

## **SECTION III**



# Crime Index Offenses Cleared

Offenses reported to the national UCR Program can be cleared either by arrest or by exceptional means. The administrative closing or “clearing” of a case by a local law enforcement agency does not necessarily mean that an offense can be cleared according to UCR procedures. In order for an offense to be cleared within the Program’s guidelines, certain criteria must be met.

## Cleared by Arrest

In the UCR Program, a reporting law enforcement agency clears, or solves, an offense only when all of the following conditions are met. At least one person must be:

- Arrested.
- Charged with the commission of an offense.
- Turned over to the court for prosecution.

The number of offenses and not the number of persons arrested are counted in the clearances. Therefore, the arrest of one person may clear many crimes. Conversely, the arrest of many persons may clear just one offense. In addition, clearances recorded in a particular calendar year such as 2001 may include offenses that occurred in previous years.

## Cleared by Exceptional Means

When elements beyond law enforcement’s control prevent the agency from placing formal charges against the offender, the offense is cleared exceptionally for UCR purposes. For an offense to be cleared exceptionally, all of the following criteria must be met. The agency must have:

- Identified the offender.
- Gathered enough evidence to support an arrest, make a charge, and turn over the offender to the court for prosecution.
- Identified the offender’s exact location so that law enforcement could make an arrest.
- Encountered a circumstance outside the control of law enforcement that prohibits the agency from arresting, charging, and prosecuting an offender.

Examples of exceptional clearances include but are not limited to the death of the offender (suicide, justifiably killed by police or private citizens, etc.); the victim’s refusal to cooperate with the prosecution after the identification of the offender; or the denial of extradition because the offender committed a crime in another jurisdiction and is being prosecuted. Furthermore, the recovery of property does not clear a case for UCR purposes.

## 2001 National Clearances

Law enforcement agencies nationwide recorded a 19.6-percent Crime Index clearance rate. (The Crime Index offenses include murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and larceny-theft.) The Modified Crime Index total (the Crime Index offenses plus arson) showed a 19.6-percent clearance rate for the year and included a 16.0-percent clearance rate for arson.

Violent crimes (murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) often undergo a more vigorous investigative effort than crimes against property. Additionally, victims and/or witnesses often identify the perpetrators. Consequently, violent crimes tend to have higher clearance rates than property crimes. That tendency continued in 2001 with 46.2 percent of violent crimes cleared compared to 16.2 percent of property crimes cleared (excluding arson). Looking at violent crime clearances, the murder clearance rate was 62.4 percent, the aggravated assault clearance rate was 56.1 percent, the forcible rape clearance rate was 44.3 percent, and the robbery clearance rate was 24.9 percent. A review of the clearances for property crimes indicates that the larceny-theft clearance rate was 17.6 percent, the motor vehicle theft clearance rate was 13.6 percent, and the burglary clearance rate was 12.7 percent. (See Table 25.)

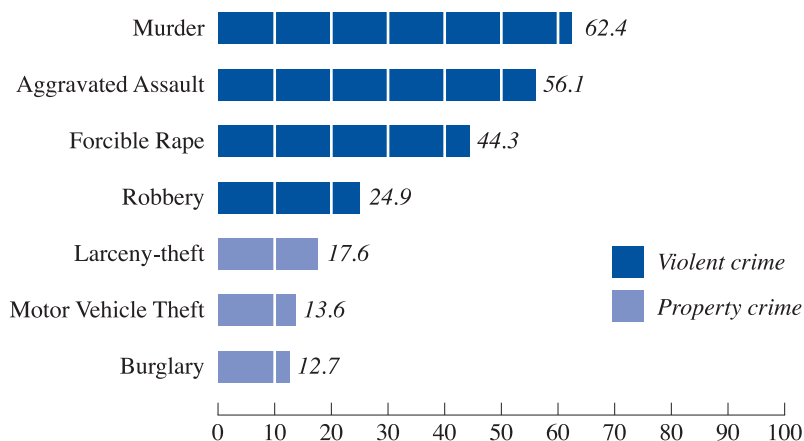
## 2001 Regional Clearances

By region, law enforcement agencies in the Northeast recorded the highest Crime Index clearance rate in the Nation—23.6 percent. The

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**Crimes cleared by arrest**

Percent of crimes cleared by arrest, 2001



South had a 19.5-percent clearance rate, the West had a 18.7-percent clearance rate, and the Midwest cleared 18.5 percent of reported offenses. Violent crime clearance rates reported by region were 51.7 percent in the Northeast, 47.2 percent in the West, 45.1 percent in the South, and 41.9 percent in the Midwest. For property crime, the Northeast and South showed clearance rates of 19.8 percent and 16.1 percent, respectively. The Midwest and West recorded clearance rates of 15.9 percent and 14.8 percent, respectively. (See Table 26.)

**2001 Clearances for Community Types**

Among community types, cities collectively cleared 19.4 percent of Crime Index offenses, 44.0 percent of violent crimes, and 16.2 percent of property crimes. Among city groupings, cities with populations of 10,000 to 24,999 showed the highest clearance rate for Crime Index offenses—23.9 percent. In 2001,

these cities collectively also had the highest property crime clearance rate—21.2 percent. The highest percentage of violent crimes cleared—59.7 percent—occurred in cities with less than 10,000 inhabitants. Among the remaining community types, 19.4 percent of Index offenses were cleared in suburban counties, as were 53.6 percent of violent crimes, and 15.2 percent of property crimes. Rural county law enforcement agencies recorded a 23.0-percent clearance rate for Crime Index offenses. Additionally, rural counties had a violent crime clearance rate of 62.0 percent and a property crime clearance rate of 18.1 percent. (See Table 25.)

**Clearances Involving Only Persons Under 18 Years of Age**

When an offender under the age of 18 is cited to appear in juvenile court or before other juvenile authorities, the UCR Program records that incident as a clearance by arrest, even though a physical arrest may not have occurred. In addition, according to Program definitions, clearances involving both adult and juvenile offenders are classified as adult clearances. Therefore, because the juvenile clearance percentages in this publication include only the offenses in which there were no adults involved, these figures underestimate juvenile involvement in crime.

Of the Crime Index offenses cleared by law enforcement, 18.6 percent involved only juveniles. In addition, crimes committed by only juveniles accounted for 12.1 percent of violent crime clearances and 21.1 percent of property crime clearances. (See Table 28.)

By region, the Midwest had the largest percentage of clearances for Crime Index offenses involving only juveniles—23.0 percent. In the West, juveniles alone accounted for 20.9 percent of the clearances; in the Northeast, 17.5 percent; and in the South, 15.6 percent.

Table 25

**Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means<sup>1</sup>**

by Population Group, 2001

[2001 estimated population]

<i>Population group</i>	<i>Crime Index total</i>	<i>Modified Crime Index total<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Violent crime<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>Property crime<sup>4</sup></i>	<i>Murder and non-negligent man-slaughter</i>	<i>Forcible rape<sup>5</sup></i>	<i>Robbery</i>	<i>Aggravated assault</i>	<i>Burglary</i>	<i>Larceny-theft</i>	<i>Motor vehicle theft</i>	<i>Arson<sup>2</sup></i>
<b>TOTAL ALL AGENCIES:</b>												
<b>11,475 agencies;</b>												
<b>population 214,806,053</b>												
Offenses known	8,884,332	8,952,060	1,024,134	7,860,198	11,982	67,907	304,077	640,168	1,585,074	5,329,949	945,175	67,728
Percent cleared by arrest	19.6	19.6	46.2	16.2	62.4	44.3	24.9	56.1	12.7	17.6	13.6	16.0
<b>TOTAL CITIES: 8,211 cities;</b>												
<b>population 144,826,230</b>												
Offenses known	7,208,589	7,259,693	841,410	6,367,179	9,533	51,643	274,540	505,694	1,192,337	4,375,957	798,885	51,104
Percent cleared by arrest	19.4	19.4	44.0	16.2	60.2	43.6	24.4	54.4	12.3	17.9	12.8	15.6
<b>GROUP I</b>												
59 cities, 250,000 and over; population 37,753,658												
Offenses known	2,568,378	2,590,661	399,627	2,168,751	5,322	18,351	151,006	224,948	422,541	1,347,878	398,332	22,283
Percent cleared by arrest	16.4	16.4	38.3	12.4	56.5	45.2	21.3	48.8	10.1	13.6	10.6	10.9
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 13,396,369												
Offenses known	838,636	845,863	149,874	688,762	1,896	5,709	57,192	85,077	131,060	417,149	140,553	7,227
Percent cleared by arrest	17.8	17.7	39.3	13.1	56.9	44.6	22.0	50.2	11.1	14.7	10.0	9.6
20 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 13,278,524												
Offenses known	948,189	955,215	140,657	807,532	1,917	6,837	51,758	80,145	160,953	507,979	138,600	7,026
Percent cleared by arrest	14.3	14.3	34.5	10.8	54.5	45.8	18.5	43.5	8.3	11.6	10.9	11.5
31 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 11,078,765												
Offenses known	781,553	789,583	109,096	672,457	1,509	5,805	42,056	59,726	130,528	422,750	119,179	8,030
Percent cleared by arrest	17.5	17.5	41.8	13.6	58.4	44.9	23.8	53.8	11.3	15.0	11.1	11.7
<b>GROUP II</b>												
141 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 20,922,711												
Offenses known	1,152,851	1,160,656	128,476	1,024,375	1,469	7,934	45,694	73,379	195,567	691,294	137,514	7,805
Percent cleared by arrest	18.4	18.4	42.3	15.4	57.5	41.5	24.4	53.2	11.7	17.4	10.7	15.6
<b>GROUP III</b>												
342 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 23,367,702												
Offenses known	1,030,905	1,037,810	108,967	921,938	986	8,015	32,841	67,125	177,055	644,106	100,777	6,905
Percent cleared by arrest	20.4	20.4	47.2	17.2	61.1	41.5	27.4	57.4	12.0	19.4	12.2	17.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 25

**Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means<sup>1</sup>**  
 by Population Group, 2001—Continued  
 [2001 estimated population]

<i>Population group</i>	<i>Crime Index total</i>	<i>Modified Crime Index total<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Violent crime<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>Property crime<sup>4</sup></i>	<i>Murder and non-negligent man-slaughter</i>	<i>Forcible rape<sup>5</sup></i>	<i>Robbery</i>	<i>Aggravated assault</i>	<i>Burglary</i>	<i>Larceny-theft</i>	<i>Motor vehicle theft</i>	<i>Arson<sup>2</sup></i>
<b>GROUP IV</b>												
616 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 21,446,942												
Offenses known	863,029	868,377	74,205	788,824	615	6,356	20,136	47,098	141,794	581,324	65,706	5,348
Percent cleared by arrest	21.4	21.4	51.0	18.6	77.9	41.2	31.3	60.4	13.4	20.2	15.8	19.1
<b>GROUP V</b>												
1,436 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 22,843,696												
Offenses known	850,909	855,404	70,381	780,528	633	6,155	15,842	47,751	137,744	585,994	56,790	4,495
Percent cleared by arrest	23.9	23.9	53.9	21.2	72.4	44.5	33.6	61.6	15.6	22.5	21.1	23.9
<b>GROUP VI</b>												
5,617 cities, under 10,000; population 18,491,521												
Offenses known	742,517	746,785	59,754	682,763	508	4,832	9,021	45,393	117,636	525,361	39,766	4,268
Percent cleared by arrest	22.8	22.8	59.7	19.6	69.7	46.3	35.7	65.7	16.4	19.8	26.2	25.0
<b>SUBURBAN COUNTIES</b>												
1,090 agencies; population 44,852,933												
Offenses known	1,210,666	1,223,321	130,925	1,079,741	1,569	10,883	25,703	92,770	259,731	705,069	114,941	12,655
Percent cleared by arrest	19.4	19.3	53.6	15.2	66.9	44.1	27.8	61.7	13.0	16.0	15.4	14.9
<b>RURAL COUNTIES</b>												
2,174 agencies; population 25,126,890												
Offenses known	465,077	469,046	51,799	413,278	880	5,381	3,834	41,704	133,006	248,923	31,349	3,969
Percent cleared by arrest	23.0	23.0	62.0	18.1	77.5	52.0	41.0	64.9	16.3	17.8	28.0	24.8
<b>SUBURBAN AREA<sup>6</sup></b>												
5,454 agencies; population 86,240,191												
Offenses known	2,634,271	2,655,235	240,519	2,393,752	2,472	19,979	53,549	164,519	478,187	1,689,850	225,715	20,964
Percent cleared by arrest	20.5	20.5	53.5	17.2	67.6	43.8	29.3	62.3	13.5	18.4	16.1	17.9

<sup>1</sup> The murders and nonnegligent homicides that occurred as a result of the events of September 11, 2001, were not included in any clearance tables (Tables 25-28). See special report, Section V.

<sup>2</sup> Because arson is reported to the FBI separately from other offenses, the number of agency reports used in arson clearance rates is less than those used in compiling other Crime Index offense clearance rates. The Modified Crime Index total is the sum of the Crime Index offenses, including arson.

<sup>3</sup> Violent crimes are offenses of murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

<sup>4</sup> Property crimes are offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft.

<sup>5</sup> Forcible rape figures furnished by the state Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program administered by 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.

<sup>6</sup> Suburban area includes city law enforcement agencies with less than 50,000 inhabitants and county law enforcement agencies that are within a Metropolitan Statistical Area (see Appendix III). Suburban area excludes all metropolitan agencies associated with a central city. The agencies associated with suburban areas will also appear in other groups within this table.

Table 26

**Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means<sup>1</sup>**by Geographic Region and Division, 2001  
[2001 estimated population]

<i>Geographic region/division</i>	<i>Crime Index total</i>	<i>Modified Crime Index total<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Violent crime<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>Property crime<sup>4</sup></i>	<i>Murder and non-negligent manslaughter</i>	<i>Forcible rape<sup>5</sup></i>	<i>Robbery</i>	<i>Aggravated assault</i>	<i>Burglary</i>	<i>Larceny-theft</i>	<i>Motor vehicle theft</i>	<i>Arson<sup>2</sup></i>
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<b>Percent cleared by arrest</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>16.0</b>
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>												
740 agencies;												
population 11,141,973												
Offenses known	330,480	332,635	36,715	293,765	306	2,894	10,172	23,343	54,392	201,424	37,949	2,155
Percent cleared by arrest	21.1	21.1	50.1	17.5	55.6	42.5	27.5	60.9	14.4	19.3	12.5	17.8
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC</b>												
1,904 agencies;												
population 26,960,429												
Offenses known	817,280	823,528	102,087	715,193	1,199	5,970	37,885	57,033	132,617	497,265	85,311	6,248
Percent cleared by arrest	24.7	24.6	52.2	20.7	71.0	53.8	30.9	65.9	17.7	22.6	14.6	20.6
<b>NORTHEAST</b>												
<b>2,644 agencies;</b>												
<b>population 38,102,402</b>												
<b>Offenses known</b>	<b>1,147,760</b>	<b>1,156,163</b>	<b>138,802</b>	<b>1,008,958</b>	<b>1,505</b>	<b>8,864</b>	<b>48,057</b>	<b>80,376</b>	<b>187,009</b>	<b>698,689</b>	<b>123,260</b>	<b>8,403</b>
<b>Percent cleared by arrest</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>67.8</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>64.4</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>19.9</b>
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL</b>												
1,542 agencies;												
population 26,746,212												
Offenses known	1,109,027	1,119,222	115,417	993,610	1,511	11,087	37,586	65,233	201,961	673,468	118,181	10,195
Percent cleared by arrest	17.1	17.1	37.6	14.7	56.8	36.9	19.6	47.6	10.0	16.2	14.4	12.9
<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL</b>												
1,139 agencies;												
population 14,817,108												
Offenses known	562,552	566,659	48,837	513,715	526	4,234	11,056	33,021	85,925	379,680	48,110	4,107
Percent cleared by arrest	21.2	21.2	52.2	18.3	70.0	45.5	26.5	61.4	13.7	19.3	18.5	19.4
<b>MIDWEST</b>												
<b>2,681 agencies;</b>												
<b>population 41,563,320</b>												
<b>Offenses known</b>	<b>1,671,579</b>	<b>1,685,881</b>	<b>164,254</b>	<b>1,507,325</b>	<b>2,037</b>	<b>15,321</b>	<b>48,642</b>	<b>98,254</b>	<b>287,886</b>	<b>1,053,148</b>	<b>166,291</b>	<b>14,302</b>
<b>Percent cleared by arrest</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>14.8</b>

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 [2001 estimated population]

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<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC</b>												
1,941 agencies; population 33,305,557												
Offenses known	1,408,847	1,417,732	169,720	1,239,127	2,178	8,631	52,461	106,450	268,542	848,474	122,111	8,885
Percent cleared by arrest	20.3	20.3	47.2	16.6	66.3	48.2	24.7	57.7	13.9	17.4	17.3	18.3
<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>												
801 agencies; population 10,805,527												
Offenses known	501,832	504,138	60,139	441,693	788	3,796	16,654	38,901	104,043	294,830	42,820	2,306
Percent cleared by arrest	18.7	18.7	38.6	16.0	57.0	36.6	20.8	46.0	11.6	17.9	13.9	17.9
<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>												
1,600 agencies; population 31,256,238												
Offenses known	1,570,008	1,581,155	178,318	1,391,690	2,125	11,710	47,444	117,039	300,081	949,415	142,194	11,147
Percent cleared by arrest	19.0	19.0	45.5	15.7	69.4	47.5	26.2	52.6	12.1	17.0	14.5	17.4
<b>SOUTH</b>												
4,342 agencies; population 75,367,322												
Offenses known	3,480,687	3,503,025	408,177	3,072,510	5,091	24,137	116,559	262,390	672,666	2,092,719	307,125	22,338
Percent cleared by arrest	19.5	19.5	45.1	16.1	66.1	46.0	24.7	53.7	12.7	17.3	15.6	17.8
<b>MOUNTAIN</b>												
717 agencies; population 17,424,131												
Offenses known	829,674	834,583	77,233	752,441	950	6,293	20,938	49,052	139,049	510,935	102,457	4,909
Percent cleared by arrest	18.7	18.7	44.3	16.1	61.7	39.9	22.8	53.7	11.8	18.0	12.5	17.4
<b>PACIFIC</b>												
1,091 agencies; population 42,348,878												
Offenses known	1,754,632	1,772,408	235,668	1,518,964	2,399	13,292	69,881	150,096	298,464	974,458	246,042	17,776
Percent cleared by arrest	18.7	18.6	48.2	14.1	53.0	45.2	24.9	59.2	12.3	15.7	10.1	12.6
<b>WEST</b>												
1,808 agencies; population 59,773,009												
Offenses known	2,584,306	2,606,991	312,901	2,271,405	3,349	19,585	90,819	199,148	437,513	1,485,393	348,499	22,685
Percent cleared by arrest	18.7	18.7	47.2	14.8	55.5	43.5	24.4	57.8	12.1	16.5	10.8	13.7

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Table 27

**Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means<sup>1</sup>**

Breakdown of Offenses Known  
by Population Group, 2001  
[2001 estimated population]

Population Group	Forcible rape <sup>2</sup>		Robbery				Aggravated assault				Burglary			Motor vehicle theft			Arson <sup>3</sup>		
	Rape by force	Assault to rape-attempts	Firearm	Knife or cutting instrument	Other weapon	Strong-arm	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
<b>TOTAL ALL AGENCIES:</b>																			
<b>11,446 agencies;</b>																			
<b>population 213,346,987</b>																			
Offenses known	60,426	6,792	127,085	26,299	30,975	115,714	119,625	113,700	216,991	184,822	996,448	470,887	102,699	694,344	172,360	67,597	27,037	21,305	16,577
Percent cleared by arrest	44.3	45.2	20.3	27.3	26.6	29.4	41.1	61.9	55.3	63.8	12.3	14.1	10.7	14.1	11.6	13.1	22.2	7.1	18.4
<b>TOTAL CITIES: 8,194 cities;</b>																			
<b>population 143,841,165</b>																			
Offenses known	45,684	5,403	113,848	23,757	27,424	105,741	97,593	93,709	172,317	137,671	748,876	350,974	80,575	597,672	145,048	46,383	20,714	15,554	12,293
Percent cleared by arrest	43.6	44.3	19.7	26.8	26.2	28.9	37.8	60.7	53.7	63.3	11.7	14.0	10.3	13.3	10.7	12.6	21.6	6.8	18.5
<b>GROUP I</b>																			
59 cities, 250,000 and over; population 37,753,658																			
Offenses known	15,953	2,302	66,523	12,572	14,823	55,087	54,506	42,401	79,718	46,748	290,061	105,690	24,374	288,097	88,738	18,348	8,475	8,273	3,747
Percent cleared by arrest	45.2	46.4	17.4	23.6	23.6	25.6	32.7	57.9	50.2	58.4	9.8	11.5	9.1	11.3	8.6	10.6	18.0	4.2	14.5
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 13,396,369																			
Offenses known	4,778	931	25,900	5,627	4,698	20,967	21,357	15,268	25,733	22,719	89,529	34,903	6,628	95,408	37,371	7,774	2,547	3,414	1,266
Percent cleared by arrest	44.2	46.7	17.3	22.7	23.7	27.2	29.7	56.7	50.6	64.9	10.8	12.2	9.9	11.9	5.7	6.7	16.5	3.8	11.1
20 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 13,278,524																			
Offenses known	5,969	772	22,563	3,882	6,624	16,688	18,520	15,208	30,873	13,969	113,243	34,721	10,573	101,245	28,409	5,797	2,413	1,901	937
Percent cleared by arrest	46.1	49.4	15.5	22.7	21.6	22.5	32.0	54.4	46.3	45.5	8.1	9.4	8.1	11.3	11.1	7.2	22.5	5.0	16.1
31 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 11,078,765																			
Offenses known	5,206	599	18,060	3,063	3,501	17,432	14,629	11,925	23,112	10,060	87,289	36,066	7,173	91,444	22,958	4,777	3,515	2,958	1,544
Percent cleared by arrest	45.2	42.2	19.9	26.2	27.3	26.6	37.9	64.0	55.1	61.6	10.8	12.8	9.9	10.8	10.3	21.0	16.0	4.2	16.3
<b>GROUP II</b>																			
138 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 20,428,259																			
Offenses known	6,836	763	18,951	3,924	4,640	16,879	14,934	14,085	27,390	15,042	122,329	54,202	12,792	103,303	22,666	6,522	3,211	2,566	1,751
Percent cleared by arrest	41.8	39.6	20.1	26.3	24.6	28.1	36.9	60.0	53.4	62.4	10.7	14.1	10.3	10.7	9.3	8.9	18.8	7.4	18.7
<b>GROUP III</b>																			
338 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 23,148,550																			
Offenses known	7,294	674	12,298	3,074	3,217	13,986	11,203	12,545	23,499	19,446	107,902	54,352	13,493	80,763	13,056	6,218	2,860	1,896	2,034
Percent cleared by arrest	41.6	41.1	21.9	28.8	28.2	31.6	41.0	61.7	55.9	65.8	11.6	13.5	9.8	12.1	12.0	12.4	21.5	8.1	18.8

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Table 27

**Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means<sup>1</sup>**

Breakdown of Offenses Known  
by Population Group, 2001—Continued  
[2001 estimated population]

Population Group	Forcible rape <sup>2</sup>		Robbery				Aggravated assault				Burglary			Motor vehicle theft			Arson <sup>3</sup>		
	Rape by force	Assault to rape-attempts	Firearm	Knife or cutting instrument	Other weapon	Strong-arm	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
<b>GROUP IV</b>																			
611 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 21,258,685																			
Offenses known	5,770	537	7,166	1,923	2,102	8,835	6,280	8,852	15,674	16,109	81,599	48,363	11,096	51,765	8,296	5,150	2,109	1,220	1,872
Percent cleared by arrest	41.7	38.4	26.4	33.0	31.7	34.9	49.5	63.8	58.2	65.0	13.3	14.3	10.1	16.0	16.0	13.2	24.0	9.5	20.4
<b>GROUP V</b>																			
1,432 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 22,765,497																			
Offenses known	5,566	562	5,685	1,399	1,747	6,924	6,040	8,726	14,529	18,177	80,590	45,823	10,156	44,091	7,137	5,215	2,045	963	1,367
Percent cleared by arrest	44.5	45.2	28.0	36.7	37.3	36.8	50.5	64.2	58.3	67.0	15.5	16.7	12.0	21.6	21.4	16.7	29.4	14.2	22.6
<b>GROUP VI</b>																			
5,616 cities, under 10,000; population 18,486,516																			
Offenses known	4,265	565	3,225	865	895	4,030	4,630	7,100	11,507	22,149	66,395	42,544	8,664	29,653	5,155	4,930	2,014	636	1,522
Percent cleared by arrest	45.7	50.6	28.7	38.6	36.3	40.6	61.5	68.9	61.8	67.7	16.2	17.4	12.5	27.3	25.2	20.0	30.4	16.7	21.4
<b>SUBURBAN COUNTIES</b>																			
1,087 agencies; population 44,623,475																			
Offenses known	9,856	938	11,665	2,183	3,032	8,642	15,115	14,474	33,101	29,769	161,118	81,060	15,684	77,936	22,155	14,178	4,328	4,712	3,454
Percent cleared by arrest	43.8	45.7	23.5	29.6	27.7	33.6	52.9	67.2	60.4	65.2	12.9	13.5	10.8	16.3	13.7	12.4	22.8	5.9	16.4
<b>RURAL COUNTIES</b>																			
2,165 agencies; population 24,882,347																			
Offenses known	4,886	451	1,572	359	519	1,331	6,917	5,517	11,573	17,382	86,454	38,853	6,440	18,736	5,157	7,036	1,995	1,039	830
Percent cleared by arrest	51.8	54.8	37.5	44.3	41.8	44.3	61.9	68.1	64.4	65.1	16.2	16.7	15.5	32.1	28.3	17.7	28.0	16.7	26.0
<b>SUBURBAN AREA<sup>4</sup></b>																			
5,444 agencies; population 85,842,507																			
Offenses known	17,952	1,895	21,826	4,713	5,800	20,898	23,059	26,288	54,522	59,927	282,540	159,417	33,183	165,355	35,456	23,653	7,712	6,462	6,464
Percent cleared by arrest	43.6	45.3	23.8	31.6	30.9	34.4	52.1	66.6	60.0	66.7	13.3	14.3	10.5	16.8	14.8	13.1	25.1	8.0	18.9

<sup>1</sup> The murders and nonnegligent homicides that occurred as a result of the events of September 11, 2001, were not included in any clearance tables (Tables 25-28). See special report, Section V.

<sup>2</sup> Forcible rape figures furnished by the state Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program administered by the Illinois State Police were not in accordance with national UCR guidelines; therefore, the figures were excluded from the forcible rape category.

<sup>3</sup> Because arson is reported to the FBI separately from other offenses, the number of agency reports used in arson clearance rates is less than those used in compiling other Crime Index offense clearance rates. It is necessary to report arson clearances by detailed property classification as specified on the *Monthly Return of Arson Offenses Known to Law Enforcement* to be included in this table, and so clearances in this table may differ from other clearance tables.

<sup>4</sup> Suburban area includes city law enforcement agencies with less than 50,000 inhabitants and county law enforcement agencies that are within a Metropolitan Statistical Area (see Appendix III). Suburban area excludes all metropolitan agencies associated with a central city. The agencies associated with suburban areas will also appear in other groups within this table.

Table 28

**Number of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means<sup>1</sup>**

of Only Persons Under 18 Years of Age, 2001

by Population Group, 2001  
[2001 estimated population]

<i>Population group</i>	<i>Crime Index total</i>	<i>Modified Crime Index total<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Violent crime<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>Property crime<sup>4</sup></i>	<i>Murder and non-negligent manslaughter</i>	<i>Forcible rape<sup>5</sup></i>	<i>Robbery</i>	<i>Aggravated assault</i>	<i>Burglary</i>	<i>Larceny-theft</i>	<i>Motor vehicle theft</i>	<i>Arson<sup>2</sup></i>
<b>TOTAL ALL AGENCIES:</b>												
<b>11,168 agencies;</b>												
<b>population 206,488,238</b>												
Total clearances	1,661,135	1,671,507	452,230	1,208,905	7,123	28,557	72,115	344,435	192,481	894,672	121,752	10,372
Percent under 18	18.6	18.8	12.1	21.1	5.0	12.4	14.4	11.8	18.5	21.9	19.2	45.5
<b>TOTAL CITIES: 8,061 cities;</b>												
<b>population 138,915,325</b>												
Total clearances	1,332,864	1,340,432	352,989	979,875	5,468	21,251	63,665	262,605	139,442	744,167	96,266	7,568
Percent under 18	19.2	19.3	12.2	21.7	5.4	11.8	14.5	11.8	18.3	22.6	19.7	48.2
<b>GROUP I</b>												
55 cities, 250,000 and over; population 35,330,312												
Total clearances	396,473	398,708	143,910	252,563	2,831	7,620	30,238	103,221	40,031	172,668	39,864	2,235
Percent under 18	15.4	15.6	10.3	18.3	5.6	9.4	13.7	9.5	14.7	18.7	20.5	47.6
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 13,396,369												
Total clearances	149,030	149,721	58,928	90,102	1,078	2,549	12,563	42,738	14,597	61,476	14,029	691
Percent under 18	14.2	14.4	8.8	17.7	6.2	8.8	13.3	7.6	14.4	17.9	20.2	47.5
17 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 11,195,703												
Total clearances	113,979	114,607	40,421	73,558	881	2,556	7,856	29,128	11,003	49,725	12,830	628
Percent under 18	15.1	15.2	10.3	17.7	4.3	9.8	14.2	9.4	14.1	18.2	18.7	45.1
30 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 10,738,240												
Total clearances	133,464	134,380	44,561	88,903	872	2,515	9,819	31,355	14,431	61,467	13,005	916
Percent under 18	17.1	17.3	12.3	19.5	6.1	9.6	13.8	12.2	15.4	19.9	22.6	49.3
<b>GROUP II</b>												
133 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 19,722,037												
Total clearances	194,539	195,637	51,026	143,513	790	3,035	10,397	36,804	21,060	109,431	13,022	1,098
Percent under 18	19.6	19.8	12.0	22.3	6.8	10.0	14.4	11.6	17.4	23.5	20.1	47.4
<b>GROUP III</b>												
331 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 22,686,410												
Total clearances	205,528	206,660	50,348	155,180	593	3,243	8,756	37,756	20,754	122,642	11,784	1,132
Percent under 18	21.3	21.4	12.9	24.0	5.4	12.1	15.5	12.5	18.9	25.3	19.3	46.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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**Number of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means<sup>1</sup>**  
of Only Persons Under 18 Years of Age, 2001  
by Population Group, 2001—Continued  
[2001 estimated population]

<i>Population group</i>	<i>Crime Index total</i>	<i>Modified Crime Index total<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Violent crime<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>Property crime<sup>4</sup></i>	<i>Murder and non-negligent manslaughter</i>	<i>Forcible rape<sup>5</sup></i>	<i>Robbery</i>	<i>Aggravated assault</i>	<i>Burglary</i>	<i>Larceny-theft</i>	<i>Motor vehicle theft</i>	<i>Arson<sup>2</sup></i>
<b>GROUP IV</b>												
596 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 20,739,761												
Total clearances	176,008	177,002	36,015	139,993	456	2,495	5,973	27,091	17,924	112,144	9,925	994
Percent under 18	21.9	22.0	14.4	23.8	3.5	13.8	16.6	14.1	20.8	24.6	20.1	51.6
<b>GROUP V</b>												
1,398 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 22,228,130												
Total clearances	194,949	196,007	36,653	158,296	448	2,657	5,135	28,413	20,740	126,059	11,497	1,058
Percent under 18	20.9	21.1	14.3	22.4	4.5	15.7	14.1	14.4	20.4	23.3	17.2	50.3
<b>GROUP VI</b>												
5,548 cities, under 10,000; population 18,208,675												
Total clearances	165,367	166,418	35,037	130,330	350	2,201	3,166	29,320	18,933	101,223	10,174	1,051
Percent under 18	20.2	20.3	14.5	21.7	4.3	15.4	15.4	14.4	21.9	22.0	18.6	46.2
<b>SUBURBAN COUNTIES</b>												
1,028 agencies; population 43,382,015												
Total clearances	225,476	227,320	68,382	157,094	1,008	4,615	6,972	55,787	32,339	107,791	16,964	1,844
Percent under 18	17.0	17.2	12.6	18.8	4.6	14.0	14.6	12.4	19.4	18.9	17.1	43.5
<b>RURAL COUNTIES</b>												
2,079 agencies; population 24,190,898												
Total clearances	102,795	103,755	30,859	71,936	647	2,691	1,478	26,043	20,700	42,714	8,522	960
Percent under 18	15.1	15.2	10.3	17.1	2.5	14.5	9.1	10.1	17.9	16.5	18.1	28.0
<b>SUBURBAN AREA<sup>6</sup></b>												
5,312 agencies; population 83,746,625												
Total clearances	518,754	522,434	124,675	394,079	1,615	8,443	15,168	99,449	61,701	297,498	34,880	3,680
Percent under 18	19.1	19.3	13.9	20.8	4.0	14.7	15.6	13.8	19.9	21.3	17.5	47.1

<sup>1</sup> The murders and nonnegligent homicides that occurred as a result of the events of September 11, 2001, were not included in any clearance tables (Tables 25-28). See special report, Section V.

<sup>2</sup> Because arson is reported to the FBI separately from other offenses, the number of agency reports used in arson clearance rates is less than those used in compiling other Crime Index offense clearance rates. The Modified Crime Index total is the sum of the Crime Index offenses, including arson.

<sup>3</sup> Violent crimes are offenses of murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

<sup>4</sup> Property crimes are offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft.

<sup>5</sup> Forcible rape figures furnished by the state Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program administered by 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.

<sup>6</sup> Suburban area includes city law enforcement agencies with less than 50,000 inhabitants and county law enforcement agencies that are within a Metropolitan Statistical Area (see Appendix III). Suburban area excludes all metropolitan agencies associated with a central city. The agencies associated with suburban areas will also appear in other groups within this table.

