

SECTION III

Crime Index Offenses Cleared

For UCR purposes, law enforcement agencies clear or solve an offense when at least one person is arrested, charged with the commission of the offense, and turned over to the court for prosecution. Clearances recorded in 1995 may be for offenses which occurred in prior years. Several crimes may be cleared by the arrest of one person, while the arrest of many persons may clear only one offense. Law enforcement agencies may clear a crime by exceptional means when some element beyond law enforcement control precludes the placing of formal charges against the offender. Examples of circumstances allowing such clearances are the death of the offender (suicide, justifiably killed by police or private citizen, etc.); the victim's refusal to cooperate with prosecution after the offender has been identified; or the denial of extradition because the offender committed another crime and is being prosecuted in a different jurisdiction. In all exceptional clearance cases, law enforcement must have identified the offender, have enough evidence to support arrest, and know the offender's location.

Law enforcement agencies nationwide recorded a 21-percent Crime Index clearance rate for 1995. Collectively, 45 percent of violent crimes were cleared. Among the violent offenses, the rates were 65 percent for murder, 51 percent for forcible rape, 25 percent for robbery, and 56 percent for aggravated assault. Clearances for crimes against persons (murder, forcible rape, and aggravated assault) are generally higher as these offenses are often given more intensive investigative efforts and the victims and/or witnesses can frequently identify the perpetrators.

The overall property crime clearance rate was 18 percent. Thirteen percent of the burglaries, 20 percent of the larceny-thefts, 14 percent of motor vehicle thefts, and 16 percent of arsons were cleared during the year.

When considering the Modified Crime Index total which includes arson, the overall clearance rate remained the same, 21 percent.

Geographically, the highest total Crime Index clearance rate was registered in the Southern States, with 22 percent. The Midwestern and Western States each recorded 21-percent clearance rates, and the Northeastern States registered a 20-percent clearance rate. For violent crime, the highest clearance rate, 48 percent, was also recorded in the South. In the West,

the rate was 47 percent; in the Midwest, 44 percent; and in the Northeast, 38 percent. Property crime clearance rates were 18 percent in the South and Midwest and 17 percent in the Northeast and West.

By community type, city law enforcement agencies and those in suburban counties showed clearances for 21 percent of the Crime Index offenses brought to their attention. Rural county agencies cleared 23 percent. Among the city population groups, those with 10,000 to 24,999 inhabitants registered the highest total Crime Index and property crime clearance rates, 26 percent and 23 percent, respectively. The highest violent crime clearance rate—61 percent—was recorded in cities with populations under 10,000 and in the rural counties. (See Table 25.)

Clearances Involving Only Persons under 18 Years of Age

Involvement of juveniles in crime can be measured by the number of crimes in which they have been identified as the offenders. Even though no physical arrest may have been made, a clearance by arrest is recorded when an offender under 18 years of age is cited to appear in juvenile court or before other juvenile authorities. Since the juvenile clearance percentages shown in this publication indicate only those offenses where no adults were involved, they should be considered a slight underestimation of juvenile involvement in crime. Juveniles (persons under 18 years of age) account for 26 percent of the United States population, according to 1995 Bureau of the Census estimates.

Twenty-two percent of the Crime Index offenses cleared by law enforcement during 1995 involved only young people under age 18. Persons in this age group accounted for 14 percent of the violent crime clearances and 25 percent of those for property crimes. Murder showed the lowest percentage of juvenile involvement (9 percent), while the highest percentage was shown for arson (47 percent).

Geographically, the Midwestern States recorded the largest percentage of Crime Index offense involvement by the under 18 age group—26 percent. Juveniles alone were the offenders in 22 percent of the clearances in the Western States, 21 percent of those in the Southern States, and 20 percent of those in the Northeastern States.

CHART 3.1

CRIMES CLEARED by ARREST 1995

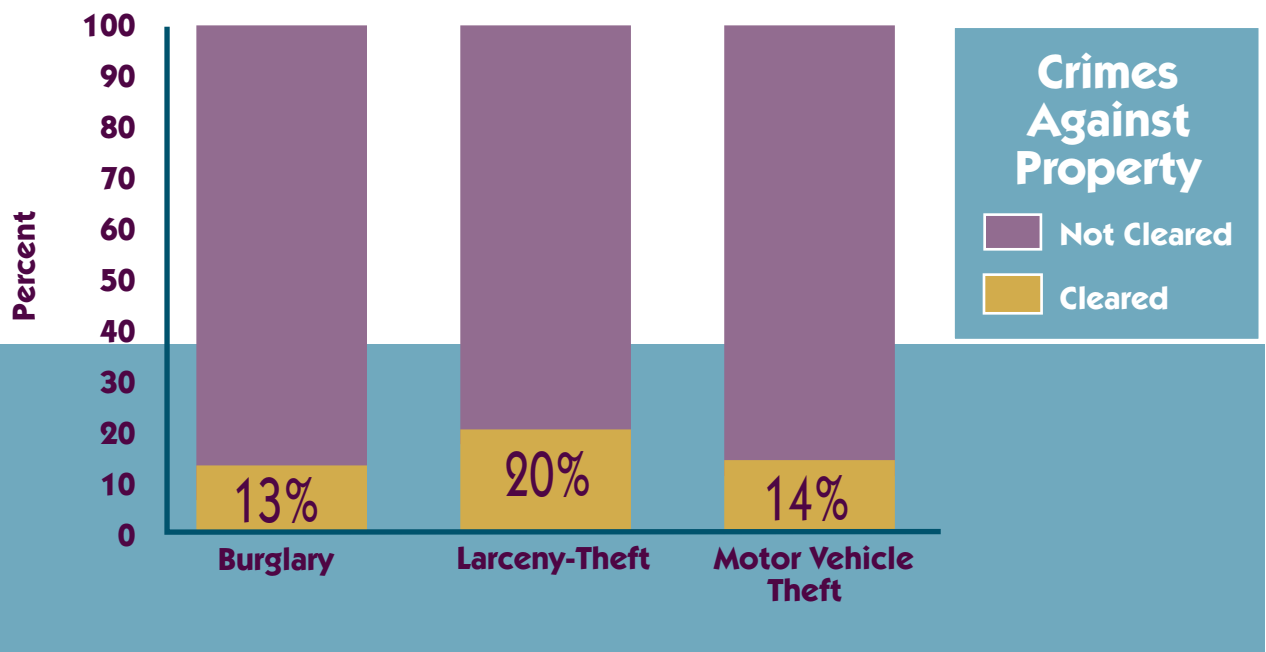
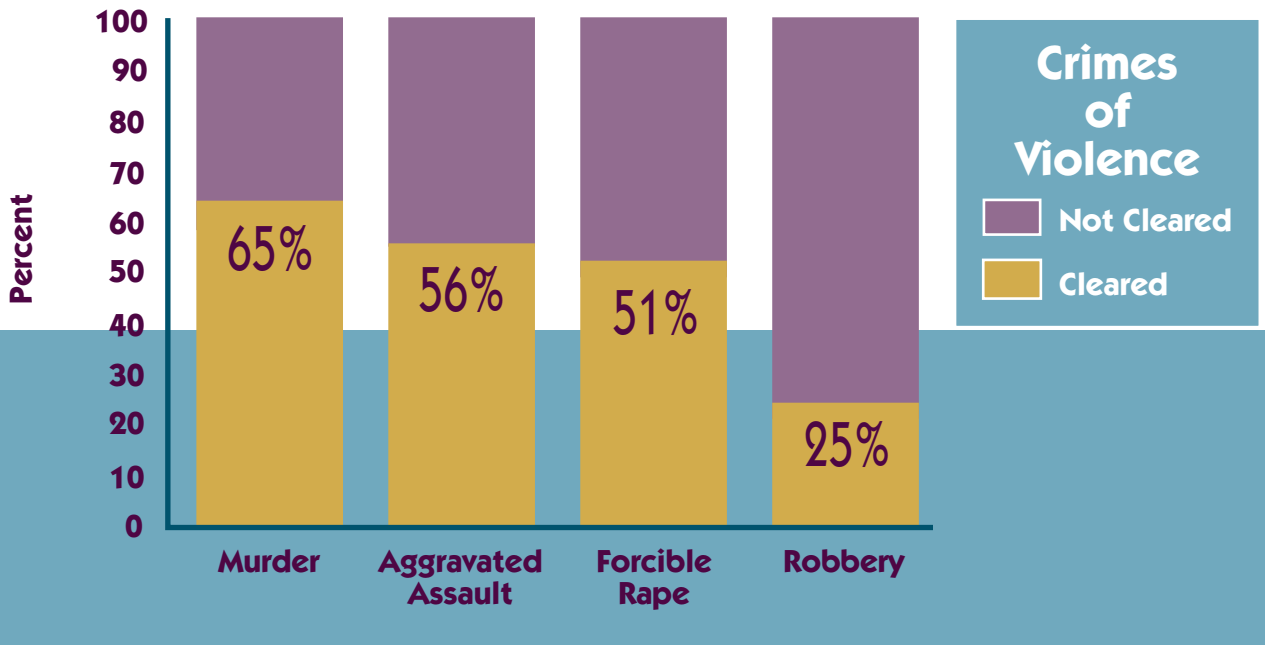


Table 25.—Offenses Known and Percent Cleared by Arrest,¹ Population Group, 1995

[1995 estimated population]

Population group	Crime Index total	Modified Crime Index total ²	Violent crime ³	Property crime ⁴	Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson ²
TOTAL ALL AGENCIES: 11,884 agencies; population 220,918,000:												
Offenses known	11,859,129	11,948,988	1,531,703	10,327,426	18,324	82,538	502,352	928,489	2,216,954	6,808,490	1,301,982	89,859
Percent cleared by arrest . . .	21.2	21.2	45.4	17.6	64.8	51.1	24.7	55.7	13.4	19.6	14.1	16.2
TOTAL CITIES: 8,278 cities; population 148,295,000:												
Offenses known	9,435,902	9,506,396	1,253,227	8,182,675	14,498	61,115	448,659	728,955	1,646,730	5,459,274	1,076,671	70,494
Percent cleared by arrest . . .	21.1	21.1	43.5	17.7	63.2	50.8	24.2	54.4	12.8	20.1	13.2	15.5
GROUP I												
59 cities, 250,000 and over; population 41,961,000:												
Offenses known	3,541,050	3,571,971	630,943	2,910,107	8,486	24,842	270,774	326,841	607,076	1,748,249	554,782	30,921
Percent cleared by arrest . . .	17.8	17.8	37.2	13.6	57.3	51.3	21.1	49.0	10.7	15.7	10.1	11.8
7 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 17,336,000:												
Offenses known	1,231,791	1,243,247	268,503	963,288	3,357	7,145	124,084	133,917	204,178	541,489	217,621	11,456
Percent cleared by arrest . . .	17.0	16.9	34.4	12.1	53.0	44.4	19.9	46.8	9.5	15.0	7.6	9.8
18 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 12,307,000:												
Offenses known	1,115,717	1,124,457	171,763	943,954	2,526	8,686	73,000	87,551	191,852	589,270	162,832	8,740
Percent cleared by arrest . . .	16.4	16.4	36.9	12.7	53.8	56.6	19.9	48.6	10.6	13.8	11.3	10.5
34 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 12,319,000:												
Offenses known	1,193,542	1,204,267	190,677	1,002,865	2,603	9,011	73,690	105,373	211,046	617,490	174,329	10,725
Percent cleared by arrest . . .	20.0	19.9	41.4	15.9	66.3	51.6	24.2	52.0	11.9	18.3	12.2	14.9
GROUP II												
136 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 19,931,000:												
Offenses known	1,497,023	1,508,925	192,800	1,304,223	2,287	9,960	67,714	112,839	274,369	857,159	172,695	11,902
Percent cleared by arrest . . .	21.3	21.3	46.9	17.6	66.8	52.4	27.5	57.6	12.8	19.8	14.0	15.4
GROUP III												
336 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 22,828,000:												
Offenses known	1,367,229	1,376,058	158,398	1,208,831	1,404	8,831	49,375	98,788	245,642	822,317	140,872	8,829
Percent cleared by arrest . . .	21.9	21.9	46.0	18.8	71.2	47.5	26.7	55.2	12.9	21.5	12.8	16.2
GROUP IV												
612 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 21,067,000:												
Offenses known	1,093,308	1,100,521	105,547	987,761	889	6,768	29,392	68,498	195,610	701,485	90,666	7,213
Percent cleared by arrest . . .	23.2	23.2	50.3	20.3	69.3	49.5	30.4	58.6	13.6	22.7	16.4	16.6

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 25.—Offenses Known and Percent Cleared by Arrest,¹ Population Group, 1995 — Continued

Population group	Crime Index total	Modified Crime Index total ²	Violent crime ³	Property crime ⁴	Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson ²
GROUP V												
1,458 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 22,919,000:												
Offenses known	1,049,942	1,055,936	93,449	956,493	824	6,204	20,423	65,998	179,137	706,045	71,311	5,994
Percent cleared by arrest . . .	25.9	25.9	53.9	23.1	80.8	49.8	33.0	60.4	15.6	25.2	22.1	23.2
GROUP VI												
5,677 cities under 10,000; population 19,589,000:												
Offenses known	887,350	892,985	72,090	815,260	608	4,510	10,981	55,991	144,896	624,019	46,345	5,635
Percent cleared by arrest . . .	24.5	24.6	60.6	21.4	81.3	54.0	36.6	65.6	16.6	21.9	28.9	25.4
SUBURBAN COUNTIES												
1,234 agencies; population 48,543,000:												
Offenses known	1,887,805	1,902,218	220,290	1,667,515	2,603	15,121	49,329	153,237	407,687	1,067,275	192,553	14,413
Percent cleared by arrest . . .	21.0	21.0	52.1	16.9	66.2	52.2	27.9	59.7	15.0	17.8	16.1	17.9
RURAL COUNTIES												
2,372 agencies; population 24,080,000:												
Offenses known	535,422	540,374	58,186	477,236	1,223	6,302	4,364	46,297	162,537	281,941	32,758	4,952
Percent cleared by arrest . . .	23.2	23.2	60.9	18.6	80.1	51.6	40.3	63.6	16.4	18.3	32.0	21.7
SUBURBAN AREA⁵												
5,838 agencies; population 91,405,000:												
Offenses known	3,747,702	3,773,978	378,862	3,368,840	3,801	24,857	89,500	260,704	720,331	2,304,949	343,560	26,276
Percent cleared by arrest . . .	22.1	22.1	52.7	18.6	67.9	51.3	29.2	60.6	14.8	20.1	16.8	18.7

¹ Includes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

² The number of agency reports used in arson clearance rates is less than used in compiling clearance rates for other Crime Index offenses. It is not necessary to report clearances by detailed property classification to be included in this table. The Modified Crime Index total is the sum of the Crime Index offenses, including arson.

³ Violent crimes are offenses of murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

⁴ Property crimes are offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft. Data are not included for the property crime of arson.

⁵ Includes suburban city and county law enforcement agencies within metropolitan areas. Excludes central cities. Suburban cities and counties are also included in other groups.

Forcible rape figures furnished by the state-level Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program administered by the Illinois State Police were not in accordance with national UCR guidelines and were excluded from the forcible rape, violent crime, Crime Index total, and Modified Crime Index total categories.

Complete data for 1995 were not available for the states of Delaware, Illinois, Kansas, and Montana. See "Offense Estimation," pages 367–368 for details.

Table 26.—Offenses Known and Percent Cleared by Arrest,¹ Geographic Region and Division, 1995

[1995 estimated population]

Geographic region/division	Crime Index total	Modified Crime Index total ²	Violent crime ³	Property crime ⁴	Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson ²
TOTAL 11,884 agencies; population 220,918,000:												
Offenses known	11,859,129	11,948,988	1,531,703	10,327,426	18,324	82,538	502,352	928,489	2,216,954	6,808,490	1,301,982	89,859
Percent cleared by arrest	21.2	21.2	45.4	17.6	64.8	51.1	24.7	55.7	13.4	19.6	14.1	16.2
NEW ENGLAND												
671 agencies; population 11,490,000:												
Offenses known	491,187	497,883	57,433	433,754	435	3,163	15,363	38,472	96,278	278,801	58,675	6,696
Percent cleared by arrest . .	21.4	21.2	52.5	17.3	67.8	50.6	28.0	62.3	13.9	19.4	12.9	6.2
MIDDLE ATLANTIC												
2,154 agencies; population 35,466,000:												
Offenses known	1,467,017	1,479,008	240,135	1,226,882	2,598	8,574	114,120	114,843	261,710	774,964	190,208	11,991
Percent cleared by arrest . .	19.8	19.7	34.3	16.9	57.0	49.2	20.1	46.7	13.3	20.1	8.8	13.9
Northeast												
2,825 agencies; population 46,957,000:												
Offenses known	1,958,204	1,976,891	297,568	1,660,636	3,033	11,737	129,483	153,315	357,988	1,053,765	248,883	18,687
Percent cleared by arrest	20.2	20.1	37.8	17.0	58.6	49.6	21.1	50.6	13.5	19.9	9.8	11.1
EAST NORTH CENTRAL												
1,410 agencies; population 24,367,000:												
Offenses known	1,184,864	1,195,259	135,897	1,048,967	1,686	11,720	44,284	78,207	210,617	708,087	130,263	10,395
Percent cleared by arrest . .	19.7	19.7	40.5	17.0	64.2	45.5	23.3	48.9	12.0	18.8	15.4	15.8
WEST NORTH CENTRAL												
1,090 agencies; population 13,631,000:												
Offenses known	615,688	620,292	58,193	557,495	631	4,665	15,276	37,621	104,602	405,352	47,541	4,604
Percent cleared by arrest . .	23.4	23.4	53.1	20.3	84.2	56.0	29.3	61.9	13.7	21.8	22.5	16.0
Midwest												
2,500 agencies; population 37,998,000:												
Offenses known	1,800,552	1,815,551	194,090	1,606,462	2,317	16,385	59,560	115,828	315,219	1,113,439	177,804	14,999
Percent cleared by arrest	21.0	20.9	44.3	18.2	69.6	48.5	24.9	53.1	12.5	19.9	17.3	15.9
SOUTH ATLANTIC												
2,480 agencies; population 45,671,000:												
Offenses known	2,789,679	2,804,260	367,723	2,421,956	4,172	17,794	112,497	233,260	540,115	1,625,405	256,436	14,581
Percent cleared by arrest . .	21.4	21.4	46.9	17.5	67.3	55.1	25.3	56.3	15.1	18.4	16.5	20.0
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL												
673 agencies; population 8,056,000:												
Offenses known	410,164	413,236	53,567	356,597	899	3,759	17,271	31,638	87,296	223,396	45,905	3,072
Percent cleared by arrest . .	23.4	23.3	52.6	19.0	64.3	58.4	30.5	63.6	14.5	21.1	17.4	20.1
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL												
1,552 agencies; population 27,774,000:												
Offenses known	1,587,907	1,600,001	195,123	1,392,784	2,994	12,317	50,479	129,333	310,210	932,170	150,404	12,094
Percent cleared by arrest . .	23.1	23.1	50.2	19.3	74.3	56.1	29.2	57.3	14.4	21.2	17.6	20.6

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 26.—Offenses Known and Percent Cleared by Arrest,¹ Geographic Region and Division, 1995 — Continued

[1995 estimated population]

Geographic region/division	Crime Index total	Modified Crime Index total ²	Violent crime ³	Property crime ⁴	Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson ²
South												
4,705 agencies; population 81,501,000:												
Offenses known	4,787,750	4,817,497	616,413	4,171,337	8,065	33,870	180,247	394,231	937,621	2,780,971	452,745	29,747
Percent cleared by arrest	22.1	22.1	48.4	18.2	69.6	55.8	26.9	57.2	14.8	19.6	16.9	20.3
MOUNTAIN												
666 agencies;												
population 13,949,000:												
Offenses known	900,963	906,138	79,987	820,976	1,044	5,648	19,349	53,946	156,303	573,197	91,476	5,175
Percent cleared by arrest . .	20.1	20.1	41.7	18.0	62.8	36.8	23.5	48.4	10.6	20.6	14.7	19.4
PACIFIC												
1,188 agencies;												
population 40,514,000:												
Offenses known	2,411,660	2,432,911	343,645	2,068,015	3,865	14,898	113,713	211,169	449,823	1,287,118	331,074	21,251
Percent cleared by arrest . .	20.8	20.8	48.1	16.3	57.3	49.7	25.5	59.9	12.2	18.9	11.7	14.5
West												
1,854 agencies; population 54,463,000:												
Offenses known	3,312,623	3,339,049	423,632	2,888,991	4,909	20,546	133,062	265,115	606,126	1,860,315	422,550	26,426
Percent cleared by arrest	20.6	20.6	46.9	16.8	58.5	46.1	25.2	57.6	11.8	19.4	12.3	15.5

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Table 27.—Offenses Known Breakdown and Percent Cleared by Arrest,¹ Population Group, 1995

[1995 estimated population]

Population group	Forcible rape		Robbery				Aggravated assault				Burglary			Motor vehicle theft			Arson ²		
	Rape by force	Assault to rape—attempts	Firearm	Knife or cutting instrument	Other weapon	Strong-armed	Firearm	Knife or cutting instrument	Other weapon	Hands, fists, feet, etc.	Forcible entry	Unlawful entry	Attempted forcible entry	Autos	Trucks and buses	Other vehicles	Structure	Mobile	Other
TOTAL ALL AGENCIES: 11,880 agencies; population 220,869,000:																			
Offenses known	72,412	10,100	203,181	46,219	46,970	205,876	205,933	166,400	304,853	251,066	1,480,939	565,868	169,213	1,017,879	212,851	70,657	45,549	21,900	20,594
Percent cleared by arrest	51.5	48.2	20.5	25.7	26.0	28.3	43.6	61.2	53.4	64.8	13.3	14.7	10.7	14.1	13.2	17.1	20.7	7.5	16.5
TOTAL CITIES: 8,275 cities; population 148,251,000:																			
Offenses known	53,188	7,903	179,343	41,988	41,692	185,531	165,365	137,012	238,662	187,679	1,100,009	412,570	133,364	860,177	168,345	47,600	35,931	17,108	15,888
Percent cleared by arrest	51.1	48.6	20.2	25.1	25.5	27.6	41.6	59.8	52.2	64.4	12.5	14.2	10.3	13.2	12.2	17.5	20.1	6.8	15.5
GROUP I																			
59 cities, 250,000 and over; population 41,961,000:																			
Offenses known	21,406	3,436	115,000	25,975	24,873	104,926	89,711	66,615	110,551	59,964	434,260	126,232	46,584	445,653	92,609	16,520	15,776	9,001	5,016
Percent cleared by arrest	51.6	49.2	17.7	21.6	21.6	24.5	36.9	55.5	47.4	62.8	10.6	11.6	9.0	10.1	9.8	11.8	16.6	4.6	12.1
7 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 17,336,000:																			
Offenses known	6,025	1,120	49,556	14,638	12,788	47,102	33,193	29,643	41,560	29,521	131,524	51,869	20,785	178,002	34,273	5,346	5,857	3,671	1,928
Percent cleared by arrest	44.4	44.0	16.4	19.7	19.3	23.8	29.9	47.4	41.3	73.2	9.8	9.5	7.6	7.5	8.0	8.0	13.9	3.5	9.2
18 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 12,307,000:																			
Offenses known	7,512	1,174	33,829	5,688	6,085	27,398	24,724	16,501	31,764	14,562	148,165	31,766	11,921	129,326	27,095	6,411	4,217	2,676	965
Percent cleared by arrest	56.7	56.0	17.5	22.3	23.8	21.6	41.5	59.4	48.2	49.5	10.2	12.6	10.0	11.4	11.3	8.4	16.5	4.0	12.5
34 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 12,319,000:																			
Offenses known	7,869	1,142	31,615	5,649	6,000	30,426	31,794	20,471	37,227	15,881	154,571	42,597	13,878	138,325	31,241	4,763	5,702	2,654	2,123
Percent cleared by arrest	52.2	47.3	20.1	25.8	24.5	28.1	40.6	64.1	53.5	55.5	11.6	13.6	10.1	12.2	10.6	20.7	19.5	6.6	14.6
GROUP II																			
136 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 19,931,000:																			
Offenses known	8,678	1,282	27,363	6,358	6,133	27,860	29,377	20,416	40,107	22,939	188,662	64,609	21,098	139,360	26,595	6,740	6,392	2,895	2,528
Percent cleared by arrest	52.7	50.1	24.5	28.5	30.4	29.6	43.9	65.1	58.1	67.3	12.2	14.8	12.5	13.6	11.2	32.0	20.2	6.8	13.5
GROUP III																			
336 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 22,828,000:																			
Offenses known	7,869	962	17,365	4,291	4,464	23,253	18,704	18,070	34,062	27,952	158,903	65,781	20,936	113,774	19,697	7,397	4,323	2,092	2,287
Percent cleared by arrest	47.6	46.8	22.3	29.7	27.2	29.3	43.3	61.7	52.7	61.9	12.7	14.6	9.1	13.0	12.4	11.9	20.3	6.5	17.1
GROUP IV																			
612 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 21,067,000:																			
Offenses known	5,960	789	9,343	2,631	2,971	14,386	10,727	11,804	21,529	24,438	122,091	56,361	16,829	71,224	12,734	6,353	3,447	1,335	2,360
Percent cleared by arrest	50.4	43.2	25.6	31.8	32.6	32.9	49.5	62.3	55.1	64.0	13.6	14.6	10.7	16.8	15.5	14.5	19.7	9.7	16.3

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Table 27.—Offenses Known Breakdown and Percent Cleared by Arrest,¹ Population Group, 1995 — Continued

Population group	Forcible rape		Robbery				Aggravated assault				Burglary			Motor vehicle theft			Arson ²		
	Rape by force	Assault to rape—attempts	Firearm	Knife or cutting instrument	Other weapon	Strong-armed	Firearm	Knife or cutting instrument	Other weapon	Hands, fists, feet, etc.	Forcible entry	Unlawful entry	Attempted forcible entry	Autos	Trucks and buses	Other vehicles	Structure	Mobile	Other
GROUP V																			
1,456 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 22,881,000:																			
Offenses known	5,435	766	6,689	1,793	2,218	9,699	9,997	11,565	19,569	24,639	111,170	51,877	15,727	55,645	9,584	5,958	3,081	1,031	1,813
Percent cleared by arrest	50.3	46.1	26.1	35.0	35.6	36.8	52.4	64.2	57.2	64.8	15.6	16.7	11.5	22.2	21.7	21.7	28.0	14.5	20.3
GROUP VI																			
5,676 cities under 10,000; population 19,582,000:																			
Offenses known	3,840	668	3,583	940	1,033	5,407	6,849	8,542	12,844	27,747	84,923	47,710	12,190	34,521	7,126	4,632	2,912	754	1,884
Percent cleared by arrest	53.8	54.8	29.8	39.5	37.6	40.4	59.5	67.8	61.6	68.4	17.2	16.9	11.3	29.8	27.1	24.2	30.9	19.2	19.8
SUBURBAN COUNTIES																			
1,234 agencies; population 48,543,000:																			
Offenses known	13,483	1,638	22,146	3,819	4,746	18,617	31,642	22,857	54,460	44,278	269,759	110,686	27,211	138,138	38,102	16,308	6,610	3,776	3,853
Percent cleared by arrest	53.0	44.9	22.1	30.5	29.9	33.8	49.1	67.2	57.5	66.1	14.9	16.0	11.8	16.7	14.9	14.5	23.4	8.7	17.9
RURAL COUNTIES																			
2,371 agencies; population 24,075,000:																			
Offenses known	5,741	559	1,692	412	532	1,728	8,926	6,531	11,731	19,109	111,171	42,612	8,638	19,564	6,404	6,749	3,008	1,016	853
Percent cleared by arrest	51.6	52.1	39.4	44.7	37.2	41.2	62.1	67.5	58.9	65.9	16.7	16.3	13.3	36.3	30.5	21.0	21.8	15.3	29.1
SUBURBAN AREA³																			
5,835 agencies; population 91,361,000:																			
Offenses known	22,001	2,832	35,647	7,118	8,743	37,890	46,137	39,404	85,611	89,315	457,256	207,284	55,051	257,347	58,428	27,251	12,256	5,762	7,976
Percent cleared by arrest	52.0	46.0	22.9	31.8	30.8	34.4	49.7	66.7	57.5	66.6	14.7	15.8	11.3	17.2	15.5	15.6	24.0	9.8	17.1

¹ Includes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

² The number of agency reports used in arson clearance rates is less than used in compiling clearance rates for other Crime Index offenses.

³ Includes suburban city and county law enforcement agencies within metropolitan areas. Excludes central cities. Suburban cities and counties are also included in other groups.

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Table 28.—Offenses Cleared by Arrest¹ of Persons Under 18 Years of Age, 1995

[1995 estimated population]

Population group	Crime Index total	Modified Crime Index total ²	Violent crime ³	Property crime ⁴	Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson ²
TOTAL ALL AGENCIES: 11,715 agencies; population 210,149,000:												
Total clearances	2,434,005	2,448,417	661,255	1,772,750	11,181	40,884	113,770	495,420	288,726	1,306,318	177,706	14,412
Percent under 18	22.1	22.2	14.1	25.0	8.8	15.1	20.2	12.8	21.5	26.0	23.6	47.1
TOTAL CITIES: 8,245 cities; population 139,329,000:												
Total clearances	1,923,510	1,934,359	513,384	1,410,126	8,535	29,996	98,508	376,345	203,152	1,069,442	137,532	10,849
Percent under 18	22.2	22.3	14.1	25.1	9.0	13.3	20.2	12.7	20.7	26.1	24.1	49.5
GROUP I												
56 cities, 250,000 and over; population 33,831,000:												
Total clearances	578,746	582,386	206,805	371,941	4,292	11,951	47,875	142,687	59,773	259,388	52,780	3,640
Percent under 18	18.4	18.6	12.7	21.6	9.2	12.2	18.3	11.0	16.6	21.8	26.6	45.5
6 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 10,016,000:												
Total clearances	166,865	167,988	68,322	98,543	1,349	2,489	16,281	48,203	15,300	69,155	14,088	1,123
Percent under 18	16.3	16.5	10.7	20.2	10.2	8.9	18.0	8.3	15.1	20.3	25.6	37.3
17 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 11,753,000:												
Total clearances	176,038	176,960	59,666	116,372	1,222	4,850	13,863	39,731	19,573	79,089	17,710	922
Percent under 18	17.3	17.5	13.2	19.4	5.9	14.6	17.4	11.8	14.2	19.4	25.4	45.7
33 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 12,062,000:												
Total clearances	235,843	237,438	78,817	157,026	1,721	4,612	17,731	54,753	24,900	111,144	20,982	1,595
Percent under 18	20.8	21.0	14.1	24.2	10.8	11.4	19.3	12.7	19.5	24.4	28.3	51.3
GROUP II												
134 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 19,573,000:												
Total clearances	310,918	312,688	87,988	222,930	1,483	5,033	17,949	63,523	34,055	165,344	23,531	1,770
Percent under 18	20.0	20.2	13.5	22.6	8.3	12.2	19.9	12.0	18.0	23.7	21.8	47.6
GROUP III												
335 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 22,745,000:												
Total clearances	298,083	299,511	72,352	225,731	995	4,182	13,121	54,054	31,521	176,190	18,020	1,428
Percent under 18	24.7	24.9	15.3	27.7	10.7	13.5	23.4	13.6	21.4	29.2	24.3	51.9

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 28.—Offenses Cleared by Arrest¹ of Persons Under 18 Years of Age, 1995 — Continued

Population group	Crime Index total	Modified Crime Index total ²	Violent crime ³	Property crime ⁴	Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson ²
GROUP IV												
608 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 20,924,000:												
Total clearances	251,836	253,029	52,880	198,956	613	3,333	8,899	40,035	26,432	157,814	14,710	1,193
Percent under 18	24.8	24.9	15.7	27.2	7.3	14.9	23.4	14.2	23.8	28.3	21.6	54.9
GROUP V												
1,445 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 22,712,000:												
Total clearances	266,668	268,056	49,785	216,883	658	3,067	6,648	39,412	27,411	174,344	15,128	1,388
Percent under 18	25.1	25.2	16.1	27.2	9.6	16.1	23.0	15.0	24.2	28.1	21.3	52.4
GROUP VI												
5,667 cities under 10,000; population 19,544,000:												
Total clearances	217,259	218,689	43,574	173,685	494	2,430	4,016	36,634	23,960	136,362	13,363	1,430
Percent under 18	25.0	25.2	15.3	27.4	7.3	14.9	20.9	14.9	26.1	28.0	24.1	52.4
SUBURBAN COUNTIES												
1,182 agencies; population 47,278,000:												
Total clearances	388,934	391,444	113,280	275,654	1,689	7,696	13,533	90,362	59,446	186,321	29,887	2,510
Percent under 18	22.7	22.8	15.5	25.6	8.8	21.7	21.7	14.2	24.2	26.6	22.2	44.4
RURAL COUNTIES												
2,288 agencies; population 23,542,000:												
Total clearances	121,561	122,614	34,591	86,970	957	3,192	1,729	28,713	26,128	50,555	10,287	1,053
Percent under 18	18.4	18.5	10.6	21.5	7.3	16.0	13.9	9.9	21.8	21.4	21.5	28.1
SUBURBAN AREA⁵												
5,773 agencies; population 89,922,000:												
Total clearances	816,111	820,944	197,461	618,650	2,544	12,532	25,862	156,523	104,465	458,072	56,113	4,833
Percent under 18	23.5	23.6	16.1	25.8	9.0	19.4	23.1	14.7	24.3	26.7	21.8	49.2

¹ Includes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

² The number of agency reports used in arson clearance rates is less than those used in compiling clearance rates for other Crime Index offenses. It is not necessary to report clearances by detailed property classification to be included in this table. The Modified Crime Index total is the sum of the Crime Index offenses, including arson.

³ Violent crimes are offenses of murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

⁴ Property crimes are offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft. Data are not included for the property crime of arson.

⁵ Includes suburban city and county law enforcement agencies within metropolitan areas. Excludes central cities. Suburban cities and counties are also included in other groups.

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