

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 1996 may be for offenses which occurred in prior years. Several crimes may be cleared by the arrest of one person, or 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 in a different jurisdiction and is being prosecuted there. 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 22-percent Crime Index clearance rate for 1996. Collectively, 47 percent of violent crimes were cleared. Among the violent offenses, the clearance rates were 67 percent for murder, 52 percent for forcible rape, 27 percent for robbery, and 58 percent for aggravated assault. Clearances for crimes against persons (murder, forcible rape, and aggravated assault) are generally higher than for property crimes as crimes against persons 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. Twenty percent of the larceny-thefts, 14 percent each of motor vehicle thefts and burglaries, and 16 percent of arsons were cleared during the year.

When considering the Modified Crime Index total which includes arson, the overall clearance rate was 22 percent.

The highest total Crime Index clearance rates geographically were registered in both the Northeastern and Southern States, each with 23 percent. The Midwestern and Western States each recorded a 21-percent clearance rate. For violent crime, the highest clearance rate, 49 percent, was recorded in the South. In the West, the rate was 47 percent, while the Midwest and

Northeast each registered a 46-percent rate. Property crime clearance rates were 19 percent each in the Northeast and South, 18 percent in the Midwest, and 17 percent in the West.

By community type, rural county law enforcement agencies recorded the highest clearance rate for Crime Index offenses brought to their attention, 24 percent. City agencies solved 22 percent of total crimes reported and suburban county agencies, 21 percent. Cities with 10,000 to 24,999 inhabitants registered the highest total Crime Index and property crime clearance rates, 27 percent and 24 percent, respectively. The highest violent crime clearance rate—62 percent—was recorded both 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 1996 Bureau of the Census estimates.

Twenty-one percent of the Crime Index offenses cleared by law enforcement during 1996 involved only young people under age 18. Persons in this age group accounted for 13 percent of the violent crime clearances and 23 percent of those for property crimes. Murder showed the lowest percentage of juvenile involvement, 8 percent, while the highest percentage was shown for arson, 45 percent.

Geographically, the Midwestern States recorded the largest percentage of Crime Index offense involvement by the under 18 age group—25 percent. Juveniles alone were the offenders in 23 percent of the clearances in the Western States, 20 percent of those in the Northeastern States, and 17 percent of those in the Southern States.

CHART 3.1

CRIMES CLEARED by ARREST 1996

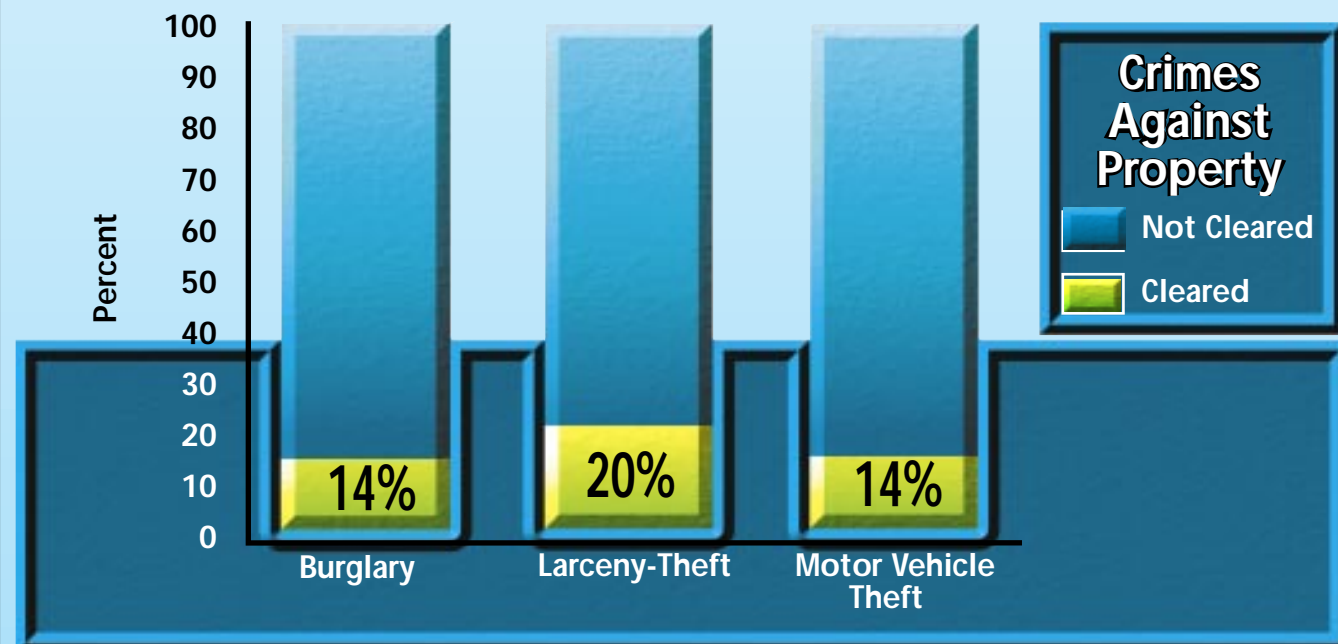
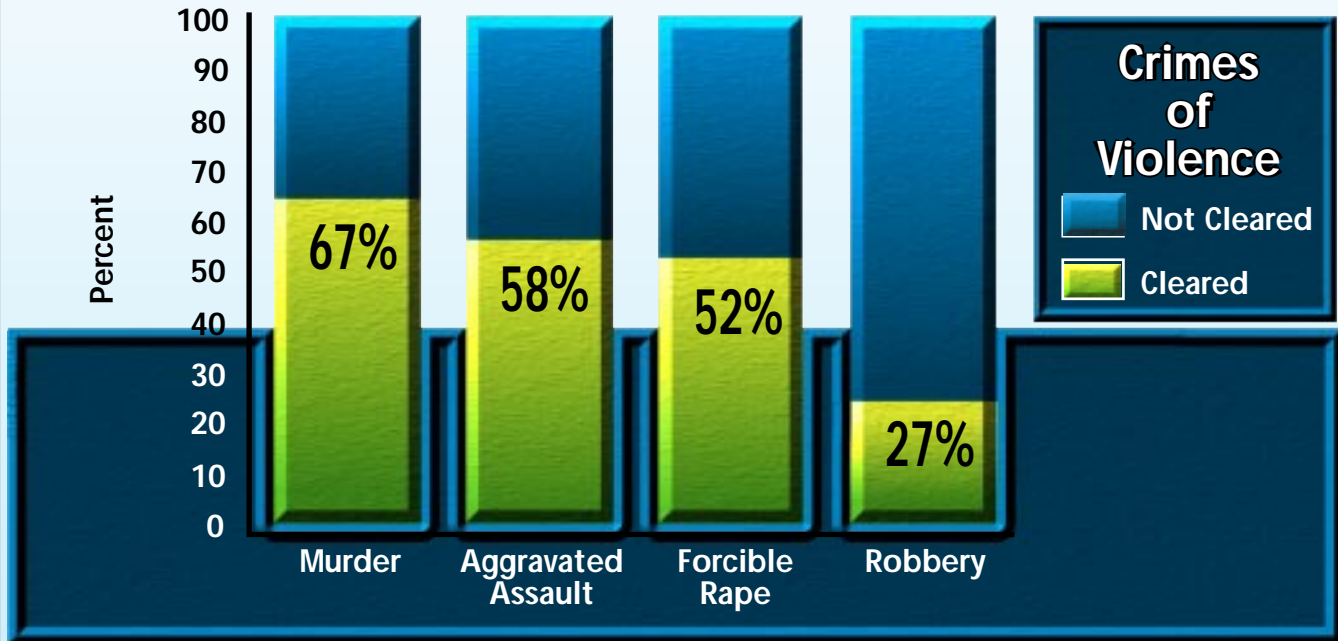


Table 25. — Offenses Known and Percent Cleared by Arrest,¹ Population Group, 1996

[1996 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 ⁵
TOTAL ALL AGENCIES: 11,015 agencies; population 206,926,000:												
Offenses known	10,419,304	10,500,544	1,293,408	9,125,896	15,487	73,349	429,368	775,204	1,910,140	6,083,637	1,132,119	81,240
Percent cleared by arrest ...	21.8	21.7	47.4	18.1	66.9	51.9	26.9	58.0	13.8	20.3	14.0	16.5
TOTAL CITIES: 7,809 cities; population 141,427,000:												
Offenses known	8,462,172	8,525,590	1,085,069	7,377,103	12,466	56,489	389,065	627,049	1,452,130	4,969,366	955,607	63,418
Percent cleared by arrest ...	21.8	21.8	45.9	18.3	65.7	51.5	26.6	57.0	13.3	20.7	13.1	16.0
GROUP I												
56 cities, 250,000 and over; population 41,176,000:												
Offenses known	3,254,008	3,282,876	564,144	2,689,864	7,374	23,383	241,680	291,707	548,157	1,635,030	506,677	28,868
Percent cleared by arrest ...	19.0	18.9	40.9	14.4	60.5	52.7	24.3	53.3	11.4	16.7	10.1	12.0
9 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 19,531,000:												
Offenses known	1,337,532	1,349,428	272,260	1,065,272	3,397	8,825	123,351	136,687	220,044	608,411	236,817	11,896
Percent cleared by arrest ...	19.1	19.0	41.3	13.4	63.1	52.9	25.2	54.6	11.3	16.1	8.4	9.0
15 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 9,739,000:												
Offenses known	832,187	838,438	126,364	705,823	1,765	5,949	54,645	64,005	137,249	451,081	117,493	6,251
Percent cleared by arrest ...	18.5	18.4	39.3	14.7	54.7	53.6	22.3	52.1	12.3	16.3	11.4	11.2
32 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 11,907,000:												
Offenses known	1,084,289	1,095,010	165,520	918,769	2,212	8,609	63,684	91,015	190,864	575,538	152,367	10,721
Percent cleared by arrest ...	19.3	19.3	41.5	15.3	61.0	51.9	24.2	52.1	11.0	17.8	11.7	15.7
GROUP II												
129 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 18,777,000:												
Offenses known	1,283,412	1,293,213	155,554	1,127,858	1,846	8,690	54,238	90,780	235,696	748,970	143,192	9,801
Percent cleared by arrest ...	21.4	21.3	47.9	17.7	73.3	52.8	28.8	58.3	13.5	19.9	13.1	16.6
GROUP III												
311 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 21,128,000:												
Offenses known	1,149,289	1,157,190	129,898	1,019,391	1,239	8,032	40,462	80,165	204,791	694,798	119,802	7,901
Percent cleared by arrest ...	22.5	22.4	47.3	19.3	67.6	47.5	28.1	56.7	12.8	22.3	12.7	16.9
GROUP IV												
569 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 19,668,000:												
Offenses known	960,026	966,660	88,953	871,073	761	6,146	24,470	57,576	166,333	628,200	76,540	6,634
Percent cleared by arrest ...	23.6	23.5	52.4	20.6	74.1	48.6	31.6	61.4	13.9	23.0	15.7	17.8

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 25. — Offenses Known and Percent Cleared by Arrest,¹ Population Group, 1996 — 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												
1,411 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 22,199,000:												
Offenses known	990,278	995,761	83,232	907,046	699	5,968	18,589	57,976	164,159	676,287	66,600	5,483
Percent cleared by arrest	26.6	26.5	55.2	23.9	78.4	51.3	35.1	61.8	16.2	25.9	22.9	24.0
GROUP VI												
5,333 cities under 10,000; population 18,479,000:												
Offenses known	825,159	829,890	63,288	761,871	547	4,270	9,626	48,845	132,994	586,081	42,796	4,731
Percent cleared by arrest	25.0	25.0	61.7	21.9	79.0	55.0	36.8	66.9	16.9	22.5	29.0	25.6
SUBURBAN COUNTIES												
1,086 agencies; population 43,197,000:												
Offenses known	1,470,828	1,484,616	156,873	1,313,955	1,979	11,547	36,478	106,869	311,769	855,714	146,472	13,788
Percent cleared by arrest ...	20.8	20.7	52.8	16.9	67.3	53.1	28.3	60.8	14.2	18.1	16.3	16.0
RURAL COUNTIES												
2,120 agencies; population 22,301,000:												
Offenses known	486,304	490,338	51,466	434,838	1,042	5,313	3,825	41,286	146,241	258,557	30,040	4,034
Percent cleared by arrest ...	24.3	24.3	62.3	19.8	79.3	52.6	42.1	65.0	17.7	19.6	31.7	26.3
SUBURBAN AREA⁵												
5,423 agencies; population 83,739,000:												
Offenses known	3,134,847	3,158,845	290,285	2,844,562	3,033	20,481	70,246	196,525	579,895	1,986,075	278,592	23,998
Percent cleared by arrest ...	22.3	22.3	53.7	19.1	69.7	52.7	30.2	61.9	14.5	20.7	17.1	17.9

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 were not available for the states of Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, and Montana; therefore, it was necessary that their crime counts be estimated. An aggregate Florida state total for 1996 was supplied by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. See “Offense Estimation,” pages 389-390 for details.

Table 26. — Offenses Known and Percent Cleared by Arrest,¹ Geographic Region and Division, 1996

[1996 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 ⁵
TOTAL												
11,015 agencies; population 206,926,000:												
Offenses known	10,419,304	10,500,544	1,293,408	9,125,896	15,487	73,349	429,368	775,204	1,910,140	6,083,637	1,132,119	81,240
Percent cleared by arrest	21.8	21.7	47.4	18.1	66.9	51.9	26.9	58.0	13.8	20.3	14.0	16.5
NEW ENGLAND												
705 agencies;												
population 11,879,000:												
Offenses known	465,610	470,409	56,525	409,085	377	3,295	14,415	38,438	89,567	265,417	54,101	4,799
Percent cleared by arrest	22.1	22.0	50.4	18.2	70.8	48.0	27.4	59.1	14.9	20.0	15.0	9.7
MIDDLE ATLANTIC												
2,139 agencies;												
population 36,707,000:												
Offenses known	1,416,253	1,426,258	219,005	1,197,248	2,289	8,720	101,804	106,192	244,599	774,542	178,107	10,005
Percent cleared by arrest	22.7	22.7	44.8	18.7	70.7	54.5	28.7	58.9	15.0	21.8	10.0	16.0
Northeast												
2,844 agencies; population 48,586,000:												
Offenses known	1,881,863	1,896,667	275,530	1,606,333	2,666	12,015	116,219	144,630	334,166	1,039,959	232,208	14,804
Percent cleared by arrest	22.6	22.5	46.0	18.6	70.7	52.7	28.5	59.0	15.0	21.3	11.1	13.9
EAST NORTH CENTRAL												
1,377 agencies;												
population 23,996,000:												
Offenses known	1,162,619	1,173,106	125,809	1,036,810	1,590	10,740	41,651	71,828	205,640	698,545	132,625	10,487
Percent cleared by arrest	19.7	19.7	41.9	17.0	66.7	46.3	24.0	51.1	12.3	19.0	14.2	15.1
WEST NORTH CENTRAL												
1,094 agencies;												
population 13,820,000:												
Offenses known	599,070	603,547	52,966	546,104	568	4,418	13,310	34,670	98,945	400,704	46,455	4,477
Percent cleared by arrest	23.8	23.8	54.6	20.8	76.9	56.6	30.6	63.2	13.7	22.4	22.0	19.5
Midwest												
2,471 agencies; population 37,816,000:												
Offenses known	1,761,689	1,776,653	178,775	1,582,914	2,158	15,158	54,961	106,498	304,585	1,099,249	179,080	14,964
Percent cleared by arrest	21.1	21.1	45.6	18.3	69.4	49.3	25.6	55.0	12.7	20.2	16.3	16.4
SOUTH ATLANTIC												
2,116 agencies;												
population 32,860,000:												
Offenses known	1,785,048	1,795,380	216,457	1,568,591	3,140	11,017	69,412	132,888	336,675	1,076,845	155,071	10,332
Percent cleared by arrest	22.2	22.2	48.2	18.6	66.6	57.2	27.4	57.9	15.4	19.6	19.2	20.8
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL												
236 agencies;												
population 5,480,000:												
Offenses known	359,187	361,296	50,621	308,566	655	3,049	16,718	30,199	74,531	191,567	42,468	2,109
Percent cleared by arrest	23.5	23.5	49.6	19.2	71.0	52.0	24.8	62.7	13.6	22.1	15.9	24.2
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL												
1,539 agencies;												
population 27,810,000:												
Offenses known	1,605,111	1,617,968	183,300	1,421,811	2,548	12,235	47,765	120,752	308,287	963,203	150,321	12,857
Percent cleared by arrest	22.8	22.7	50.3	19.2	70.3	58.5	28.7	57.6	14.5	21.1	16.8	18.7

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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												
3,891 agencies; population 66,150,000:												
Offenses known	3,749,346	3,774,644	450,378	3,298,968	6,343	26,301	133,895	283,839	719,493	2,231,615	347,860	25,298
Percent cleared by arrest ...	22.6	22.6	49.2	19.0	68.5	57.2	27.6	58.2	14.9	20.5	17.8	20.0
MOUNTAIN												
659 agencies; population 13,779,000:												
Offenses known	827,949	832,612	74,140	753,809	995	5,626	19,318	48,201	147,798	522,063	83,948	4,663
Percent cleared by arrest	20.6	20.6	43.3	18.4	57.0	37.0	23.8	51.6	11.0	21.2	13.7	18.9
PACIFIC												
1,150 agencies; population 40,595,000:												
Offenses known	2,198,457	2,219,968	314,585	1,883,872	3,325	14,249	104,975	192,036	404,098	1,190,751	289,023	21,511
Percent cleared by arrest	20.7	20.6	48.1	16.1	61.9	49.9	25.4	60.1	12.6	18.7	10.4	13.6
WEST												
1,809 agencies; population 54,374,000:												
Offenses known	3,026,406	3,052,580	388,725	2,637,681	4,320	19,875	124,293	240,237	551,896	1,712,814	372,971	26,174
Percent cleared by arrest ...	20.7	20.6	47.2	16.8	60.7	46.3	25.2	58.4	12.2	19.5	11.1	14.6

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Table 27. — Offenses Known Breakdown and Percent Cleared by Arrest,¹ Population Group, 1996

[1996 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: 11,008 agencies; population 206,816,000:																			
Offenses known	63,999	9,313	181,385	37,626	39,510	171,966	174,593	134,546	251,265	219,377	1,269,402	498,292	141,108	878,401	193,188	59,977	37,685	22,821	18,309
Percent cleared by arrest ...	52.2	49.4	20.7	30.0	38.6	29.8	41.9	64.7	58.1	65.2	13.2	16.0	11.3	14.4	11.8	15.2	21.5	7.9	18.7
TOTAL CITIES: 7,804 cities; population 141,364,000:																			
Offenses known	48,957	7,503	163,213	34,380	35,221	157,394	146,447	113,976	203,897	167,372	966,601	372,989	111,583	753,828	160,522	40,867	29,907	17,546	13,812
Percent cleared by arrest ...	51.9	49.4	20.3	29.7	39.8	29.3	39.8	64.4	57.8	64.4	12.5	15.9	11.1	13.4	10.9	14.5	21.1	7.4	18.0
GROUP I																			
56 cities, 250,000 and over; population 41,176,000:																			
Offenses known	19,927	3,456	109,057	21,036	20,418	91,169	83,322	56,571	97,000	54,814	398,347	116,940	32,870	395,052	97,131	14,494	12,614	9,743	4,842
Percent cleared by arrest ...	53.3	49.2	17.7	28.8	45.5	26.4	36.5	64.1	57.3	60.4	10.3	15.6	11.1	10.6	8.0	10.1	18.0	5.2	13.8
9 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 19,531,000:																			
Offenses known	7,303	1,522	56,557	11,811	10,860	44,123	40,164	27,162	39,759	29,602	157,918	50,475	11,651	179,840	51,144	5,833	4,425	4,404	1,811
Percent cleared by arrest ...	54.2	46.7	16.2	31.8	63.0	25.8	30.1	65.0	64.6	64.7	9.1	17.7	14.0	9.0	6.4	6.7	16.1	3.8	10.7
15 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 9,739,000:																			
Offenses known	5,118	831	24,474	4,418	4,284	21,469	16,254	12,286	25,205	10,260	103,305	24,464	9,480	93,363	19,258	4,872	2,877	2,337	875
Percent cleared by arrest ...	53.6	53.2	19.1	24.6	25.8	24.6	47.3	62.2	51.2	50.1	11.2	17.5	10.7	11.7	10.8	7.8	16.2	4.7	12.1
32 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 11,907,000:																			
Offenses known	7,506	1,103	28,026	4,807	5,274	25,577	26,904	17,123	32,036	14,952	137,124	42,001	11,739	121,849	26,729	3,789	5,312	3,002	2,156
Percent cleared by arrest ...	52.2	49.7	19.4	25.0	25.3	29.0	39.7	63.8	53.2	58.7	10.9	12.0	8.6	12.0	9.1	18.3	20.5	7.7	17.0
GROUP II																			
129 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 18,777,000:																			
Offenses known	7,648	1,042	22,188	5,212	5,473	22,625	26,167	16,515	33,370	20,636	160,760	56,642	18,294	115,764	22,184	5,244	5,000	2,659	1,982
Percent cleared by arrest ...	53.4	48.2	24.6	28.4	32.3	30.6	34.6	64.5	59.1	65.7	12.7	15.9	12.5	13.4	11.6	12.5	20.7	7.2	20.1
GROUP III																			
311 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 21,128,000:																			
Offenses known	7,091	941	14,586	3,496	3,907	18,473	14,945	14,065	27,566	23,589	130,306	54,803	19,682	97,618	16,142	6,042	3,662	2,169	1,971
Percent cleared by arrest ...	47.4	47.9	23.9	30.7	28.9	30.7	43.2	61.7	54.4	64.9	12.6	14.7	9.0	13.0	11.1	12.3	21.8	8.0	18.6
GROUP IV																			
568 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 19,642,000:																			
Offenses known	5,420	714	8,143	2,255	2,612	11,431	8,353	9,735	18,182	21,156	100,860	50,822	14,480	60,835	10,281	5,338	3,113	1,326	2,105
Percent cleared by arrest ...	48.7	48.2	25.9	32.0	31.7	35.5	51.1	65.2	59.7	64.6	13.5	15.4	11.1	15.9	15.3	14.7	21.0	11.0	18.0

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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																			
1,410 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 22,176,000:																			
Offenses known	5,259	694	6,136	1,537	1,892	8,945	7,947	10,011	16,343	22,570	99,661	49,145	14,754	52,370	8,559	5,385	2,856	977	1,567
Percent cleared by arrest ...	51.5	50.3	30.2	36.8	33.7	38.8	56.9	66.3	58.6	66.7	16.3	17.4	12.2	23.1	22.9	23.0	27.5	14.8	24.4
GROUP VI																			
5,330 cities under 10,000; population 18,465,000:																			
Offenses known	3,612	656	3,103	844	919	4,751	5,713	7,079	11,436	24,607	76,667	44,637	11,503	32,189	6,225	4,364	2,662	672	1,345
Percent cleared by arrest ...	55.0	55.2	32.1	40.3	39.7	38.8	62.8	68.8	62.3	69.5	17.4	17.5	11.3	29.8	28.2	23.6	28.9	20.7	22.1
SUBURBAN COUNTIES																			
1,085 agencies; population 43,156,000:																			
Offenses known	10,205	1,334	16,639	2,900	3,826	13,090	20,302	14,851	36,589	35,061	203,073	86,470	21,957	106,497	27,216	12,615	5,508	4,381	3,753
Percent cleared by arrest ...	53.6	48.9	22.6	31.3	27.8	35.0	48.2	65.3	58.8	68.3	13.9	15.4	11.3	17.1	13.7	15.6	21.2	7.5	18.7
RURAL COUNTIES																			
2,119 agencies; population 22,296,000:																			
Offenses known	4,837	476	1,533	346	463	1,482	7,844	5,719	10,779	16,944	99,728	38,833	7,568	18,076	5,450	6,495	2,270	894	744
Percent cleared by arrest ...	52.9	50.4	38.7	42.2	39.5	46.2	64.1	68.9	61.3	66.4	17.7	18.4	14.0	36.4	31.0	19.2	28.5	20.0	31.0
SUBURBAN AREA ³																			
5,417 agencies; population 83,634,000:																			
Offenses known	18,004	2,442	28,184	5,772	7,177	28,983	31,164	27,589	61,817	74,624	359,378	172,203	47,259	212,105	43,835	22,130	10,420	6,276	7,026
Percent cleared by arrest ...	53.2	49.2	24.3	32.4	29.8	35.8	50.7	65.9	59.2	68.2	14.3	16.0	11.0	17.5	15.1	16.5	22.9	9.2	18.9

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.

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 were not available for the states of Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, and Montana; therefore, it was necessary that their crime counts be estimated. An aggregate Florida state total for 1996 was supplied by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. See "Offense Estimation," pages 389-390 for details.

Table 28. — Offenses Cleared by Arrest¹ of Persons Under 18 Years of Age, 1996

[1996 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 ⁵
TOTAL ALL AGENCIES: 10,921 agencies; population 196,293,000:												
Total clearances:	2,164,758	2,178,021	567,577	1,597,181	9,540	36,246	99,900	421,891	251,354	1,194,284	151,543	13,263
Percent under 18	20.6	20.8	12.8	23.4	8.1	11.7	18.2	11.7	20.6	24.1	22.2	45.5
TOTAL CITIES: 7,755 cities; population 132,250,000:												
Total clearances:	1,749,610	1,759,648	454,488	1,295,122	7,427	27,486	88,064	331,511	182,893	993,519	118,710	10,038
Percent under 18	21.1	21.3	13.1	24.0	8.7	11.5	18.5	11.9	20.2	24.8	22.9	48.2
GROUP I												
54 cities, 250,000 and over; population 33,293,000:												
Total clearances	538,287	541,728	188,197	350,090	3,731	11,056	43,502	129,908	54,547	248,935	46,608	3,441
Percent under 18	17.2	17.4	11.8	20.2	8.6	10.4	17.7	10.1	16.1	20.2	24.8	44.1
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 12,191,000:												
Total clearances	180,153	181,227	72,664	107,489	1,511	3,467	16,413	51,273	17,285	74,423	15,781	1,074
Percent under 18	15.9	16.1	10.0	19.9	7.1	7.8	17.9	7.8	14.5	20.8	21.7	41.2
14 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 9,196,000:												
Total clearances	148,508	149,188	46,912	101,596	870	3,125	11,696	31,221	16,349	72,195	13,052	680
Percent under 18	15.7	15.8	13.0	17.0	9.3	14.8	17.7	11.1	15.0	16.3	23.6	38.4
32 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 11,907,000:												
Total clearances	209,626	211,313	68,621	141,005	1,350	4,464	15,393	47,414	20,913	102,317	17,775	1,687
Percent under 18	19.4	19.7	12.9	22.6	9.8	9.4	17.4	11.9	18.4	22.4	28.5	48.4
GROUP II												
127 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 18,474,000:												
Total clearances	271,132	272,738	75,574	195,558	1,335	4,347	15,739	54,153	31,312	145,912	18,334	1,606
Percent under 18	18.9	19.1	12.0	21.6	8.9	9.3	16.9	10.8	16.6	22.7	21.3	48.0
GROUP III												
308 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 20,896,000:												
Total clearances	256,918	258,240	61,122	195,796	833	3,787	11,291	45,211	26,037	154,631	15,128	1,322
Percent under 18	23.5	23.6	14.2	26.4	9.7	11.1	20.5	13.0	21.2	27.6	23.2	48.3

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 28. — Offenses Cleared by Arrest¹ of Persons Under 18 Years of Age, 1996 — 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 ⁵
GROUP IV												
557 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 19,284,000:												
Total clearances	221,681	222,858	45,479	176,202	558	2,953	7,573	34,395	22,534	142,085	11,583	1,177
Percent under 18	24.2	24.3	14.8	26.6	7.7	13.6	20.7	13.7	22.0	27.8	20.8	51.1
GROUP V												
1,393 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 21,901,000:												
Total clearances	256,701	257,992	45,277	211,424	539	3,002	6,420	35,316	26,049	170,664	14,711	1,291
Percent under 18	23.8	24.0	15.0	25.7	7.4	13.9	21.0	14.2	23.5	26.5	20.2	52.0
GROUP VI												
5,316 cities under 10,000; population 18,401,000:												
Total clearances	204,891	206,092	38,839	166,052	431	2,341	3,539	32,528	22,414	131,292	12,346	1,201
Percent under 18	24.7	24.9	15.2	26.9	10.0	15.5	19.1	14.8	28.1	27.1	22.5	53.2
SUBURBAN COUNTIES												
1,069 agencies; population 42,276,000:												
Total clearances	299,954	302,128	81,856	218,098	1,312	6,033	10,271	64,240	43,183	151,396	23,519	2,174
Percent under 18	18.7	18.8	12.1	21.2	6.6	11.7	16.8	11.5	21.6	21.4	18.9	40.8
RURAL COUNTIES												
2,097 agencies; population 21,767,000:												
Total clearances	115,194	116,245	31,233	83,961	801	2,727	1,565	26,140	25,278	49,369	9,314	1,051
Percent under 18	17.5	17.6	10.2	20.2	5.5	13.5	11.8	9.9	22.0	18.8	22.3	29.1
SUBURBAN AREA⁵												
5,375 agencies; population 82,320,000:												
Total clearances	686,996	691,233	153,798	533,198	2,090	10,626	21,017	120,065	82,593	404,014	46,591	4,237
Percent under 18	21.3	21.4	14.0	23.4	6.9	12.8	19.5	13.3	22.5	24.0	19.4	47.4

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. 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.

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