

SECTION III



Crime Index Offenses Cleared

Law enforcement agencies reporting offenses to the national UCR Program can clear these offenses in one of two ways: by arrest or by exceptional means. However, the administrative closing or “clearing” of a case by a local law enforcement agency does not necessarily mean that the agency can clear an offense according to UCR procedures. To clear an offense within the Program’s guidelines, the reporting agency must adhere to certain criteria.

Cleared by Arrest

In the UCR Program, a reporting law enforcement agency clears, or solves, an offense by arrest 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 UCR Program counts in the clearances the number of offenses and not the number of persons arrested. The arrest of one person may clear several crimes. Conversely, the arrest of many persons may clear only one offense. In addition, the clearances that an agency recorded in a particular calendar year such as 2002 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 agency can clear the offense exceptionally. According to UCR Program guidelines, an agency can clear an offense

exceptionally if it adheres to all of the following criteria. 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 can 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 having identified the offender; or the denial of extradition because the offender committed a crime in another jurisdiction and is being prosecuted. In the UCR Program, the recovery of property does not clear an offense.

2002 National Clearances

Nationwide, law enforcement agencies in 2002 recorded a 20.0 percent Crime Index clearance rate in 2002. (The Crime Index is an aggregate of murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and larceny-theft.) The Modified Crime Index (the Crime Index offenses plus arson) showed a 20.0 percent clearance rate for the year and included a 16.5 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. In 2002, that tendency continued with 46.8 percent of violent crimes cleared compared to 16.5 percent of property crimes cleared (excluding arson). An examination of violent crime clearances showed that the clearance rate for murder was 64.0 percent; for aggravated assault, 56.5 percent; for forcible rape, 44.5 percent, and for robbery, 25.7 percent. A review of the clearances for property crimes indicated that the clearance rate for larceny-theft was 18.0 percent; for motor vehicle theft, 13.8 percent, and for burglary, 13.0 percent. (See Table 25.)

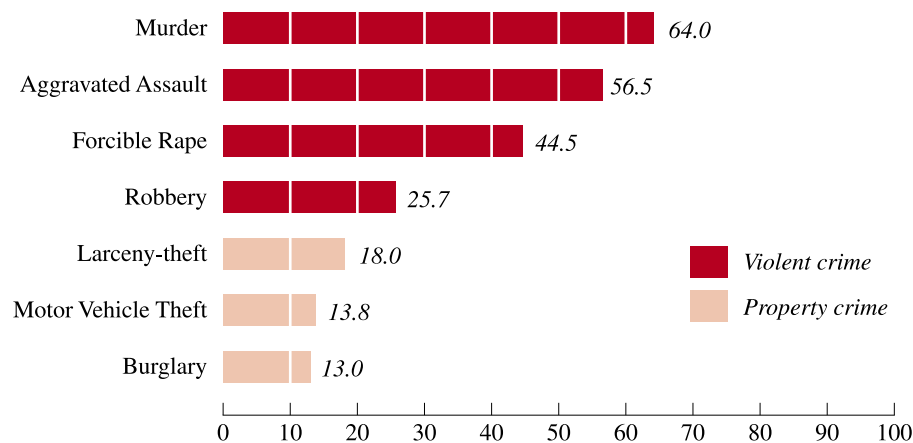
2002 Regional Clearances

An examination of clearance rates by region showed that in 2002 law enforcement agencies in the Northeast recorded the highest Crime Index clearance rate among the regions in the Nation—24.9 percent. The South had a 20.4 percent clearance rate, the Midwest had an 18.5 percent clearance rate, and the West cleared 18.4 percent of reported Crime Index offenses. The Northeast had a 52.2 percent violent crime clearance rate, and the South cleared 47.2 percent of violent crimes, followed by the West at 46.0 percent and the Midwest at 42.9 percent. For property crime, the Northeast and the South showed clearance rates of 21.1 percent and 16.7 percent, respectively. The Midwest cleared 15.8 percent of property crimes and the West recorded a clearance rate of 14.7 percent. (See Table 26.)

Figure 3.1

Crimes Cleared by Arrest

Percent of crimes cleared by arrest, 2002



2002 Community Clearances

Among community types, cities collectively cleared 19.7 percent of Crime Index offenses, 44.5 percent of violent crimes, and 16.4 percent of property crimes. Among city groupings, cities with populations of 10,000 to 24,999 had the highest clearance rate for offenses that make up the Crime Index—23.9 percent. In 2002, these cities collectively also had the highest property crime clearance rate—21.1 percent. The highest percentage of violent crimes cleared—58.9 percent—occurred in cities with less than 10,000 inhabitants. Of the remaining community

types, law enforcement in suburban counties cleared 20.8 percent of Crime Index offenses, 54.0 percent of violent crimes, and 16.4 percent of property crimes. Rural county law enforcement agencies recorded a 23.2 percent clearance rate for Crime Index offenses. Additionally, rural counties had a violent crime clearance rate of 61.4 percent and a property crime clearance rate of 18.3 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, even though a physical arrest may not have occurred, the UCR Program considers that incident as a clearance by arrest. 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 law enforcement cleared, 18.0 percent involved only juveniles. In addition, juvenile offenders accounted for 11.9 percent of violent crime clearances and 20.3 percent of property crime clearances. Murder clearances showed the lowest percentage of juvenile involvement at 5.0 percent, and arson clearances showed the highest percentage of juvenile involvement at 43.0 percent. (See Table 28.)

By region, the Midwest had the largest percentage of Crime Index offenses involving only juveniles, clearing 22.7 percent. In the West, juveniles alone accounted for 20.0 percent of the clearances; in the Northeast, 16.2 percent; and in the South, 15.3 percent.

Table 25

Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means

by Population Group, 2002
[2002 estimated population]

<i>Population group</i>	<i>Crime Index</i>	<i>Modified Crime Index¹</i>	<i>Violent crime²</i>	<i>Property crime³</i>	<i>Murder and non-negligent manslaughter</i>	<i>Forcible rape</i>	<i>Robbery</i>	<i>Aggravated assault</i>	<i>Burglary</i>	<i>Larceny-theft</i>	<i>Motor vehicle theft</i>	<i>Arson⁴</i>
TOTAL ALL AGENCIES:												
12,862 agencies; population 240,070,262												
Offenses known	10,121,721	10,192,984	1,184,453	8,937,268	13,561	80,515	343,023	747,354	1,842,930	6,014,290	1,080,048	71,263
Percent cleared by arrest	20.0	20.0	46.8	16.5	64.0	44.5	25.7	56.5	13.0	18.0	13.8	16.5
TOTAL CITIES: 9,130 cities; population 159,128,836												
Offenses known	7,966,962	8,020,178	934,424	7,032,538	10,371	59,085	299,891	565,077	1,341,162	4,812,396	878,980	53,216
Percent cleared by arrest	19.7	19.6	44.5	16.4	62.0	43.4	25.0	54.6	12.3	18.1	12.8	15.9
GROUP I												
65 cities, 250,000 and over; population 40,220,526												
Offenses known	2,746,733	2,769,325	425,109	2,321,624	5,643	19,771	158,573	241,122	455,961	1,442,526	423,137	22,592
Percent cleared by arrest	16.8	16.7	38.6	12.8	57.8	44.0	21.4	49.1	10.5	14.3	10.3	10.5
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 13,659,273												
Offenses known	846,653	853,517	149,894	696,759	1,855	5,696	56,911	85,432	132,872	419,599	144,288	6,864
Percent cleared by arrest	17.4	17.4	38.6	12.9	61.9	42.9	22.2	48.7	10.7	14.8	9.2	9.9
21 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 13,866,854												
Offenses known	997,046	1,004,672	145,515	851,531	2,020	7,443	52,147	83,905	170,288	539,734	141,509	7,626
Percent cleared by arrest	15.6	15.6	37.2	11.9	54.5	43.7	19.8	47.0	9.4	13.1	10.3	10.9
36 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 12,694,399												
Offenses known	903,034	911,136	129,700	773,334	1,768	6,632	49,515	71,785	152,801	483,193	137,340	8,102
Percent cleared by arrest	17.5	17.5	40.3	13.7	57.1	45.2	22.3	51.9	11.4	15.1	11.3	10.6
GROUP II												
158 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 23,822,400												
Offenses known	1,320,491	1,329,190	145,837	1,174,654	1,698	9,645	50,401	84,093	226,441	793,631	154,582	8,699
Percent cleared by arrest	18.6	18.5	44.4	15.3	61.7	43.1	26.4	55.0	11.4	17.1	11.9	15.7
GROUP III												
381 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 26,328,413												
Offenses known	1,187,713	1,194,733	126,887	1,060,826	1,189	9,443	38,358	77,897	203,511	738,564	118,751	7,020
Percent cleared by arrest	20.4	20.4	46.9	17.3	67.3	41.9	27.6	56.7	12.3	19.4	12.3	18.9

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 25

Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means

by Population Group, 2002—Continued

[2002 estimated population]

<i>Population group</i>	<i>Crime Index</i>	<i>Modified Crime Index¹</i>	<i>Violent crime²</i>	<i>Property crime³</i>	<i>Murder and non-negligent manslaughter</i>	<i>Forcible rape</i>	<i>Robbery</i>	<i>Aggravated assault</i>	<i>Burglary</i>	<i>Larceny-theft</i>	<i>Motor vehicle theft</i>	<i>Arson⁴</i>
GROUP IV												
682 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 23,803,053												
Offenses known	965,387	971,002	87,974	877,413	746	7,388	23,742	56,098	163,955	637,193	76,265	5,615
Percent cleared by arrest	21.7	21.6	49.8	18.8	72.3	40.4	30.9	58.7	12.8	20.8	15.4	20.1
GROUP V												
1,555 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 24,675,220												
Offenses known	929,803	934,563	79,815	849,988	612	7,156	18,290	53,757	156,697	631,531	61,760	4,760
Percent cleared by arrest	23.9	23.9	53.4	21.1	70.6	44.9	32.9	61.3	15.3	22.6	20.8	24.5
GROUP VI												
6,289 cities, under 10,000; population 20,279,224												
Offenses known	816,835	821,365	68,802	748,033	483	5,682	10,527	52,110	134,597	568,951	44,485	4,530
Percent cleared by arrest	22.9	22.9	58.9	19.6	73.7	46.2	34.9	65.1	16.3	19.8	26.3	24.6
SUBURBAN COUNTIES												
1,279 agencies; population 54,106,364												
Offenses known	1,636,611	1,650,437	191,377	1,445,234	2,227	15,051	38,727	135,372	349,563	930,563	165,108	13,826
Percent cleared by arrest	20.8	20.7	54.0	16.4	66.6	47.0	29.5	61.6	14.0	17.4	15.7	17.1
RURAL COUNTIES												
2,453 agencies; population 26,835,062												
Offenses known	518,148	522,369	58,652	459,496	963	6,379	4,405	46,905	152,205	271,331	35,960	4,221
Percent cleared by arrest	23.2	23.2	61.4	18.3	78.9	49.8	41.4	64.5	16.6	17.9	27.9	23.0
SUBURBAN AREA⁴												
6,120 agencies; population 99,561,928												
Offenses known	3,226,405	3,249,065	320,382	2,906,023	3,210	25,562	71,803	219,807	604,584	2,010,471	290,968	22,660
Percent cleared by arrest	21.3	21.3	53.4	17.8	67.5	45.7	29.9	61.7	14.1	19.1	16.2	19.1

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² Violent crimes are offenses of murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

³ Property crimes are offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft.

⁴ Suburban area includes law enforcement agencies in cities 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 also appear in other groups within this table.

Table 26

Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means

by Geographic Region and Division, 2002

[2002 estimated population]

<i>Geographic region/division</i>	<i>Crime Index</i>	<i>Modified Crime Index¹</i>	<i>Violent crime²</i>	<i>Property crime³</i>	<i>Murder and non-negligent manslaughter</i>	<i>Forcible rape</i>	<i>Robbery</i>	<i>Aggravated assault</i>	<i>Burglary</i>	<i>Larceny-theft</i>	<i>Motor vehicle theft</i>	<i>Arson⁴</i>
TOTAL ALL AGENCIES:												
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Offenses known	10,121,721	10,192,984	1,184,453	8,937,268	13,561	80,515	343,023	747,354	1,842,930	6,014,290	1,080,048	71,263
Percent cleared by arrest	20.0	20.0	46.8	16.5	64.0	44.5	25.7	56.5	13.0	18.0	13.8	16.5
NEW ENGLAND												
761 agencies;												
population 11,657,696												
Offenses known	327,937	330,012	36,786	291,151	281	3,089	10,335	23,081	54,723	201,459	34,969	2,075
Percent cleared by arrest	21.1	21.0	51.0	17.3	61.6	42.2	27.0	62.8	14.2	18.6	14.3	17.4
MIDDLE ATLANTIC												
1,934 agencies;												
population 28,460,160												
Offenses known	805,251	811,181	103,821	701,430	1,203	6,569	38,295	57,754	132,198	485,894	83,338	5,930
Percent cleared by arrest	26.5	26.4	52.6	22.6	77.3	54.7	32.1	65.4	19.2	24.7	16.2	20.6
NORTHEAST												
2,695 agencies;												
population 40,117,856												
Offenses known	1,133,188	1,141,193	140,607	992,581	1,484	9,658	48,630	80,835	186,921	687,353	118,307	8,005
Percent cleared by arrest	24.9	24.9	52.2	21.1	74.3	50.7	31.0	64.7	17.7	22.9	15.7	19.8
EAST NORTH CENTRAL												
1,594 agencies;												
population 28,041,819												
Offenses known	1,131,786	1,142,662	119,161	1,012,625	1,559	12,013	38,528	67,061	213,619	683,068	115,938	10,876
Percent cleared by arrest	16.7	16.6	36.9	14.3	50.4	36.6	19.0	47.0	10.0	15.8	13.0	12.7
WEST NORTH CENTRAL												
1,712 agencies;												
population 17,287,696												
Offenses known	646,246	651,021	57,263	588,983	526	5,451	11,337	39,949	104,790	431,723	52,470	4,775
Percent cleared by arrest	21.7	21.7	55.4	18.4	74.0	45.0	29.9	63.9	13.1	19.6	19.2	19.5
MIDWEST												
3,306 agencies;												
population 45,329,515												
Offenses known	1,778,032	1,793,683	176,424	1,601,608	2,085	17,464	49,865	107,010	318,409	1,114,791	168,408	15,651
Percent cleared by arrest	18.5	18.5	42.9	15.8	56.3	39.2	21.5	53.3	11.0	17.3	14.9	14.8

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SOUTH ATLANTIC												
2,569 agencies; population 49,147,598												
Offenses known	2,308,418	2,320,488	298,964	2,009,454	3,346	15,558	84,173	195,887	444,889	1,347,608	216,957	12,070
Percent cleared by arrest	21.4	21.4	49.3	17.2	64.7	51.3	26.3	58.7	14.8	18.3	15.9	19.7
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL												
814 agencies; population 12,043,974												
Offenses known	585,742	588,288	68,775	516,967	885	4,686	18,549	44,655	124,081	344,455	48,431	2,546
Percent cleared by arrest	18.8	18.8	41.9	15.7	70.5	37.9	23.0	49.6	11.3	17.4	15.2	17.6
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL												
1,625 agencies; population 31,725,162												
Offenses known	1,600,557	1,611,457	180,150	1,420,407	2,161	12,137	49,469	116,383	309,213	970,928	140,266	10,900
Percent cleared by arrest	19.5	19.5	45.9	16.2	70.4	48.8	26.6	53.3	12.2	17.6	15.2	18.3
SOUTH												
5,008 agencies; population 92,916,734												
Offenses known	4,494,717	4,520,233	547,889	3,946,828	6,392	32,381	152,191	356,925	878,183	2,662,991	405,654	25,516
Percent cleared by arrest	20.4	20.4	47.2	16.7	67.4	48.4	26.0	55.8	13.4	17.9	15.6	18.9
MOUNTAIN												
735 agencies; population 17,875,995												
Offenses known	879,016	883,998	81,454	797,562	961	6,931	19,841	53,721	147,067	536,222	114,273	4,982
Percent cleared by arrest	18.4	18.4	43.6	15.8	56.6	35.9	22.8	52.1	11.3	17.7	12.9	19.4
PACIFIC												
1,118 agencies; population 43,830,162												
Offenses known	1,836,768	1,853,877	238,079	1,598,689	2,639	14,081	72,496	148,863	312,350	1,012,933	273,406	17,109
Percent cleared by arrest	18.4	18.3	46.8	14.2	58.6	42.2	25.2	57.5	12.0	16.0	9.9	12.3
WEST												
1,853 agencies; population 61,706,157												
Offenses known	2,715,784	2,737,875	319,533	2,396,251	3,600	21,012	92,337	202,584	459,417	1,549,155	387,679	22,091
Percent cleared by arrest	18.4	18.4	46.0	14.7	58.1	40.1	24.7	56.1	11.8	16.6	10.8	13.9

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Table 27

Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means

Breakdown of Offenses Known
by Population Group, 2002
[2002 estimated population]

Population group	Forcible rape		Robbery				Aggravated assault				Burglary			Motor vehicle theft			Arson ¹		
	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
TOTAL ALL AGENCIES:																			
12,246 agencies;																			
population 221,558,621																			
Offenses known	66,158	6,699	129,309	26,942	27,999	119,904	126,072	115,673	218,827	186,326	1,033,712	504,385	106,502	724,754	179,072	72,167	25,943	21,219	16,725
Percent cleared by arrest	43.7	44.2	20.3	28.2	28.0	29.8	41.3	62.2	55.5	63.3	12.3	14.1	10.8	14.1	11.6	12.9	22.4	7.2	20.7
TOTAL CITIES: 8,791 cities;																			
population 149,851,350																			
Offenses known	49,715	5,401	114,535	24,235	24,673	108,368	102,154	94,871	172,141	137,495	771,293	374,776	82,678	615,915	147,974	48,424	19,758	15,270	12,398
Percent cleared by arrest	43.0	43.6	19.8	27.4	27.1	29.2	38.2	61.0	53.9	62.5	11.7	13.6	10.3	13.1	10.8	12.6	22.1	6.9	20.3
GROUP I																			
60 cities, 250,000 and over;																			
population 37,824,297																			
Offenses known	16,567	2,209	65,643	12,528	12,064	55,482	55,660	41,090	76,223	43,587	289,956	108,236	23,765	288,125	90,209	18,655	7,413	7,643	3,574
Percent cleared by arrest	43.5	45.2	17.1	23.3	23.7	25.4	32.9	57.9	50.4	58.2	9.8	11.3	9.2	10.6	8.4	10.8	18.2	4.0	15.8
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over;																			
population 13,659,273																			
Offenses known	4,870	826	25,949	5,544	4,508	20,910	22,239	15,111	25,348	22,734	91,761	34,490	6,621	97,763	38,496	8,029	2,251	3,414	1,199
Percent cleared by arrest	41.7	49.9	17.4	22.9	23.6	27.6	29.0	56.3	49.3	62.3	10.3	12.0	9.7	10.6	6.4	7.0	15.3	3.0	19.2
19 cities, 500,000 to 999,999;																			
population 12,426,573																			
Offenses known	6,176	809	21,193	3,752	4,155	16,315	18,188	14,199	28,177	10,039	106,399	35,939	10,000	95,797	27,948	5,795	1,994	1,431	966
Percent cleared by arrest	42.7	39.9	14.4	22.1	21.5	22.5	33.4	55.4	47.8	49.4	8.2	9.5	8.2	9.9	9.8	4.5	25.5	6.3	14.2
33 cities, 250,000 to 499,999;																			
population 11,738,451																			
Offenses known	5,521	574	18,501	3,232	3,401	18,257	15,233	11,780	22,698	10,814	91,796	37,807	7,144	94,565	23,765	4,831	3,168	2,798	1,409
Percent cleared by arrest	45.9	46.0	19.8	25.2	26.6	25.4	38.0	63.2	54.9	58.0	11.1	12.3	10.2	11.3	10.0	24.7	15.7	3.9	14.0
GROUP II																			
147 cities, 100,000 to 249,999;																			
population 22,100,981																			
Offenses known	8,065	810	19,545	4,162	4,584	17,681	16,367	15,039	28,404	15,537	135,452	57,819	13,420	109,806	23,537	7,092	3,380	2,740	2,040
Percent cleared by arrest	42.6	40.9	21.4	29.1	27.2	30.2	38.9	61.4	53.3	62.1	10.8	13.1	10.0	12.1	10.9	9.0	19.8	5.6	21.0
GROUP III																			
350 cities, 50,000 to 99,999;																			
population 24,172,113																			
Offenses known	7,794	669	12,466	3,246	3,020	14,464	11,326	12,968	23,815	19,303	107,314	58,523	13,891	86,352	13,191	6,710	2,733	1,933	1,884
Percent cleared by arrest	41.3	39.2	22.3	29.3	30.3	31.6	40.7	60.8	55.9	63.8	11.7	13.3	9.9	12.1	12.8	11.6	23.9	9.6	20.6

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 27**Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means**

Breakdown of Offenses Known
by Population Group, 2002—Continued
[2002 estimated population]

Population group	Forcible rape		Robbery				Aggravated assault				Burglary			Motor vehicle theft			Arson ¹		
	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
GROUP IV																			
646 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 22,508,549																			
Offenses known	6,252	534	7,342	1,997	2,250	9,308	7,315	9,331	16,313	17,536	85,548	51,940	11,879	54,902	8,668	5,306	2,130	1,279	1,869
Percent cleared by arrest	40.1	46.3	25.8	32.0	32.1	35.5	46.8	64.2	57.8	62.4	12.4	13.8	9.4	15.4	16.4	12.3	24.5	10.4	21.9
GROUP V																			
1,481 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 23,534,294																			
Offenses known	6,177	573	6,057	1,423	1,791	7,131	6,166	8,728	14,886	18,386	83,057	50,855	10,250	45,388	6,869	5,264	2,105	901	1,498
Percent cleared by arrest	44.7	42.2	27.4	38.2	33.6	37.7	52.1	65.4	59.2	65.1	14.9	16.8	12.9	21.5	19.5	17.3	27.9	15.1	25.9
GROUP VI																			
6,107 cities, under 10,000; population 19,711,116																			
Offenses known	4,860	606	3,482	879	964	4,302	5,320	7,715	12,500	23,146	69,966	47,403	9,473	31,342	5,500	5,397	1,997	774	1,533
Percent cleared by arrest	46.4	45.5	29.1	43.3	33.5	38.2	58.3	68.0	61.1	67.7	16.5	16.5	12.4	27.6	25.5	20.2	29.0	18.1	21.9
SUBURBAN COUNTIES																			
1,127 agencies; population 46,036,211																			
Offenses known	10,868	906	13,102	2,349	2,843	10,190	16,394	15,155	34,905	30,955	168,682	87,928	16,873	88,919	25,268	15,891	4,079	4,946	3,429
Percent cleared by arrest	44.6	45.3	22.1	35.1	33.3	34.6	50.8	67.1	61.4	66.3	12.8	15.0	10.3	16.4	12.7	11.4	22.7	6.6	21.6
RURAL COUNTIES																			
2,328 agencies; population 25,671,060																			
Offenses known	5,575	392	1,672	358	483	1,346	7,524	5,647	11,781	17,876	93,737	41,681	6,951	19,920	5,830	7,852	2,106	1,003	898
Percent cleared by arrest	48.8	49.0	38.3	39.7	44.5	43.0	62.1	69.0	62.3	63.9	16.0	16.5	17.2	31.4	26.3	17.9	25.3	15.8	22.5
SUBURBAN AREA²																			
5,737 agencies; population 89,073,699																			
Offenses known	19,562	1,841	23,775	4,904	5,759	22,811	25,040	27,269	57,125	61,223	294,622	172,469	35,227	179,863	38,871	25,971	7,542	6,745	6,517
Percent cleared by arrest	44.3	43.9	22.9	34.9	32.7	35.0	50.3	66.3	60.8	66.6	13.2	15.2	10.6	16.8	13.9	12.7	24.6	8.4	22.2

¹ 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; therefore, clearances in this table may differ from other clearance tables.

² Suburban area includes law enforcement agencies in cities 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 also appear in other groups within this table.

Table 28

Number of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means
of Persons Under 18 Years of Age
by Population Group, 2002
[2002 estimated population]

<i>Population group</i>	<i>Crime Index</i>	<i>Modified Crime Index¹</i>	<i>Violent crime²</i>	<i>Property crime³</i>	<i>Murder and non-negligent manslaughter</i>	<i>Forcible rape</i>	<i>Robbery</i>	<i>Aggravated assault</i>	<i>Burglary</i>	<i>Larceny-theft</i>	<i>Motor vehicle theft</i>	<i>Arson⁴</i>
TOTAL ALL AGENCIES:												
11,912 agencies;												
population 212,703,198												
Total clearances	1,715,344	1,725,968	460,834	1,254,510	7,473	30,521	73,815	349,025	199,395	929,658	125,457	10,624
Percent under 18	18.0	18.2	11.9	20.3	5.0	12.0	14.1	11.6	17.3	21.2	18.2	43.0
TOTAL CITIES: 8,647 cities;												
population 144,084,799												
Total clearances	1,366,819	1,374,546	356,903	1,009,916	5,599	22,632	64,405	264,267	142,839	769,020	98,057	7,727
Percent under 18	18.6	18.8	12.1	20.9	5.4	11.6	14.2	11.7	17.3	21.9	18.5	45.6
GROUP I												
56 cities, 250,000 and over; population 35,189,022												
Total clearances	391,212	393,253	138,430	252,782	2,774	7,594	29,021	99,041	39,903	175,057	37,822	2,041
Percent under 18	15.2	15.3	10.2	17.8	5.1	9.1	13.8	9.4	14.4	18.3	19.3	42.1
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 13,659,273												
Total clearances	147,518	148,197	57,801	89,717	1,148	2,443	12,617	41,593	14,217	62,174	13,326	679
Percent under 18	13.8	13.9	9.2	16.8	5.1	8.5	13.8	7.9	13.2	17.6	16.8	40.4
15 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 9,791,298												
Total clearances	101,556	102,114	34,923	66,633	680	2,355	6,396	25,492	10,067	46,297	10,269	558
Percent under 18	14.9	15.0	10.5	17.2	3.7	8.9	14.9	9.8	14.7	16.8	21.1	45.0
33 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 11,738,451												
Total clearances	142,138	142,942	45,706	96,432	946	2,796	10,008	31,956	15,619	66,586	14,227	804
Percent under 18	16.7	16.9	11.4	19.3	6.0	9.9	13.1	11.2	15.3	20.0	20.2	41.7
GROUP II												
140 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 21,144,564												
Total clearances	208,095	209,321	54,414	153,681	935	3,543	11,455	38,481	22,045	116,431	15,205	1,226
Percent under 18	18.2	18.3	11.6	20.5	5.7	9.4	13.8	11.3	16.2	21.8	17.1	43.4
GROUP III												
342 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 23,701,295												
Total clearances	211,407	212,629	51,078	160,329	713	3,454	9,113	37,798	21,363	126,249	12,717	1,222
Percent under 18	21.1	21.2	13.5	23.5	5.8	13.1	16.3	13.0	17.6	25.0	19.2	44.8

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 28**Number of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means**

of Persons Under 18 Years of Age
by Population Group, 2002—Continued
[2002 estimated population]

<i>Population group</i>	<i>Crime Index</i>	<i>Modified Crime Index¹</i>	<i>Violent crime²</i>	<i>Property crime³</i>	<i>Murder and non-negligent manslaughter</i>	<i>Forcible rape</i>	<i>Robbery</i>	<i>Aggravated assault</i>	<i>Burglary</i>	<i>Larceny-theft</i>	<i>Motor vehicle theft</i>	<i>Arson⁴</i>
GROUP IV												
628 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 21,868,627												
Total clearances	184,190	185,258	38,302	145,888	458	2,640	6,269	28,935	18,054	117,778	10,056	1,068
Percent under 18	21.1	21.2	13.9	22.9	5.9	13.3	15.2	13.7	19.4	23.8	19.2	49.0
GROUP V												
1,429 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 22,716,911												
Total clearances	197,861	198,958	37,283	160,578	385	2,898	5,239	28,761	21,259	128,035	11,284	1,097
Percent under 18	20.0	20.2	13.7	21.5	5.2	16.0	13.6	13.5	18.0	22.5	17.1	47.7
GROUP VI												
6,052 cities, under 10,000; population 19,464,380												
Total clearances	174,054	175,127	37,396	136,658	334	2,503	3,308	31,251	20,215	105,470	10,973	1,073
Percent under 18	19.6	19.8	14.2	21.1	5.7	13.2	13.5	14.5	21.5	21.3	17.6	50.3
SUBURBAN COUNTIES												
1,053 agencies; population 44,134,049												
Total clearances	244,872	246,881	72,856	172,016	1,185	5,088	7,968	58,615	34,919	118,309	18,788	2,009
Percent under 18	16.4	16.5	12.3	18.1	4.0	12.8	14.4	12.1	17.6	18.6	16.1	39.1
RURAL COUNTIES												
2,212 agencies; population 24,484,350												
Total clearances	103,653	104,541	31,075	72,578	689	2,801	1,442	26,143	21,637	42,329	8,612	888
Percent under 18	14.5	14.6	9.6	16.5	4.2	13.8	7.4	9.5	16.6	15.9	19.7	28.6
SUBURBAN AREA⁴												
5,581 agencies; population 85,992,422												
Total clearances	548,995	552,871	130,615	418,380	1,768	9,178	16,460	103,209	65,999	314,949	37,432	3,876
Percent under 18	18.5	18.7	13.6	20.0	4.8	13.9	14.6	13.5	18.6	20.7	16.5	45.9

¹ 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 is the sum of the seven offenses making up the Crime Index, with the addition of arson.

² Violent crimes are offenses of murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

³ Property crimes are offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft.

⁴ Suburban area includes law enforcement agencies in cities 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 also appear in other groups within this table.