

A Decreasing Violent Crime Rate

Crime rates in specific areas like large cities fluctuates. However, data seems to suggest violent crime is decreasing in this country and has been decreasing for at least a couple decades. There are different theories about why this is occurring. These range from better law enforcement to an increased willingness to use incarceration as punishment for serious crimes.

- In discussion groups, discuss why violent crime rates seem to be decreasing. List the suggested reasons on the lines below.
- Once you have done that, out of all those listed, pick the one that the group agrees is the most likely reason for the declining rate of violence in this country.

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