

About the Cover

This map illustrates the murder rate for selected Florida and Southern cities based on crime and population data from the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reports (US FBI UCR) for 2017. Note the relatively lower murder rates for Florida cities compared to other cities in the Southern United States. Whereas the spatial variation in murder rates, or any crime rates for that matter, are difficult to explain, one factor that may be evident is age distribution. Cities in areas with larger numbers of older citizens such as Cape Coral or St. Petersburg have lower murder rates than cities with more youthful age structures such as Miami and Jacksonville.

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