

Unit 8 Assignment 2

Identifying Crime Patterns

Write a 3-5 page essay responding to the following questions.

The following are year-end figures for your jurisdiction. Prepare a report for your police chief that accurately depicts the crime data provided. Then on a separate page, respond to the questions below in essay form.

(Make sure you include headings that properly identify your agency, which you can make up. Do not forget to calculate the percentage of change.)

- In 2009 there were 15 homicides, and in 2010 there were 21.
- In 2009 there were 23 forcible rapes, and in 2010 there were 19.
- In 2009 there were 55 robberies, and in 2010 there were 79.
- In 2009 there were 85 aggravated assaults, and in 2010 there were 115.
- In 2009 there were 125 burglaries, and in 2010 there were 138.
- In 2009 there were 103 motor vehicle thefts, and in 2010 there were 103.
- In 2009 there were 35 larcenies, and in 2010 there were 38.

Essay Questions

- 1) In a short paragraph, explain what you believe the crime trend is for this jurisdiction.
- 2) What information is missing that might explain some of the increases?
- 3) What crime(s) is (are) staying the same?
- 4) What crimes should be analyzed a little closer in the hopes of finding a trend? What would you try to identify? Would this be a tactical, administrative, or strategic analysis?
- 5) Are the crimes above Part I or Part II crimes? Explain the differences between the two types.

You may consult the Online Library, the internet, the textbook, other course materials, and any other outside resources in supporting your task, using proper citations in APA style.

Directions

In addition to fulfilling the specifics of the Assignment, a successful paper must also meet the following criteria:

- Include a cover page and references page in 10–12 point font (Arial, Courier, and Times New Roman are acceptable)
- Viewpoint and purpose should be clearly established and sustained
- Assignment should follow the conventions of Standard American English (correct grammar, punctuation, etc.)
- Writing should be well ordered, logical, and unified, as well as original and insightful
- Your work should display superior content, organization, style, and mechanics
- Appropriate citation style should be followed

You should also make sure to:

- Include a title page with full name, class name, section number, and date
- Include an introductory and concluding paragraph and demonstrate college-level
- communication through the composition of original materials in Standard American English
- Use examples to support your discussion
- Cite all sources on a separate reference page at the end of your paper and cited within the
- body of your paper using APA format

Lastly, please label your projects: username-project-unit#.doc. For example, a student named Tina Allen would name her file TAllen-Anatomical Terminology-Unit 8.doc. Submit your Assignment by selecting the Unit 8: Assignment 2 in the Dropbox by the end of Unit 8.

Unit 8 Assignment 2 Checklist

Criteria: Ask yourself the following questions.	Yes	No
Content		
Did you identify both of the following while determining crime patterns? 1. The appropriate figures that relate to each crime and 2. The formula for deterring the percentage change in crimes from one year to another.		
Did you apply mathematical functions to seven common crime categories, determining seven crime analysis trends?		
Did you explain what you believe the crime trend is for this jurisdiction?		
Did you identify what information is missing that might explain some of the increases?		
Did you identify what crime(s) is (are) staying the same?		
Did you determine what crimes should be analyzed a little closer in the hopes of finding a trend? What would you try to identify? Would this be a tactical, administrative, or strategic analysis?		
Did you determine if the crimes were Part I or Part II crimes and explain the differences between the two types?		
Research		
Did you incorporate the research from outside sources in this paper?		
Did you cite your sources?		
Is your research current ?		
In addition to the textbook, did you locate and cite enough information to support your position?		
Quality		
Is the content accurate and correct ?		
Did you identify and discuss your sources to accurately and comprehensively discuss the topic?		
Did you present the material in a clear and concise manner to provide easy readability?		
Format		
Did you prepare your paper as a Microsoft Word Document ?		
Did you meet the paper's length requirement ?		
Did you use APA format to cite your sources?		
Did you check your document for grammar and spelling ?		
Did you label your file correctly?		