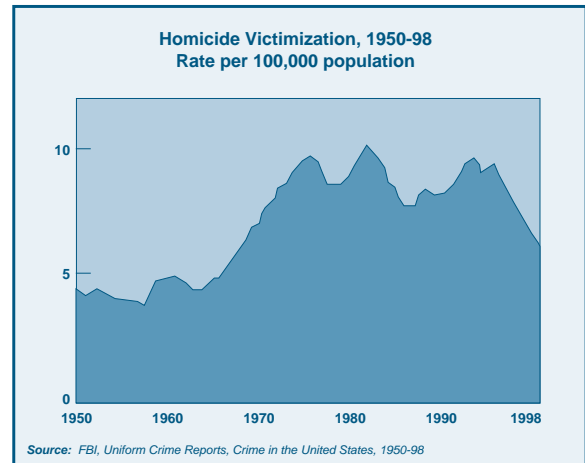


Figure 4

The rise in teen involvement in homicide as both victims and offenders beginning in the mid 1980s was dramatic. Since 1993, victimization and offending rates have declined but remain higher than the levels of the mid 1980s.

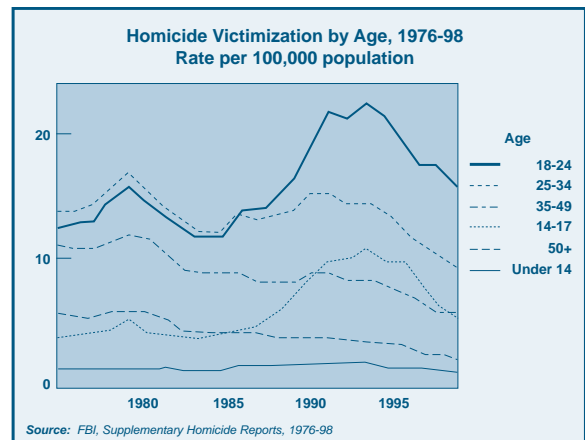


Figure 5

Offending rates for teenagers and young adults increased dramatically in the late 1980s while rates for older age groups declined.

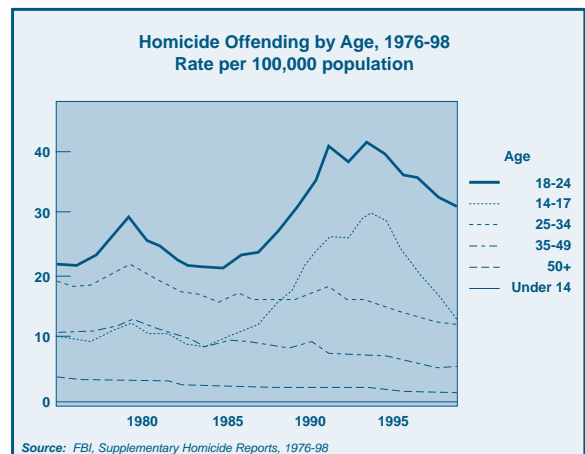


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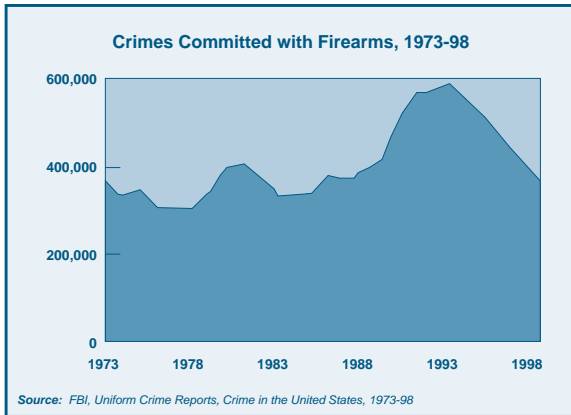


Figure 7

Since 1993, the number of crimes committed with firearms has declined, falling to levels last experienced in the mid 1980s. Crimes include the FBI's Uniform Crime Report index offenses of murder, robbery, and aggravated assault.

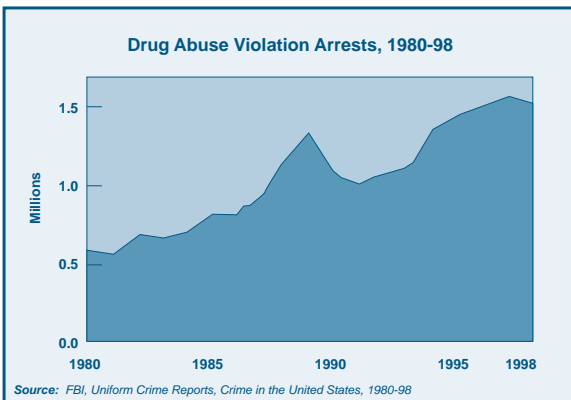


Figure 8

Federal, state, and local agencies share responsibility for enforcing the nation's drug laws, although most arrests are made by state and local authorities. In 1998 the FBI UCR estimated that there were 1,559,100 state and local arrests for drug abuse violations in the United States.

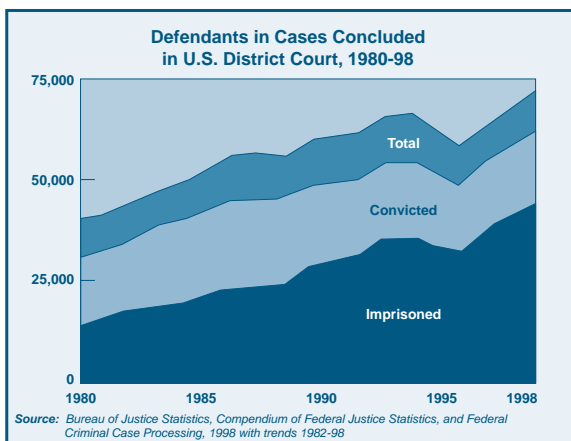


Figure 9

The proportion of those convicted in federal court who are sentenced to prison has been increasing.

Of cases concluded in federal district court in every year since 1989, there have been more drug cases than other types of cases.

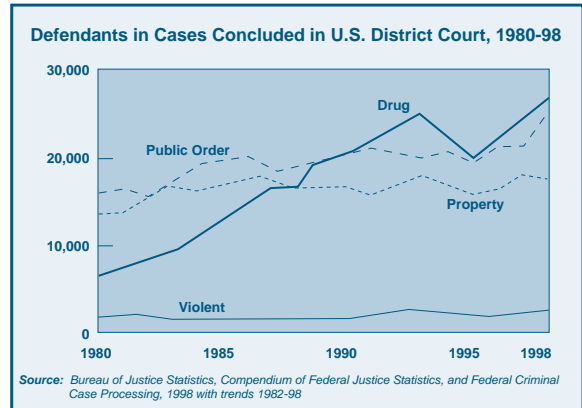


Figure 10

Since 1988, the number of felons convicted in state court grew by an average of 5% annually. Almost 1 million adults were convicted of a felony in state courts in 1996.

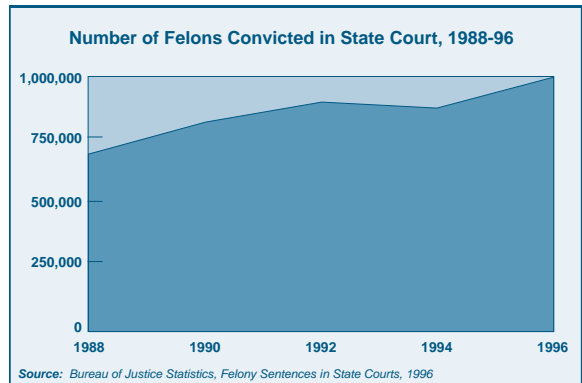


Figure 11

Of the felons convicted in state court, over two thirds were sentenced to prison or jail in 1996.

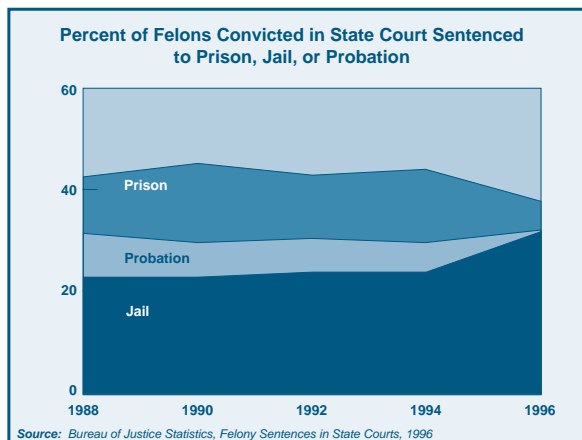
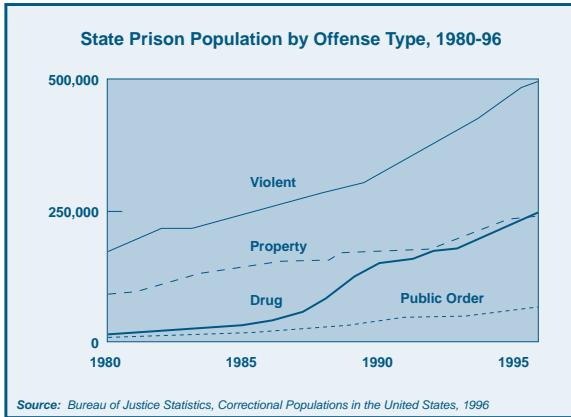


Figure 12



Over 40% of the increase in the state prison population since 1980 is due to an increase in the prisoners convicted of violent offenses.

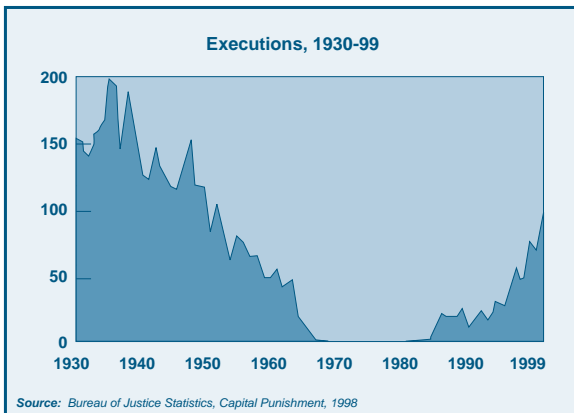
Figure 13



The incarceration rate has more than tripled since 1980.

Figure 14

Note: Number of sentenced inmates incarcerated under state and federal jurisdiction per 100,000, 1980-96.



In 1999, 98 inmates were executed, more than in any other year since the early 1950s.

Figure 15

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