

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 1997 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.

In 1997, a 22-percent Crime Index clearance rate (excluding arson) was recorded by law enforcement agencies nationwide. When considering the Modified Crime Index total which includes arson (cleared at a rate of 18 percent), the overall clearance rate remained at 22 percent.

Collectively, 48 percent of violent crimes were cleared. The clearance rates for specific violent offenses were 66 percent for murder, 51 percent for forcible rape, 26 percent for robbery, and 58 percent for aggravated assault. The overall property crime clearance rate (excluding arson) was 18 percent. Among the property crime offenses, 20 percent of larceny-thefts and 14 percent of both motor vehicle thefts and burglaries were cleared during the year. Because crimes against persons (murder, forcible rape, and aggravated assault) are often given more intensive investigative efforts, and the victims and/or witnesses can frequently identify the perpetrators, the clearance rates are generally higher for violent crimes than for property crimes.

Regionally, the highest total Crime Index clearance rate was registered by law enforcement agencies in the Southern States with 23 percent. A 22-percent clearance rate was recorded by law enforcement agencies in the Northeastern states, while law enforcement agencies in the Midwestern and Western States each registered a 20-percent clearance rate for each region. For violent crime, the highest clearance rate, 51 per-

cent, was recorded in the South. In the West, the rate was 49 percent, while the Midwest and Northeast registered rates of 44 and 43 percent, respectively. Property crime clearance rates were 19 percent in the South, 18 percent in the Northeast, 17 percent in the Midwest, and 16 percent in the West.

A review of agencies by community type indicates rural county law enforcement agencies recorded the highest clearance rate for Crime Index offenses, 24 percent. Twenty-two percent of total crimes reported were solved by suburban county agencies and 21 percent by city agencies. Cities with 10,000 to 24,999 inhabitants registered the highest total Crime Index and property crime clearance rates, 26 percent and 23 percent, respectively. Rural counties recorded the highest violent crime clearance rate, 62 percent, and a 61-percent violent crime clearance rate was evidenced in cities with populations under 10,000. (See Table 25.)

Clearances Involving Only Persons Under 18 Years of Age

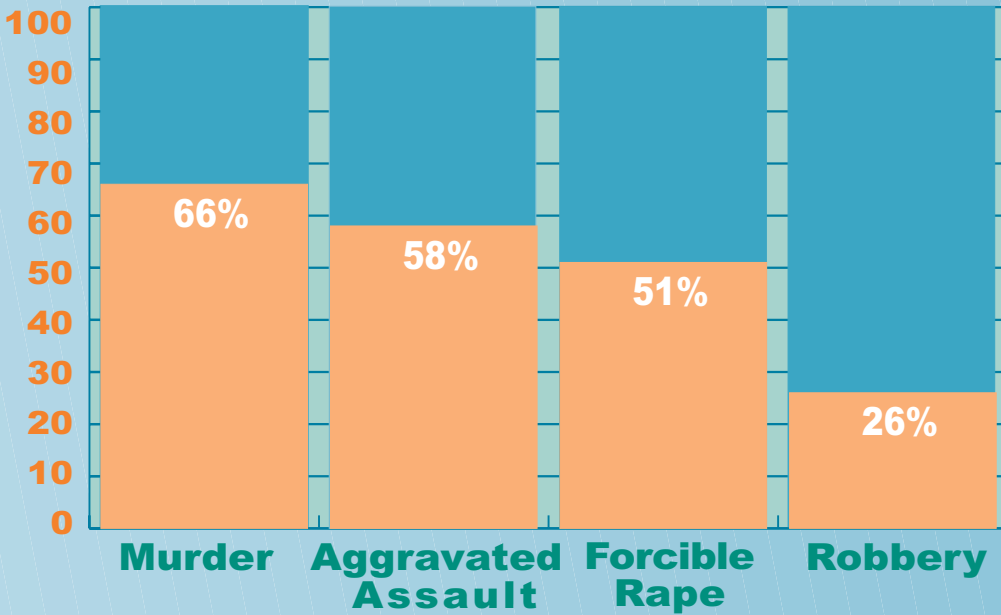
Juvenile involvement in crime can be measured by the number of crimes in which they have been identified as the offenders. A clearance by arrest is recorded when an offender under 18 years of age is cited to appear in juvenile court or before other juvenile authorities, even though no physical arrest may have been made. Since the juvenile clearance percentages shown in this publication indicate only those offenses in which no adults were involved, they should be considered a slight underestimation of juvenile involvement in crime. According to 1997 Bureau of the Census estimates, juveniles (persons under 18 years of age) account for 26 percent of the United States population.

Twenty percent of the Crime Index offenses cleared by law enforcement involved only juveniles in 1997. Twelve percent of the violent crime clearances and 23 percent of those for property crimes were accounted for by persons in this age group. Murder showed the lowest percentage of juvenile involvement, 8 percent, while the highest percentage was shown for arson, 46 percent.

Among all regions of the country, the Midwestern States recorded the largest percentage of Crime Index offense involvement by the under 18 age group—25 percent. In the Western States, juveniles alone were the offenders in 23 percent of the clearances. Juveniles accounted for 19 percent of the clearances in the Northeastern States, and 16 percent of those in the Southern States.

Chart 3.1

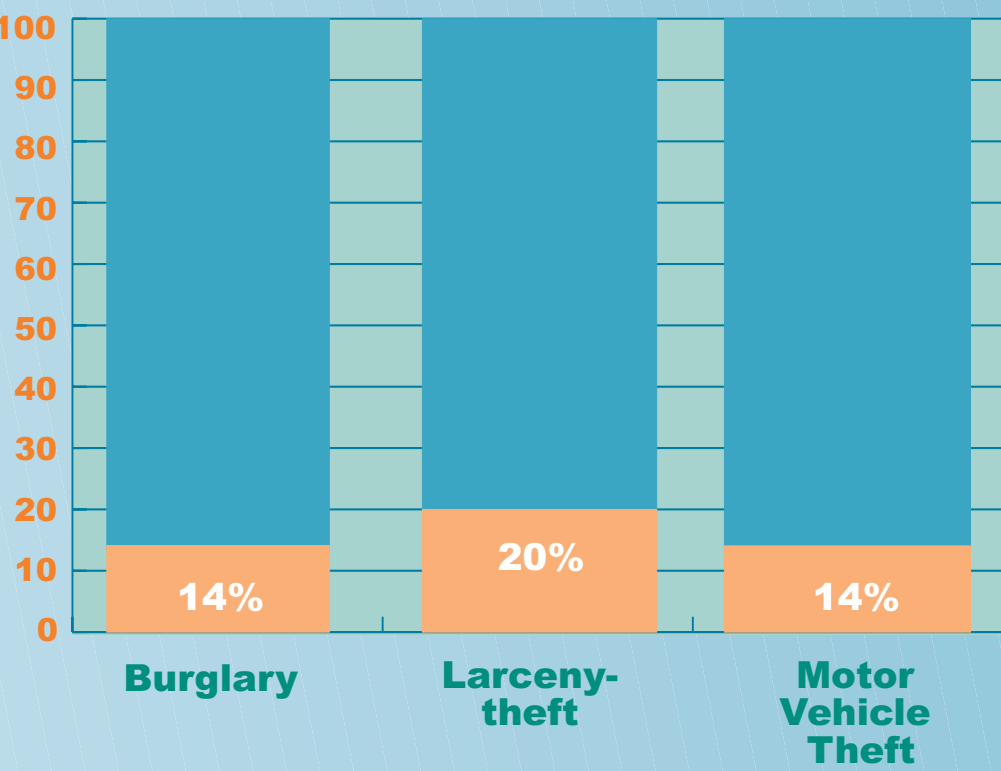
Crimes Cleared by Arrest 1997



Cleared

Not Cleared

Crimes of Violence



Cleared

Not Cleared

Crimes Against Property

Table 25. — Offenses Known and Percent Cleared by Arrest,¹ Population Group, 1997

[1997 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: 11,702 agencies; population 221,223,000: ..												
Offenses known	10,928,483	11,004,501	1,343,642	9,584,841	14,759	78,975	411,137	838,771	2,044,918	6,392,542	1,147,381	76,018
Percent cleared by arrest ..	21.6	21.6	48.3	17.9	66.1	50.8	26.3	58.5	13.8	19.8	14.0	17.5
TOTAL CITIES: 8,303 cities; population 147,150,000:												
Offenses known	8,538,710	8,597,771	1,071,763	7,466,947	11,395	57,756	359,330	643,282	1,482,083	5,056,846	928,018	59,061
Percent cleared by arrest ...	21.4	21.4	46.2	17.9	64.5	49.5	25.7	57.0	13.1	20.2	13.0	16.9
GROUP I												
56 cities, 250,000 and over; population 40,562,000:												
Offenses known	3,012,549	3,038,389	509,108	2,503,441	6,151	21,724	202,525	278,708	506,416	1,543,374	453,651	25,840
Percent cleared by arrest ..	18.1	18.0	40.5	13.5	59.3	50.3	22.7	52.2	10.9	15.5	9.8	12.0
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 18,156,000:												
Offenses known	1,166,299	1,176,643	231,786	934,513	2,617	7,502	95,558	126,109	187,756	549,000	197,757	10,344
Percent cleared by arrest ..	16.7	16.7	38.0	11.5	60.1	46.0	20.5	50.3	9.4	13.5	7.8	8.4
16 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 10,382,000:												
Offenses known	814,296	819,742	120,703	693,593	1,610	6,323	48,570	64,200	135,644	448,728	109,221	5,446
Percent cleared by arrest ..	19.3	19.2	43.4	15.1	55.8	55.2	25.3	55.7	13.2	16.4	11.9	12.6
32 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 12,024,000:												
Offenses known	1,031,954	1,042,004	156,619	875,335	1,924	7,899	58,397	88,399	183,016	545,646	146,673	10,050
Percent cleared by arrest ..	18.7	18.6	41.8	14.5	61.1	50.3	24.2	52.2	10.6	16.9	10.8	15.3
GROUP II												
134 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 19,631,000:												
Offenses known	1,301,192	1,310,770	158,014	1,143,178	1,857	8,953	54,374	92,830	238,437	759,846	144,895	9,578
Percent cleared by arrest ..	21.2	21.2	47.9	17.5	69.1	51.2	27.6	59.0	12.8	20.0	12.4	19.8
GROUP III												
334 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 22,613,000:												
Offenses known	1,272,875	1,280,333	141,168	1,131,707	1,229	8,770	44,061	87,108	230,142	772,899	128,666	7,458
Percent cleared by arrest ..	22.5	22.5	49.0	19.2	71.0	46.8	27.7	59.7	13.7	21.9	13.1	17.7
GROUP IV												
620 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 21,496,000:												
Offenses known	1,051,291	1,057,661	101,992	949,299	857	6,962	27,153	67,020	186,061	677,115	86,123	6,370
Percent cleared by arrest ..	22.7	22.7	49.8	19.8	69.8	44.6	29.5	58.2	13.5	22.1	15.2	18.5

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 25. — Offenses Known and Percent Cleared by Arrest,¹ Population Group, 1997 — 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												
1,493 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 23,519,000:												
Offenses known	1,032,079	1,037,204	90,063	942,016	739	6,429	20,202	62,693	176,471	696,872	68,673	5,125
Percent cleared by arrest ...	26.0	26.0	55.3	23.2	71.9	49.6	34.5	62.4	15.9	25.2	22.1	24.1
GROUP VI												
5,666 cities under 10,000; population 19,329,000:												
Offenses known	868,724	873,414	71,418	797,306	562	4,918	11,015	54,923	144,556	606,740	46,010	4,690
Percent cleared by arrest ...	24.8	24.8	61.3	21.5	74.9	55.2	36.3	66.7	17.0	22.1	28.1	26.5
SUBURBAN COUNTIES												
1,167 agencies; population 50,186,000:												
Offenses known	1,850,494	1,863,440	212,549	1,637,945	2,302	15,144	47,010	148,093	400,634	1,051,659	185,652	12,946
Percent cleared by arrest ...	21.7	21.7	54.9	17.4	68.8	54.9	29.6	62.7	14.8	18.6	16.4	17.7
RURAL COUNTIES												
2,232 agencies; population 23,887,000:												
Offenses known	539,279	543,290	59,330	479,949	1,062	6,075	4,797	47,396	162,201	284,037	33,711	4,011
Percent cleared by arrest ...	23.9	23.9	62.2	19.2	77.2	52.0	42.2	65.3	17.0	19.0	30.7	26.6
SUBURBAN AREA⁵												
5,802 agencies; population 93,822,000:												
Offenses known	3,650,095	3,673,135	365,860	3,284,235	3,483	25,405	84,986	251,986	698,689	2,256,100	329,446	23,040
Percent cleared by arrest ...	22.5	22.4	54.5	18.9	68.0	52.6	30.3	62.6	14.8	20.5	16.8	19.3

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.

Population figures are rounded to the nearest thousand.

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 1997 were not available for the states of Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Montana, New Hampshire, and Vermont; therefore, it was necessary that their crime counts be estimated. See "Offense Estimation," pages 401-402 for details.

Table 26. — Offenses Known and Percent Cleared by Arrest,¹ Geographic Region and Division, 1997

[1997 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 11,702 agencies; population 221,223,000: Offenses known Percent cleared by arrest ..	10,928,483 21.6	11,004,501 21.6	1,343,642 48.3	9,584,841 17.9	14,759 66.1	78,975 50.8	411,137 26.3	838,771 58.5	2,044,918 13.8	6,392,542 19.8	1,147,381 14.0	76,018 17.5
NEW ENGLAND 623 agencies; population 10,526,000: Offenses known Percent cleared by arrest ..	407,597 22.0	411,836 21.8	53,864 50.2	353,733 17.7	289 71.6	2,865 48.8	12,247 26.9	38,463 57.6	76,037 14.0	230,731 20.0	46,965 12.1	4,239 7.5
MIDDLE ATLANTIC 2,166 agencies; population 34,301,000: Offenses known Percent cleared by arrest ..	1,238,483 22.1	1,245,579 22.1	186,430 41.1	1,052,053 18.7	1,666 71.1	7,939 50.0	79,177 24.1	97,648 53.6	214,310 15.2	699,453 21.5	138,290 10.2	7,096 20.4
NORTHEAST 2,789 agencies; population 44,828,000: Offenses known Percent cleared by arrest ..	1,646,080 22.0	1,657,415 22.0	240,294 43.1	1,405,786 18.4	1,955 71.2	10,804 49.6	91,424 24.5	136,111 54.7	290,347 14.8	930,184 21.1	185,255 10.7	11,335 15.6
EAST NORTH CENTRAL 1,356 agencies; population 23,593,000: Offenses known Percent cleared by arrest ..	1,107,504 18.9	1,118,203 18.9	116,917 42.3	990,587 16.2	1,504 58.5	9,909 47.4	37,341 22.8	68,163 51.9	194,262 11.6	673,327 17.9	122,998 14.0	10,699 14.4
WEST NORTH CENTRAL 1,082 agencies; population 14,042,000: Offenses known Percent cleared by arrest ..	631,084 21.8	635,662 21.8	59,256 47.9	571,828 19.1	591 63.5	4,989 49.5	15,720 23.8	37,956 57.4	108,139 11.7	409,406 21.2	54,283 17.9	4,578 19.7
MIDWEST 2,438 agencies; population 37,635,000: Offenses known Percent cleared by arrest ..	1,738,588 20.0	1,753,865 19.9	176,173 44.2	1,562,415 17.2	2,095 59.9	14,898 48.1	53,061 23.1	106,119 53.9	302,401 11.7	1,082,733 19.1	177,281 15.2	15,277 16.0
SOUTH ATLANTIC 2,562 agencies; population 45,047,000: Offenses known Percent cleared by arrest ..	2,500,408 23.0	2,512,273 23.0	312,037 52.9	2,188,371 18.7	3,578 67.6	16,831 55.8	91,154 28.1	200,474 63.7	491,746 16.2	1,476,496 19.6	220,129 18.1	11,865 22.2
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL 489 agencies; population 8,759,000: Offenses known Percent cleared by arrest ..	472,548 24.0	474,835 24.0	62,532 51.8	410,016 19.8	869 71.9	4,114 55.8	18,241 30.6	39,308 60.8	98,789 14.5	265,254 22.2	45,973 17.4	2,287 25.5
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL 1,550 agencies; population 28,841,000: Offenses known Percent cleared by arrest ..	1,607,520 22.8	1,619,265 22.8	180,893 52.0	1,426,627 19.1	2,410 72.8	12,189 56.7	46,359 29.6	119,935 59.7	311,052 14.1	967,021 21.1	148,554 16.7	11,745 20.7

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 26. — Offenses Known and Percent Cleared by Arrest,¹ Geographic Region and Division, 1997 — Continued

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SOUTH												
4,601 agencies; population 82,647,000:												
Offenses known	4,580,476	4,606,373	555,462	4,025,014	6,857	33,134	155,754	359,717	901,587	2,708,771	414,656	25,897
Percent cleared by arrest ..	22.9	22.9	51.4	18.9	70.0	56.1	28.8	60.4	15.3	20.4	17.5	21.8
MOUNTAIN												
722 agencies; population 14,769,000:												
Offenses known	838,742	842,784	72,946	765,796	879	5,746	18,288	48,033	153,579	522,762	89,455	4,042
Percent cleared by arrest .	19.9	19.9	44.6	17.5	59.4	35.7	24.9	52.8	10.7	20.2	13.4	20.6
PACIFIC												
1,152 agencies; population 41,344,000:												
Offenses known	2,124,597	2,144,064	298,767	1,825,830	2,973	14,393	92,610	188,791	397,004	1,148,092	280,734	19,467
Percent cleared by arrest .	20.5	20.5	49.9	15.7	60.2	48.0	26.0	61.6	12.4	18.1	10.6	13.5
WEST												
1,874 agencies; population 56,113,000:												
Offenses known	2,963,339	2,986,848	371,713	2,591,626	3,852	20,139	110,898	236,824	550,583	1,670,854	370,189	23,509
Percent cleared by arrest ..	20.3	20.3	48.9	16.3	60.0	44.5	25.8	59.8	11.9	18.8	11.3	14.7

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[1997 estimated population]

Population group	Forcible rape		Robbery				Aggravated assault				Burglary			Motor vehicle theft			Arson		
	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: 11,249 agencies; population 209,258,000:																			
Offenses known	64,204	8,690	152,341	32,880	52,949	147,324	149,340	135,426	261,914	221,410	1,223,966	518,496	133,234	825,649	187,167	58,616	33,862	20,146	16,386
Percent cleared by arrest	50.9	48.9	22.1	28.1	23.4	31.0	45.9	62.4	55.9	66.6	13.2	14.9	11.2	14.1	12.5	14.5	23.5	8.2	19.5
TOTAL CITIES: 8,002 cities; population 143,059,000:																			
Offenses known	48,797	6,827	134,200	29,849	48,793	133,834	121,999	113,966	213,065	167,677	917,540	387,414	104,650	703,157	152,958	38,934	26,646	15,340	12,768
Percent cleared by arrest ...	50.1	48.1	21.6	27.5	22.9	30.3	44.0	61.6	54.7	65.5	12.5	14.5	11.1	13.1	11.5	14.1	22.8	7.7	19.6
GROUP I																			
56 cities, 250,000 and over; population 40,562,000:																			
Offenses known	18,813	2,909	79,794	17,246	34,374	71,111	65,474	56,119	106,142	50,973	352,409	125,966	28,041	351,911	88,148	13,592	10,711	7,853	4,301
Percent cleared by arrest ...	50.7	49.5	19.2	24.5	19.5	27.8	40.1	58.7	50.7	63.7	10.5	11.9	10.6	9.9	8.9	11.1	19.5	5.3	13.5
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 18,156,000:																			
Offenses known	6,372	1,128	33,030	9,216	25,373	27,939	25,945	27,367	49,366	23,431	123,897	56,482	7,377	152,957	39,726	5,074	2,978	3,055	1,700
Percent cleared by arrest ...	45.9	46.5	16.4	22.9	16.5	27.9	34.8	52.6	46.1	73.8	8.9	10.1	14.1	7.9	7.8	6.4	20.3	3.7	8.8
16 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 10,382,000:																			
Offenses known	5,525	798	21,431	3,962	4,166	19,011	15,428	12,359	25,496	10,917	99,860	26,130	9,654	85,535	19,349	4,337	2,595	1,990	861
Percent cleared by arrest ..	55.7	52.0	22.1	26.4	26.8	28.2	50.4	67.3	54.4	52.8	12.6	16.5	10.5	12.2	11.2	9.5	17.5	4.8	16.0
32 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 12,024,000:																			
Offenses known	6,916	983	25,333	4,068	4,835	24,161	24,101	16,393	31,280	16,625	128,652	43,354	11,010	113,419	29,073	4,181	5,138	2,808	1,740
Percent cleared by arrest ...	50.4	50.2	20.6	26.3	26.7	27.2	39.6	62.1	54.5	56.3	10.5	11.4	8.3	10.9	9.0	18.4	20.1	7.4	16.8
GROUP II																			
134 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 19,631,000:																			
Offenses known	7,926	1,000	22,332	4,691	5,261	21,939	20,050	17,042	33,657	22,081	160,631	58,061	19,161	116,226	23,054	5,489	4,703	2,734	2,051
Percent cleared by arrest ...	52.1	45.6	23.8	29.7	30.9	30.5	44.8	64.3	59.7	66.7	11.8	15.4	12.9	12.9	10.7	9.7	23.5	7.8	28.0
GROUP III																			
311 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 21,009,000:																			
Offenses known	6,985	873	14,274	3,383	3,474	16,988	13,212	13,142	25,374	24,368	126,138	55,525	18,377	90,759	16,022	5,221	3,225	1,863	1,814
Percent cleared by arrest ...	47.7	46.0	23.1	29.9	28.2	31.9	44.1	63.9	57.1	65.5	12.9	14.8	8.7	13.3	12.1	13.7	22.6	8.7	19.8
GROUP IV																			
594 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 20,578,000:																			
Offenses known	5,734	773	8,420	2,184	2,633	10,995	9,557	10,367	19,131	22,783	102,718	53,458	14,035	61,963	10,716	5,406	2,837	1,292	1,973
Percent cleared by arrest ..	45.1	43.7	25.2	30.8	32.2	32.8	47.6	62.0	57.0	63.3	13.2	14.7	10.4	15.2	14.9	13.7	23.2	9.7	18.0

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Population group	Forcible rape		Robbery				Aggravated assault				Burglary			Motor vehicle theft			Arson		
	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																			
1,429 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 22,540,000:																			
Offenses known	5,278	664	6,006	1,446	2,018	8,203	7,821	9,755	16,574	22,302	98,614	49,086	13,781	50,155	8,576	4,776	2,603	942	1,342
Percent cleared by arrest ..	50.1	50.6	31.0	37.4	32.1	39.2	54.4	65.3	58.6	65.5	16.1	16.8	12.4	22.6	21.9	20.7	28.0	15.2	23.9
GROUP VI																			
5,478 cities under 10,000; population 18,739,000:																			
Offenses known	4,061	608	3,374	899	1,033	4,598	5,885	7,541	12,187	25,170	77,030	45,318	11,255	32,143	6,442	4,450	2,567	656	1,287
Percent cleared by arrest ..	55.9	52.0	30.5	41.0	38.6	41.1	62.0	67.9	62.1	70.3	17.3	17.7	12.5	29.5	27.5	22.5	30.0	18.9	24.6
SUBURBAN COUNTIES																			
1,085 agencies; population 43,157,000:																			
Offenses known	10,281	1,296	16,354	2,612	3,634	11,875	19,420	15,334	37,537	35,808	203,904	89,330	20,933	103,696	28,326	12,698	4,872	3,919	3,027
Percent cleared by arrest ..	54.2	51.4	24.1	32.8	27.8	37.3	51.7	67.0	61.1	69.3	14.4	15.4	11.1	16.8	14.3	13.3	24.1	7.7	17.5
RURAL COUNTIES																			
2,162 agencies; population 23,042,000:																			
Offenses known	5,126	567	1,787	419	522	1,615	7,921	6,126	11,312	17,925	102,522	41,752	7,651	18,796	5,883	6,984	2,344	887	591
Percent cleared by arrest ..	51.6	52.7	41.4	43.4	38.5	43.5	62.3	66.8	61.8	66.1	16.8	17.1	13.8	34.3	30.3	18.6	29.1	18.9	26.7
SUBURBAN AREA²																			
5,507 agencies; population 84,822,000:																			
Offenses known	18,631	2,395	28,018	5,447	7,264	26,881	30,822	28,741	64,276	76,832	360,240	177,066	44,564	208,313	45,523	21,783	9,501	5,810	6,067
Percent cleared by arrest ..	52.2	50.3	25.0	33.0	29.5	36.8	51.7	66.1	59.8	68.5	14.6	15.8	11.1	17.2	15.1	14.4	25.1	9.4	18.8

¹ Includes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

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Table 28. — Offenses Cleared by Arrest¹ of Persons Under 18 Years of Age, 1997

[1997 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: 11,153 agencies; population 198,184,000:												
Total clearances	2,088,489	2,101,152	556,414	1,532,075	8,634	35,667	91,152	420,961	244,892	1,144,170	143,013	12,663
Percent under 18	20.2	20.4	12.4	23.0	7.8	11.5	17.4	11.5	20.2	23.9	20.5	46.3
TOTAL CITIES: 7,949 cities; population 134,334,000:												
Total clearances	1,681,375	1,691,104	440,360	1,241,015	6,579	26,830	79,441	327,510	176,747	952,570	111,698	9,729
Percent under 18	20.6	20.8	12.6	23.5	8.3	11.2	17.4	11.7	19.8	24.5	20.8	48.2
GROUP I												
54 cities, 250,000 and over; population 32,712,000:												
Total clearances	487,094	490,186	175,358	311,736	3,068	10,190	36,676	125,424	49,630	220,602	41,504	3,092
Percent under 18	16.6	16.7	10.7	19.9	8.1	9.3	15.8	9.3	16.1	20.3	22.2	45.7
7 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 10,835,000:												
Total clearances	143,018	143,887	60,542	82,476	1,070	2,772	10,740	45,960	12,936	56,403	13,137	869
Percent under 18	15.3	15.5	8.1	20.5	6.0	6.0	14.7	6.7	16.4	21.7	19.5	48.1
15 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 9,853,000:												
Total clearances	151,339	152,026	49,376	101,963	823	3,441	11,786	33,326	17,302	72,092	12,569	687
Percent under 18	15.1	15.2	11.8	16.6	8.7	14.0	16.2	10.2	13.8	16.8	19.7	45.7
32 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 12,024,000:												
Total clearances	192,737	194,273	65,440	127,297	1,175	3,977	14,150	46,138	19,392	92,107	15,798	1,536
Percent under 18	18.7	18.9	12.2	22.0	9.6	7.6	16.3	11.4	18.1	22.1	26.5	44.4
GROUP II												
133 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 19,509,000:												
Total clearances	273,035	274,915	74,798	198,237	1,278	4,425	14,844	54,251	30,082	150,359	17,796	1,880
Percent under 18	18.9	19.1	12.2	21.5	9.3	9.1	17.7	11.0	17.7	22.4	20.0	41.4
GROUP III												
308 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 20,807,000:												
Total clearances	252,658	253,911	59,116	193,542	802	3,746	10,716	43,852	26,079	152,808	14,655	1,253
Percent under 18	22.7	22.9	13.9	25.5	9.0	11.8	19.9	12.7	19.5	26.9	21.4	49.2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 28. — Offenses Cleared by Arrest¹ of Persons Under 18 Years of Age, 1997 — 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												
587 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 20,332,000:												
Total clearances	220,746	221,879	46,537	174,209	542	2,938	7,319	35,738	22,754	139,608	11,847	1,133
Percent under 18	23.4	23.5	14.2	25.8	8.5	13.1	19.6	13.2	21.4	27.1	19.7	54.4
GROUP V												
1,416 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 22,334,000:												
Total clearances	245,785	246,960	44,213	201,572	489	2,954	6,226	34,544	25,562	162,259	13,751	1,175
Percent under 18	23.2	23.4	15.1	25.0	6.7	14.2	19.2	14.6	22.9	25.9	18.7	54.5
GROUP VI												
5,451 cities under 10,000; population 18,639,000:												
Total clearances	202,057	203,253	40,338	161,719	400	2,577	3,660	33,701	22,640	126,934	12,145	1,196
Percent under 18	24.0	24.2	15.7	26.1	7.5	15.4	18.4	15.6	26.2	26.6	20.3	52.1
SUBURBAN COUNTIES												
1,067 agencies; population 41,329,000:												
Total clearances	289,789	291,729	83,181	206,608	1,279	5,919	9,904	66,079	43,001	141,656	21,951	1,940
Percent under 18	19.2	19.4	12.4	21.9	6.3	11.8	18.1	11.7	21.7	22.3	19.4	46.3
RURAL COUNTIES												
2,137 agencies; population 22,522,000:												
Total clearances	117,325	118,319	32,873	84,452	776	2,918	1,807	27,372	25,144	49,944	9,364	994
Percent under 18	16.6	16.7	9.8	19.2	5.3	13.4	11.9	9.5	20.5	18.6	19.3	27.2
SUBURBAN AREA⁵												
5,466 agencies; population 82,747,000:												
Total clearances	671,858	675,823	156,726	515,132	1,998	10,597	20,465	123,666	82,814	387,954	44,364	3,965
Percent under 18	21.1	21.3	14.2	23.3	7.0	13.2	19.4	13.5	22.2	24.0	18.9	50.9

¹ Includes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

² 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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