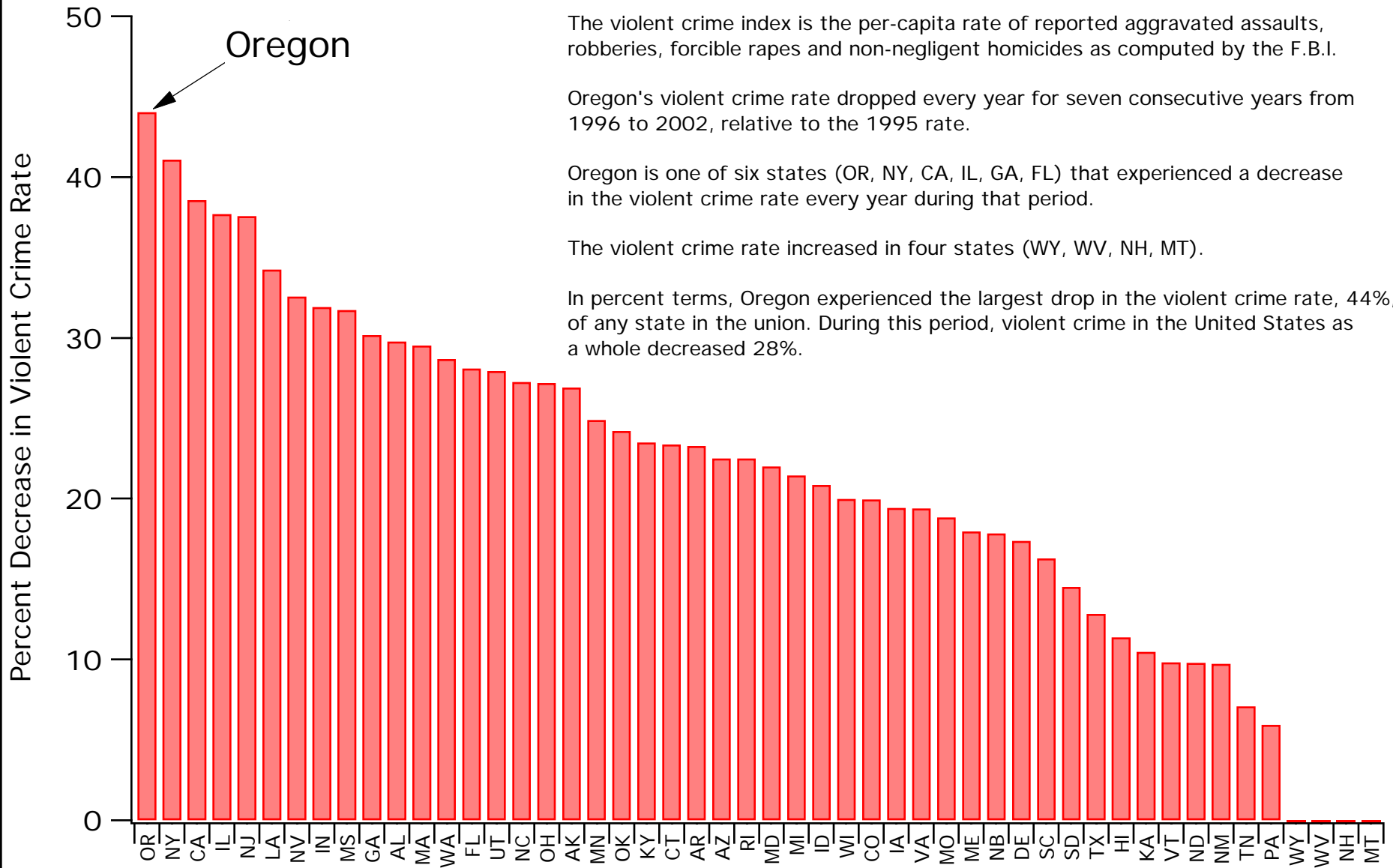


Percent Decrease in Violent Crime Rate, 1995 Through 2002



The violent crime index is the per-capita rate of reported aggravated assaults, robberies, forcible rapes and non-negligent homicides as computed by the F.B.I.

Oregon's violent crime rate dropped every year for seven consecutive years from 1996 to 2002, relative to the 1995 rate.

Oregon is one of six states (OR, NY, CA, IL, GA, FL) that experienced a decrease in the violent crime rate every year during that period.

The violent crime rate increased in four states (WY, WV, NH, MT).

In percent terms, Oregon experienced the largest drop in the violent crime rate, 44%, of any state in the union. During this period, violent crime in the United States as a whole decreased 28%.

Sources: Bureau of Justice Statistics (<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs>)
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