

SECTION III

Crime Index Offenses Cleared

When at least one person is arrested, charged with the commission of an offense, and turned over to the court for prosecution, the reporting law enforcement agency clears or solves that particular offense (or possibly a number of offenses with which the perpetrator was involved) for UCR purposes. Just as the arrest of one individual may clear multiple crimes, the arrest of many persons may clear only one offense. Furthermore, clearances recorded for a specific calendar year such as 1999 may include offenses that occurred in previous years.

A law enforcement agency clears a crime by exceptional means when elements beyond its control prevent the placing of formal charges against the offender. In such instances, law enforcement must have identified the offender, possess enough evidence to support arrest, and identify the offender's location. Circumstances that permit exceptional clearances include 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.

In 1999 a 21-percent Crime Index clearance rate (excluding arson) was recorded by law enforcement agencies nationwide. The clearance rate for the Modified Crime Index total, which includes arson (cleared at a rate of 17 percent), was also 21 percent.

Crimes against persons (murder, forcible rape, and aggravated assault) are often given more intensive investigative efforts than property crimes, and the victims and/or witnesses frequently identify the perpetrators. Therefore, clearance rates are generally higher for violent crimes than for property crimes. In 1999 the trend continued: 50 percent of violent crimes were cleared compared to the 18 percent of property crimes (excluding arson) that were cleared. Among the violent crime offenses, the murder clearance rate was 69 percent; aggravated assault, 59 percent; forcible rape, 49 percent; and robbery, 29 percent. For property crime offenses, 19 percent of larceny-thefts, 15 percent of motor vehicle thefts, and 14 percent of burglaries were cleared.

By region, law enforcement agencies in the Northeast recorded the highest total Crime Index clearance rate, 24 percent. The Southern States and the Western States registered clearance rates of 22 percent and 21 percent, respectively, and the Midwestern States showed a clearance rate of 20 percent. Violent crime clearance rates were 51 percent in the Northeast, 50 percent in both the South and the West, and 48 percent in the Midwest. For property crime, the Northeastern and Southern

regions registered clearance rates of 19 and 18 percent, respectively, and the Midwestern and Western regions recorded clearance rates of 17 percent each.

Rural county law enforcement agencies recorded a 23-percent clearance rate for Crime Index offenses, the highest among community types. Rural counties also registered violent and property crime clearance rates of 61 percent and 18 percent, respectively. Collectively, cities cleared 21 percent of Crime Index offenses, 48 percent of violent crimes, and 18 percent of property crimes. Among cities, those with populations of 10,000 to 24,999 registered the highest clearance rates for the Crime Index offenses at 25 percent and for property crime offenses at 22 percent. Cities with less than 10,000 inhabitants cleared the highest percentage of violent crimes at 60 percent. Suburban counties had clearance rates of 21 percent for reported serious offenses, 55 percent for violent crime, and 17 percent for property crime. (See Table 25.)

Clearances Involving Only Persons Under 18 Years of Age

For UCR purposes, 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 occurred. The number of crimes in which juveniles are identified as the offenders may be evaluated to estimate the total amount of juvenile crime. The juvenile clearance percentages shown in this publication should be considered a slight underestimation of juvenile involvement in crime because these figures include only those offenses in which no adults were involved. According to 1999 Bureau of Census estimates, juveniles, or persons under 18 years of age, accounted for 26 percent of the United States population.

Nineteen percent of the Crime Index offenses cleared by law enforcement involved only juveniles in 1999. Juveniles accounted for 12 percent of the violent crime and 22 percent of the property crime clearances. Murder showed the lowest percentage of juvenile involvement, 6 percent, and arson, at 49 percent, indicated the highest percentage.

Regionally, the Midwestern States recorded the largest percentage of Crime Index offenses involving persons under the age of 18, clearing 24 percent. Juveniles alone were the offenders in 22 percent of the clearances in the Western States, 17 percent of the clearances in the Northeastern States, and 16 percent of the clearances in the Southern States.

Figure 3.1

Offenses Cleared by Arrest 1999

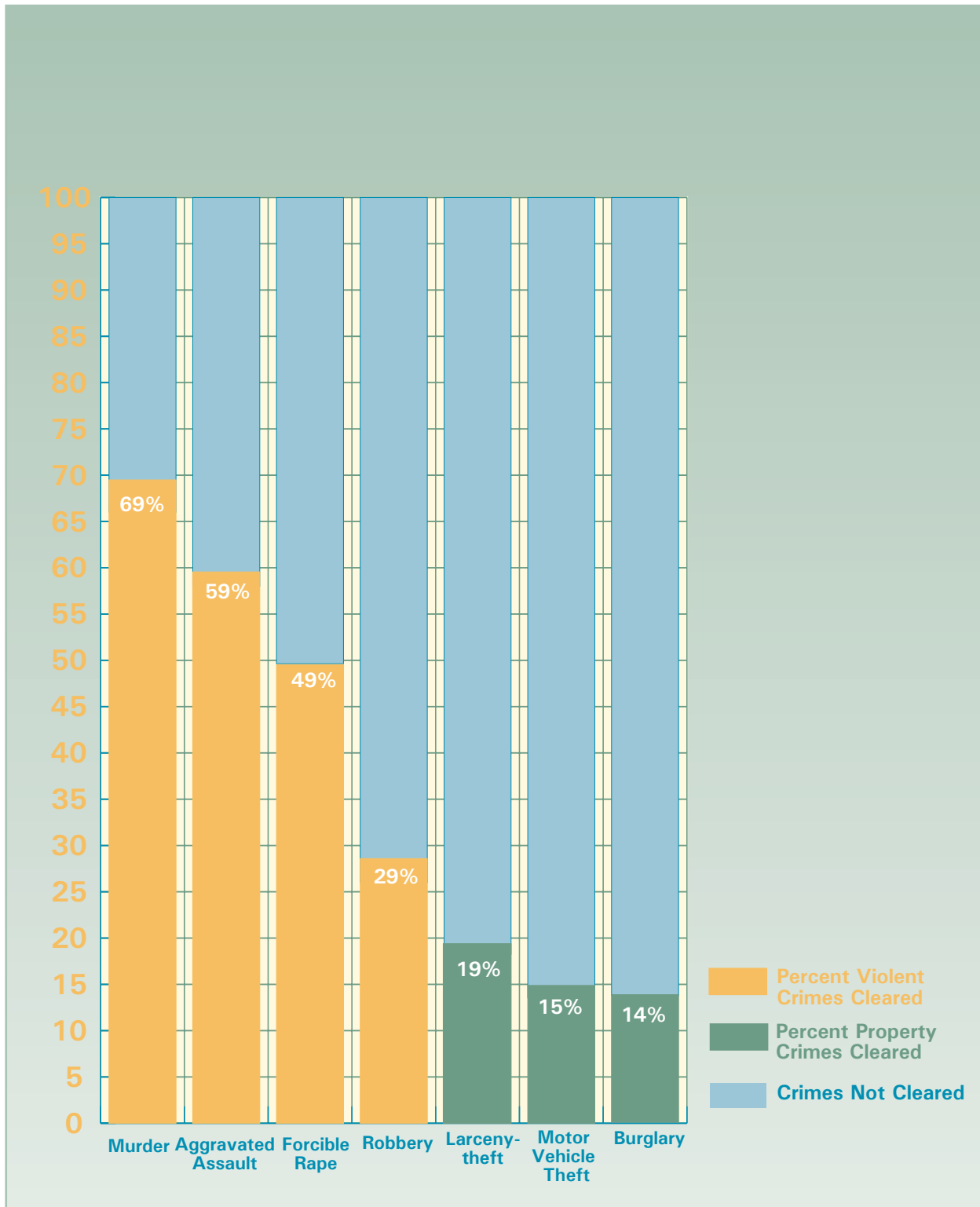


Table 25

Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest¹
 by Population Group, 1999
 [1999 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:												
11,910 agencies;												
population 230,476,000												
Offenses known	9,659,727	9,729,837	1,164,380	8,495,347	12,266	72,809	330,601	748,704	1,751,332	5,787,112	956,903	70,110
Percent cleared by arrest	21.4	21.4	50.0	17.5	69.1	49.5	28.5	59.2	13.7	19.1	14.9	17.2
TOTAL CITIES: 8,602 cities;												
population 153,455,000												
Offenses known	7,596,681	7,648,733	921,927	6,674,754	9,337	53,377	291,129	568,084	1,271,423	4,622,968	780,363	52,052
Percent cleared by arrest	21.4	21.3	48.3	17.6	67.5	49.2	28.1	58.3	13.2	19.5	13.7	17.0
GROUP I												
60 cities, 250,000 and over; population 42,762,000												
Offenses known	2,604,028	2,626,893	422,208	2,181,820	4,892	18,864	157,959	240,493	427,322	1,394,508	359,990	22,865
Percent cleared by arrest	19.4	19.3	45.5	14.3	65.5	55.7	26.8	56.6	11.8	16.0	10.9	12.2
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 19,013,000												
Offenses known	929,406	939,036	183,871	745,535	1,974	6,182	71,162	104,553	140,626	465,870	139,039	9,630
Percent cleared by arrest	19.8	19.7	46.0	13.3	64.8	52.7	28.2	57.3	11.3	15.1	9.3	9.2
17 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 11,189,000												
Offenses known	736,866	741,775	101,942	634,924	1,314	5,956	37,110	57,562	124,746	414,644	95,534	4,909
Percent cleared by arrest	19.4	19.4	46.3	15.1	61.0	62.1	26.6	57.1	12.9	16.3	12.4	12.7
35 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 12,560,000												
Offenses known	937,756	946,082	136,395	801,361	1,604	6,726	49,687	78,378	161,950	513,994	125,417	8,326
Percent cleared by arrest	19.0	18.9	44.2	14.7	70.1	52.7	24.9	55.2	11.5	16.5	11.4	15.5
GROUP II												
140 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 20,621,000												
Offenses known	1,201,957	1,210,595	141,468	1,060,489	1,476	8,683	46,926	84,383	210,846	718,103	131,540	8,638
Percent cleared by arrest	20.2	20.2	46.9	16.6	64.4	45.4	26.8	57.8	12.6	18.6	12.5	17.2
GROUP III												
348 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 23,770,000												
Offenses known	1,126,203	1,132,818	122,177	1,004,026	1,090	8,086	36,129	76,872	195,172	698,211	110,643	6,615
Percent cleared by arrest	21.9	21.8	48.6	18.6	66.1	45.1	29.1	57.9	13.2	21.0	13.1	18.5
GROUP IV												
649 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 22,459,000												
Offenses known	945,274	950,604	89,580	855,694	731	6,505	23,355	58,989	159,989	618,807	76,898	5,330
Percent cleared by arrest	22.1	22.1	49.2	19.3	72.8	42.2	29.8	57.4	13.3	21.4	14.8	20.3

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 25

Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest¹
 by Population Group, 1999 — Continued
 [1999 estimated population]

Population group	Crime Index total	Modified Crime Index total ²	Violent crime ³	Property crime ⁴	Murder and non-negligent man-	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson ²
GROUP V												
1,538 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 24,111,000												
Offenses known	919,816	924,258	79,484	840,332	645	6,404	17,093	55,342	150,852	629,889	59,591	4,442
Percent cleared by arrest	24.6	24.6	54.3	21.8	77.2	46.7	34.6	61.1	15.2	23.5	21.3	25.2
GROUP VI												
5,867 cities under 10,000; population 19,733,000												
Offenses known	799,403	803,565	67,010	732,393	503	4,835	9,667	52,005	127,242	563,450	41,701	4,162
Percent cleared by arrest	24.3	24.3	60.2	21.0	78.9	50.3	36.5	65.3	16.5	21.3	31.1	28.0
SUBURBAN COUNTIES												
1,121 agencies; population 51,581,000												
Offenses known	1,576,989	1,590,925	185,255	1,391,734	1,961	13,829	35,465	134,000	337,718	909,313	144,703	13,936
Percent cleared by arrest	21.1	21.0	55.0	16.6	73.9	50.2	31.0	61.5	14.4	17.2	17.8	16.2
RURAL COUNTIES												
2,187 agencies; population 25,439,000												
Offenses known	486,057	490,179	57,198	428,859	968	5,603	4,007	46,620	142,191	254,831	31,837	4,122
Percent cleared by arrest	23.4	23.4	61.4	18.4	74.6	50.2	39.4	64.3	16.4	18.0	29.8	22.7
SUBURBAN AREA⁵												
5,867 agencies; population 96,404,000												
Offenses known	3,193,805	3,216,491	321,436	2,872,369	2,972	23,892	67,987	226,585	592,661	2,009,799	269,909	22,686
Percent cleared by arrest	22.0	22.0	54.4	18.4	73.9	48.4	31.3	61.7	14.4	19.6	18.0	19.0

¹Includes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

²The Modified Crime Index total is the sum of the Crime Index offenses, including arson.

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

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

⁵Includes 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 Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program administered by the Delaware State Bureau of Investigation and the Illinois State Police were not in accordance with national UCR guidelines; therefore, the figures were excluded from the forcible rape, violent crime, Crime Index total, and Modified Crime Index total categories.

Population figures are rounded to the nearest thousand.

Table 26

Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest¹
 by Geographic Region and Division, 1999
 [1999 estimated population]

Geographic region/division	Crime Index total	Modified Crime Index total ²	Violent crime ³	Property crime ⁴	Murder and non-negligent man-slaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson ²
TOTAL ALL AGENCIES:												
11,910 agencies;												
population 230,476,000												
Offenses known	9,659,727	9,729,837	1,164,380	8,495,347	12,266	72,809	330,601	748,704	1,751,332	5,787,112	956,903	70,110
Percent cleared by arrest	21.4	21.4	50.0	17.5	69.1	49.5	28.5	59.2	13.7	19.1	14.9	17.2
NEW ENGLAND												
702 agencies;												
population 12,198,000												
Offenses known	383,083	385,548	47,855	335,228	295	3,040	10,745	33,775	65,942	228,655	40,631	2,465
Percent cleared by arrest	21.5	21.4	51.5	17.2	59.0	45.0	25.9	60.2	13.7	19.0	12.3	14.9
MIDDLE ATLANTIC												
2,062 agencies;												
population 34,910,000												
Offenses known	1,052,374	1,061,463	156,655	895,719	1,505	7,071	62,529	85,550	166,864	614,987	113,868	9,089
Percent cleared by arrest	24.5	24.5	50.7	20.0	81.5	55.2	31.5	63.7	16.6	22.1	13.4	18.0
NORTHEAST												
2,764 agencies;												
population 47,108,000												
Offenses known	1,435,457	1,447,011	204,510	1,230,947	1,800	10,111	73,274	119,325	232,806	843,642	154,499	11,554
Percent cleared by arrest	23.7	23.7	50.9	19.2	77.8	52.1	30.7	62.7	15.8	21.3	13.1	17.4
EAST NORTH CENTRAL												
1,430 agencies;												
population 23,160,000												
Offenses known	895,892	903,123	79,754	816,138	974	8,396	25,604	44,780	163,823	570,668	81,647	7,231
Percent cleared by arrest	18.9	18.9	44.9	16.3	63.0	41.9	25.2	56.3	11.6	17.8	15.4	17.8
WEST NORTH CENTRAL												
1,122 agencies;												
population 14,117,000												
Offenses known	553,350	557,210	49,278	504,072	525	4,431	11,216	33,106	90,013	370,908	43,151	3,860
Percent cleared by arrest	22.0	22.0	53.5	18.9	62.5	51.3	29.0	62.0	13.2	20.2	20.1	18.8
MIDWEST												
2,552 agencies;												
population 37,277,000												
Offenses known	1,449,242	1,460,333	129,032	1,320,210	1,499	12,827	36,820	77,886	253,836	941,576	124,798	11,091
Percent cleared by arrest	20.1	20.1	48.2	17.3	62.8	45.1	26.3	58.7	12.2	18.7	17.0	18.1
SOUTH ATLANTIC												
2,456 agencies;												
population 47,740,000												
Offenses known	2,359,780	2,371,960	293,806	2,065,974	2,997	15,631	78,424	196,754	451,719	1,402,048	212,207	12,180
Percent cleared by arrest	21.6	21.6	50.2	17.6	69.7	53.1	27.8	58.6	14.9	18.5	17.1	19.7
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL												
676 agencies;												
population 10,652,000												
Offenses known	464,647	466,739	59,796	404,851	728	4,038	14,838	40,192	94,018	270,739	40,094	2,092
Percent cleared by arrest	22.8	22.8	49.6	18.8	69.1	50.3	32.4	55.6	14.3	20.6	17.1	24.1

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 26

Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest¹
 by Geographic Region and Division, 1999 — Continued
 [1999 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
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL												
1,580 agencies; population 29,305,000												
Offenses known	1,463,168	1,474,240	166,719	1,296,449	1,990	10,864	40,894	112,971	284,020	883,227	129,202	11,072
Percent cleared by arrest	21.0	21.0	50.8	17.1	74.5	55.1	29.3	57.8	12.7	18.6	17.0	17.9
SOUTH												
4,712 agencies; population 87,697,000												
Offenses known	4,287,595	4,312,939	520,321	3,767,274	5,715	30,533	134,156	349,917	829,757	2,556,014	381,503	25,344
Percent cleared by arrest	21.5	21.5	50.3	17.5	71.3	53.4	28.8	58.1	14.1	18.7	17.1	19.3
MOUNTAIN												
735 agencies; population 16,116,000												
Offenses known	776,393	780,817	71,818	704,575	959	6,049	18,280	46,530	135,198	486,651	82,726	4,424
Percent cleared by arrest	20.2	20.2	45.3	17.7	66.8	40.0	24.0	54.0	11.8	20.0	13.8	18.8
PACIFIC												
1,147 agencies; population 42,278,000												
Offenses known	1,711,040	1,728,737	238,699	1,472,341	2,293	13,289	68,071	155,046	299,735	959,229	213,377	17,697
Percent cleared by arrest	20.9	20.9	51.0	16.1	61.7	47.0	28.2	61.1	13.2	18.0	11.3	13.2
WEST												
1,882 agencies; population 58,394,000												
Offenses known	2,487,433	2,509,554	310,517	2,176,916	3,252	19,338	86,351	201,576	434,933	1,445,880	296,103	22,121
Percent cleared by arrest	20.7	20.7	49.7	16.6	63.2	44.8	27.3	59.5	12.8	18.7	12.0	14.3

¹Includes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

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Population figures are rounded to the nearest thousand.

Table 27

Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest ¹

by Population Group, 1999

Breakdown of Offenses Known

[1999 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:																			
11,436 agencies;																			
population 214,367,000																			
Offenses known	58,073	7,171	112,680	26,442	36,125	120,072	115,852	118,950	223,267	196,141	987,276	460,209	106,567	648,075	149,473	58,282	28,961	19,890	16,051
Percent cleared by arrest	49.1	48.2	23.6	31.5	27.4	33.3	46.3	64.4	58.0	65.5	13.2	14.8	10.8	14.9	13.9	13.8	22.9	7.4	18.7
TOTAL CITIES: 8,266 cities;																			
population 145,275,000																			
Offenses known	43,822	5,653	99,965	24,000	32,916	109,116	92,260	98,349	177,659	146,448	729,044	344,909	82,880	551,833	122,826	41,293	22,422	15,053	11,277
Percent cleared by arrest	49.4	48.4	23.3	31.0	26.9	33.1	44.0	64.0	57.6	65.0	12.7	14.7	10.8	13.9	13.0	13.1	22.6	6.8	19.4
GROUP I																			
57 cities, 250,000 and over;																			
population 41,393,000																			
Offenses known	15,649	2,410	57,708	13,707	21,349	58,095	49,908	46,382	83,154	47,405	271,421	109,767	23,130	260,300	69,393	15,231	9,891	8,548	3,466
Percent cleared by arrest	56.5	52.0	22.3	30.2	24.9	32.0	41.0	63.4	56.9	66.0	11.6	12.9	10.7	11.2	9.5	11.9	19.0	4.4	13.9
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over;																			
population 19,013,000																			
Offenses known	5,209	973	24,969	7,191	13,849	25,153	21,423	22,242	37,170	23,720	91,023	43,021	6,582	103,561	29,622	5,856	3,608	4,759	1,263
Percent cleared by arrest	52.6	53.3	21.7	33.0	23.4	35.8	37.9	61.8	56.7	71.5	10.9	12.0	13.1	9.8	7.8	6.9	17.4	3.3	7.8
16 cities, 500,000 to 999,999;																			
population 10,486,000																			
Offenses known	4,808	689	14,757	3,128	2,997	14,525	11,384	10,267	21,146	9,746	75,701	30,835	8,559	69,748	18,335	3,848	2,311	1,394	786
Percent cleared by arrest	64.0	51.7	23.9	27.5	29.8	28.5	47.8	64.3	56.4	56.2	12.7	14.5	9.6	12.6	11.5	8.4	19.6	3.9	10.8
33 cities, 250,000 to 499,999;																			
population 11,894,000																			
Offenses known	5,632	748	17,982	3,388	4,503	18,417	17,101	13,873	24,838	13,939	104,697	35,911	7,989	86,991	21,436	5,527	3,972	2,395	1,417
Percent cleared by arrest	53.6	50.7	21.8	26.7	26.4	29.6	40.4	65.2	57.4	63.4	11.3	12.5	9.8	11.8	10.0	19.6	20.1	6.8	21.0
GROUP II																			
128 cities, 100,000 to 249,999;																			
population 18,726,000																			
Offenses known	6,906	795	15,906	3,541	3,935	16,564	13,590	13,867	27,677	16,488	118,730	50,922	13,699	86,633	19,819	7,144	3,711	2,432	1,634
Percent cleared by arrest	45.0	43.0	23.4	27.8	26.8	30.3	44.3	64.4	58.7	65.6	11.8	14.4	10.5	12.5	11.8	9.2	21.3	6.8	18.3
GROUP III																			
320 cities, 50,000 to 99,999;																			
population 21,841,000																			
Offenses known	6,529	719	11,492	2,754	2,997	14,136	10,828	12,294	24,319	19,618	104,707	52,622	13,921	77,738	13,358	5,269	2,763	1,623	1,723
Percent cleared by arrest	45.7	44.8	23.4	31.9	30.1	34.7	43.0	63.8	58.4	63.0	12.9	15.2	10.1	13.5	12.8	11.7	22.1	8.8	22.5

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 by Population Group, 1999
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 [1999 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
GROUP IV																			
611 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 21,122,000																			
Offenses known	5,364	569	6,735	1,866	2,193	9,211	6,549	9,199	16,091	19,251	84,904	45,338	11,488	54,432	8,153	4,895	2,247	1,047	1,715
Percent cleared by arrest	41.3	46.7	23.7	31.7	30.9	34.4	46.8	62.1	55.0	61.2	12.4	15.0	9.7	14.6	14.4	12.1	25.2	10.2	19.7
GROUP V																			
1,467 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 23,046,000																			
Offenses known	5,397	555	5,246	1,336	1,580	6,919	6,297	9,096	14,611	19,860	80,930	45,359	11,417	43,209	6,805	4,534	1,985	763	1,366
Percent cleared by arrest	46.5	45.4	29.1	39.5	36.4	39.3	52.9	64.3	57.8	64.9	15.2	16.0	12.0	21.7	21.9	17.7	30.2	15.9	25.4
GROUP VI																			
5,683 cities, under 10,000; population 19,146,000																			
Offenses known	3,977	605	2,878	796	862	4,191	5,088	7,511	11,807	23,826	68,352	40,901	9,225	29,521	5,298	4,220	1,825	640	1,373
Percent cleared by arrest	49.9	49.4	29.5	39.4	37.9	40.3	59.6	68.8	61.6	67.6	16.3	17.2	12.2	29.5	49.9	22.1	34.5	17.7	24.2
SUBURBAN COUNTIES																			
1,048 agencies; population 44,487,000																			
Offenses known	9,544	1,032	11,194	2,097	2,747	9,691	16,097	14,586	33,868	32,537	168,198	78,741	17,044	77,875	21,266	10,865	4,546	3,942	3,832
Percent cleared by arrest	46.8	45.4	24.3	34.8	31.2	35.1	52.0	66.0	59.0	67.3	13.6	14.6	9.8	17.9	15.4	13.6	23.7	7.9	15.7
RURAL COUNTIES																			
2,122 agencies; population 24,605,000																			
Offenses known	4,707	486	1,521	345	462	1,265	7,495	6,015	11,740	17,156	90,034	36,559	6,643	18,367	5,381	6,124	1,993	895	942
Percent cleared by arrest	50.4	52.3	36.9	44.9	41.6	38.8	61.9	67.0	61.8	65.5	16.3	16.7	13.8	33.4	29.0	18.7	24.4	15.5	23.7
SUBURBAN AREA ²																			
5,564 agencies; population 87,031,000																			
Offenses known	17,781	1,955	20,997	4,579	5,500	22,675	24,831	27,202	56,643	69,055	297,377	156,101	36,378	167,769	34,806	19,301	8,160	5,498	6,770
Percent cleared by arrest	46.1	46.1	24.5	34.4	32.1	36.4	51.6	65.8	59.0	66.6	13.7	15.2	10.4	17.6	19.4	14.4	26.5	9.2	18.2

¹Includes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

²Includes 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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Population figures are rounded to the nearest thousand.

Table 28

Number of Offenses by Population Group Cleared by Arrest¹
of Persons Under 18 Years of Age, 1999
[1999 estimated population]

Population group	Crime Index total	Modified Crime Index total ²	Violent crime ³	Property crime ⁴	Murder and non-negligent man-slaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson ⁵
TOTAL ALL AGENCIES:												
11,243 agencies;												
population 203,514,000												
Total clearances	1,773,115	1,784,246	479,569	1,293,546	7,198	30,781	75,925	365,665	203,172	968,773	121,601	11,131
Percent under 18	19.3	19.5	12.4	21.8	6.3	11.8	15.3	12.0	19.1	22.7	19.3	49.0
TOTAL CITIES: 8,209 cities;												
population 136,121,000												
Total clearances	1,431,351	1,439,678	376,659	1,054,692	5,394	23,393	66,978	280,894	146,622	813,255	94,815	8,327
Percent under 18	19.7	19.9	12.5	22.3	6.6	11.2	15.3	12.1	18.7	23.2	19.5	51.9
GROUP I												
55 cities, 250,000 and over; population 33,445,000												
Total clearances	433,183	435,920	154,790	278,393	2,651	9,309	32,694	110,136	43,797	199,094	35,502	2,737
Percent under 18	15.7	15.9	10.8	18.5	6.6	9.4	14.1	10.0	14.7	19.0	20.2	48.1
7 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 11,584,000												
Total clearances	140,129	141,013	59,161	80,968	899	2,584	12,180	43,498	12,277	57,629	11,062	884
Percent under 18	14.9	15.0	9.5	18.8	7.2	7.4	14.8	8.2	16.0	19.2	19.5	41.2
15 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 9,967,000												
Total clearances	127,786	128,378	40,623	87,163	665	3,328	9,046	27,584	14,357	61,846	10,960	592
Percent under 18	13.5	13.7	11.4	14.5	6.0	12.1	12.7	11.0	11.6	14.6	18.0	46.1
33 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 11,894,000												
Total clearances	165,268	166,529	55,006	110,262	1,087	3,397	11,468	39,054	17,163	79,619	13,480	1,261
Percent under 18	18.1	18.4	11.7	21.4	6.3	8.4	14.3	11.4	16.3	22.2	22.6	53.8
GROUP II												
127 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 18,526,000												
Total clearances	208,929	210,188	56,689	152,240	801	3,419	10,725	41,744	22,557	116,017	13,666	1,259
Percent under 18	19.1	19.3	12.2	21.7	6.9	9.7	15.9	11.5	16.5	22.8	20.8	49.5
GROUP III												
317 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 21,597,000												
Total clearances	218,460	219,606	51,686	166,774	631	3,276	9,215	38,564	22,716	131,519	12,539	1,146
Percent under 18	22.2	22.4	13.5	24.9	7.4	12.3	17.0	12.9	19.8	26.3	18.7	53.4

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 28

Number of Offenses by Population Group Cleared by Arrest¹
of Persons Under 18 Years of Age, 1999 — Continued
[1999 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
GROUP IV												
604 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 20,860,000												
Total clearances	184,287	185,311	37,693	146,594	477	2,422	5,930	28,864	17,889	119,138	9,567	1,024
Percent under 18	22.6	22.8	14.8	24.7	7.5	13.5	18.8	14.2	20.6	25.6	20.4	59.9
GROUP V												
1,445 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 22,679,000												
Total clearances	204,904	205,972	38,586	166,318	460	2,695	5,259	30,172	20,492	134,473	11,353	1,068
Percent under 18	21.8	22.0	14.2	23.6	5.4	13.2	14.7	14.3	20.8	24.5	17.8	54.4
GROUP VI												
5,661 cities, under 10,000; population 19,014,000												
Total clearances	181,588	182,681	37,215	144,373	374	2,272	3,155	31,414	19,171	113,014	12,188	1,093
Percent under 18	21.5	21.7	14.9	23.2	5.6	14.7	16.7	14.9	24.8	23.5	17.5	52.6
SUBURBAN COUNTIES												
989 agencies; population 43,181,000												
Total clearances	238,747	240,685	71,752	166,995	1,127	4,802	7,568	58,255	35,233	113,642	18,120	1,938
Percent under 18	18.0	18.2	12.5	20.4	5.3	12.1	15.6	12.2	20.6	20.7	18.2	44.3
RURAL COUNTIES												
2,045 agencies; population 24,211,000												
Total clearances	103,017	103,883	31,158	71,859	677	2,586	1,379	26,516	21,317	41,876	8,666	866
Percent under 18	16.1	16.3	10.6	18.6	5.3	15.8	9.8	10.2	19.4	17.8	20.3	31.4
SUBURBAN AREA⁵												
5,472 agencies; population 85,271,000												
Total clearances	569,820	573,670	135,399	434,421	1,802	8,905	16,489	108,203	66,892	329,372	38,157	3,850
Percent under 18	19.8	20.0	14.0	21.6	5.5	13.0	16.6	13.8	20.9	22.2	17.2	50.8

¹Includes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

²It 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.

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

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

⁵Includes 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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Population figures are rounded to the nearest thousand.