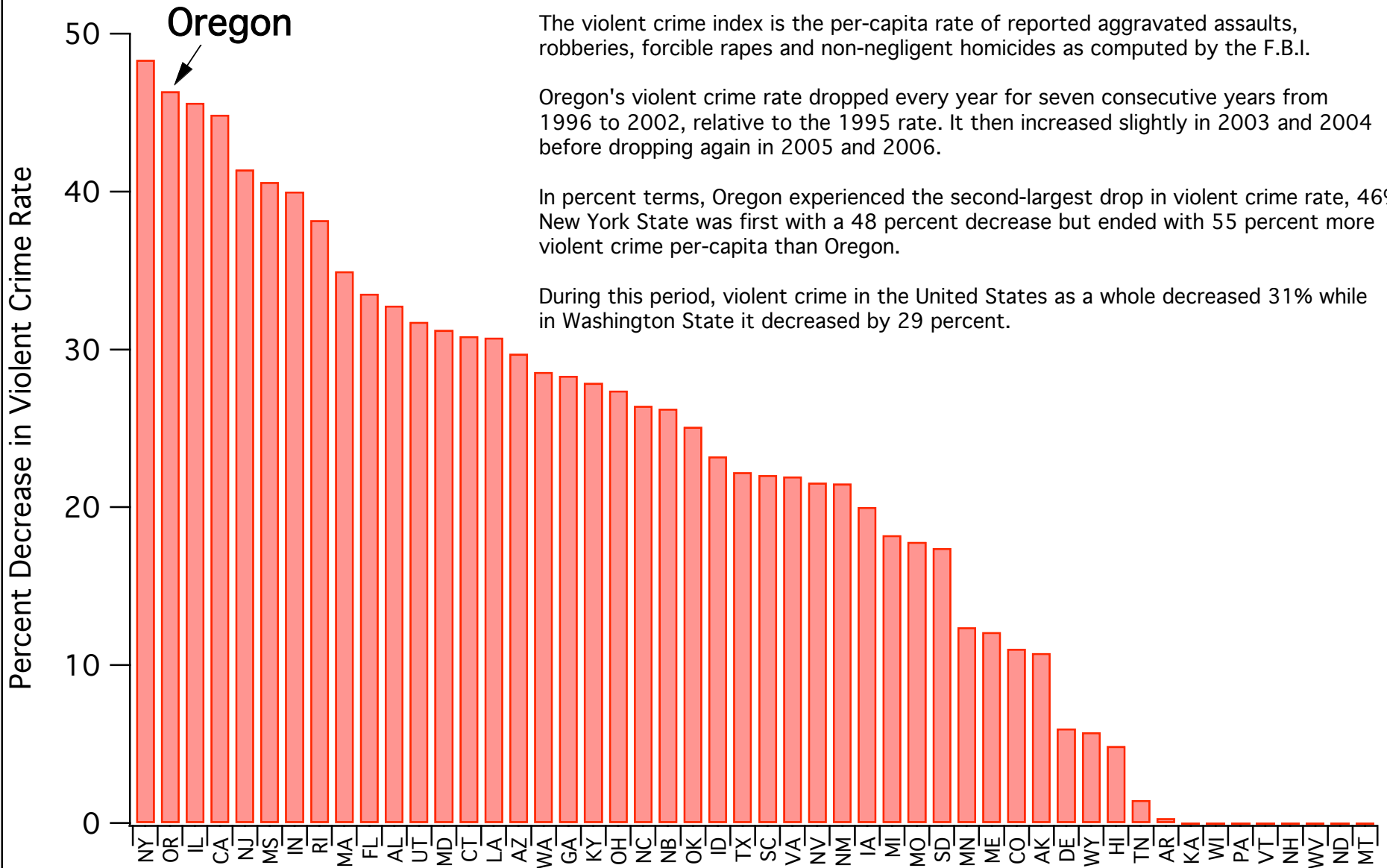


Percent Decrease in Violent Crime Rate, 1995 Through 2006



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. It then increased slightly in 2003 and 2004 before dropping again in 2005 and 2006.

In percent terms, Oregon experienced the second-largest drop in violent crime rate, 46%. New York State was first with a 48 percent decrease but ended with 55 percent more violent crime per-capita than Oregon.

During this period, violent crime in the United States as a whole decreased 31% while in Washington State it decreased by 29 percent.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics (<http://bjsdata.ojp.usdoj.gov/dataonline>)