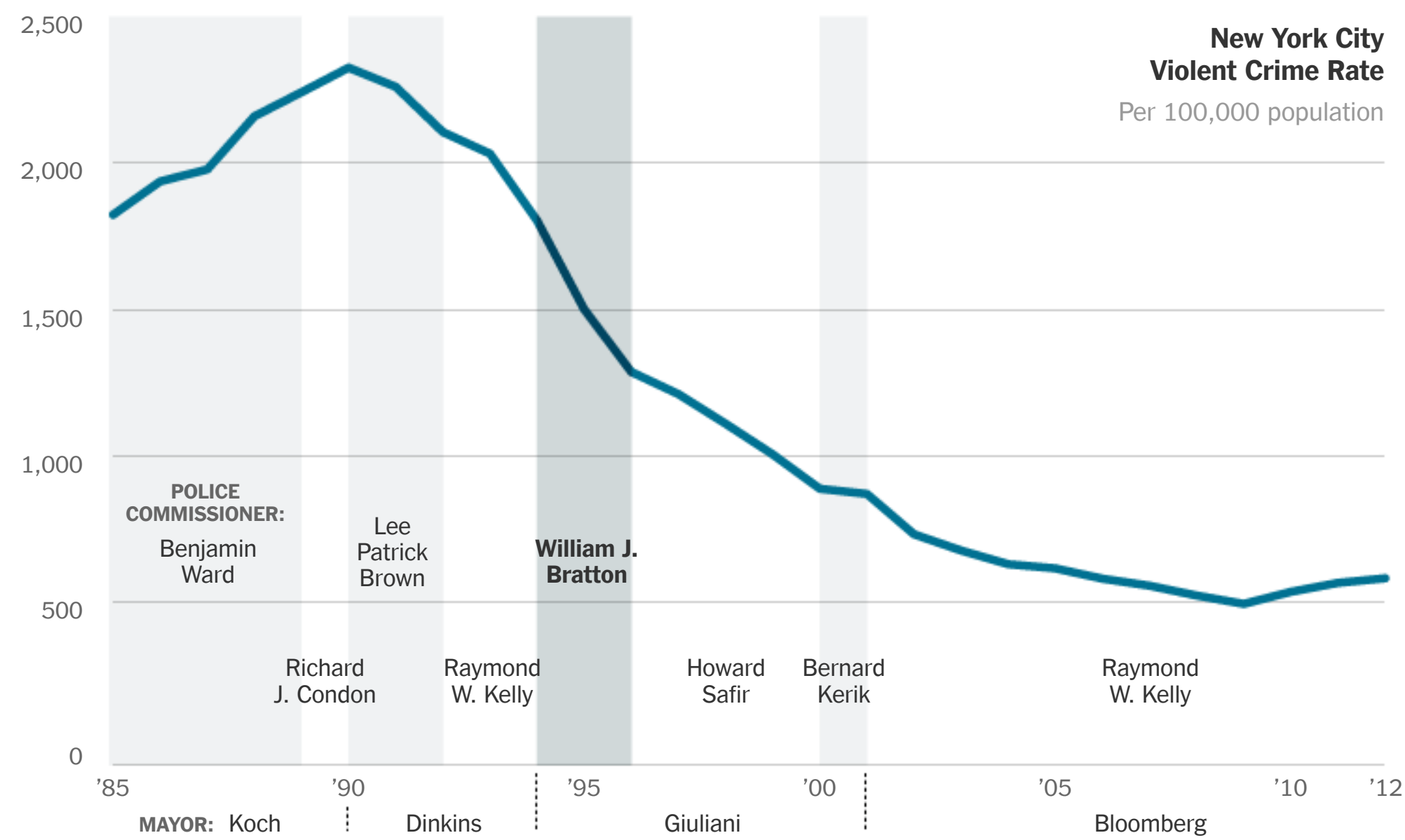
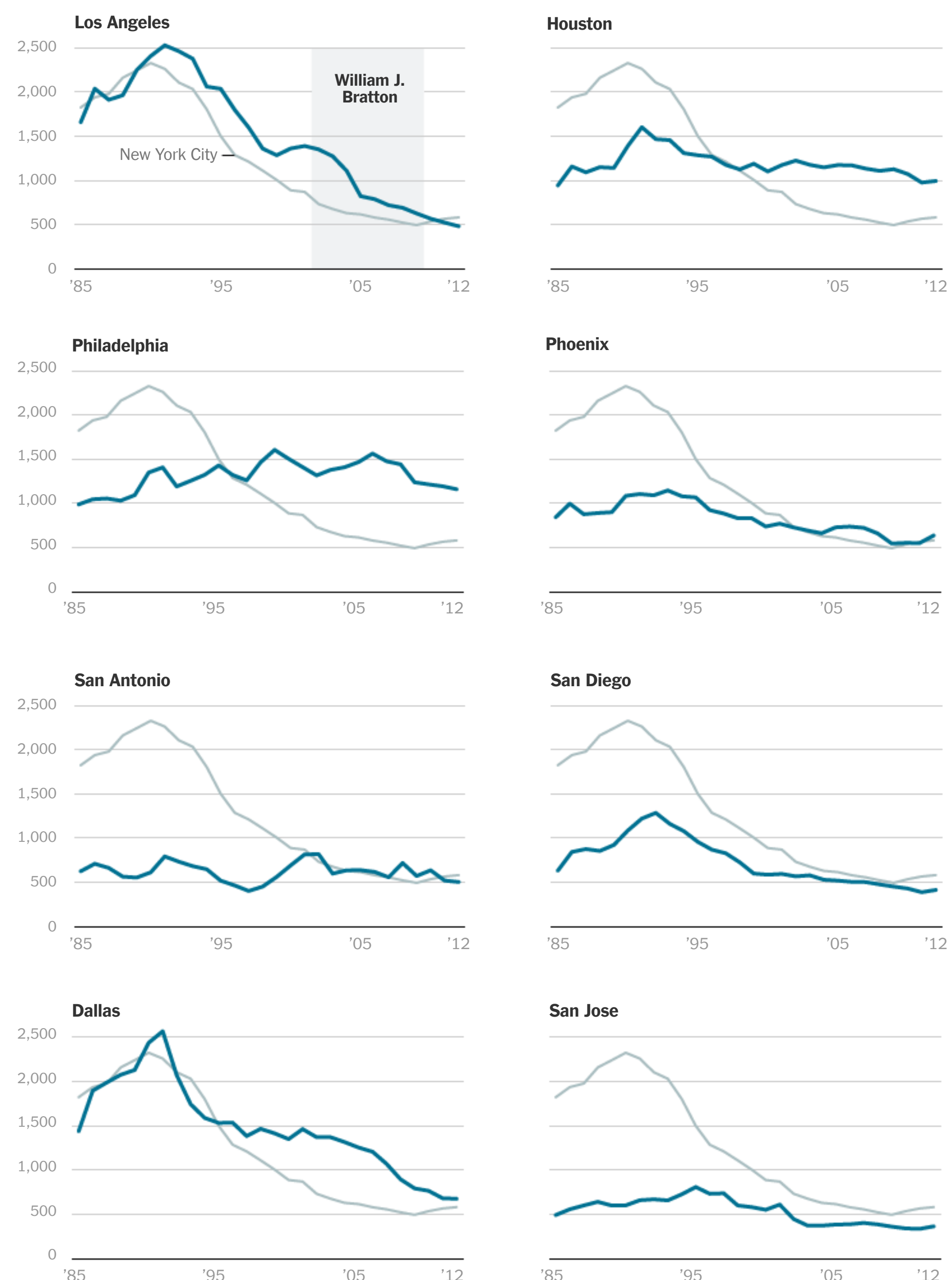


### How Crime Declined in New York City and the U.S.

Mayor-elect Bill de Blasio announced on Thursday that the city's next police commissioner will be William J. Bratton, who will hold the job for the second time, succeeding Raymond W. Kelly. During his first term in the 1990s, Mr. Bratton managed to garner considerable acclaim for the drop in crime, even as crime was falling in many other big cities as well. [Related Article »](#)



#### How New York City compares with other cities



Note: Violent crimes are the aggregation of four categories: murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

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Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation (crime statistics)