Does Hiring Police Officers Prevent Crimes?

Does hiring more police officers prevent crimes? Do we see an increase of crime rate with less police officers and a decrease with more police officers?

How to look at the map

Change in Crime Rate
The state color represents change in crime rate.
- below -25% to -25%
- -24% to -15%
- -14% to -5%
- -4% to 4%
- 4% to 14%
- 15% to 25%
- above 25%

Change in Police Officers Per Capita
The background color of the emblem represents change in police officers per capita.
- below -15% to -14%
- -10% to -9%
- -3% to -2%
- -2% to 2%
- 3% to 9%
- 10% to 14%
- above 15%

Conclusion
41 states with contrasting colors show a corresponding change in both police officers per capita and crime rate; Hiring more police officers will manage increasing crimes, but will not prevent crime beforehand. If police officer per capita can prevent crimes, state and emblem would show corresponding colors.