Data Declaration

Table 26

Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means, by Geographic Region and Division, 2018

The FBI collects these data through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

Important note about rape data

In 2013, the FBI's UCR Program initiated the collection of rape data under a revised definition within the Summary Reporting System. The term "forcible" was removed from the offense name, and the definition was changed to "penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim."

In 2016, the FBI Director approved the recommendation to discontinue the reporting of rape data using the UCR legacy definition beginning in 2017. Therefore, the rape data reported by those agencies using the UCR legacy definition are not included in this table.

General comments

- This table provides the number of violent crimes and property crimes with a breakdown of the offenses known to law enforcement and the percentage of those offenses that were cleared by arrest or exceptional means by region and geographic division.

- This table furnishes national clearance data and clearances broken down for the nation's four regions and nine geographic divisions.

- The number of agencies meeting the criteria for inclusion in this table and the 2018 estimated population for those agencies are provided by region and geographic division.

- Not all agencies submit data reports for arson to the FBI. Therefore, the agency counts and estimated population presented in this table do not represent participation for the reporting of arson.

Methodology

- The data used in creating this table were from all law enforcement agencies submitting at least 6 months of complete offense reports for 2018.

- The FBI bases percent cleared statistics on aggregated offense and clearance totals. The percentage of crimes cleared by arrest is obtained by dividing the number of offenses cleared by the number of offenses known and then multiplying the resulting figure by 100.

- The rape figures are based only on those agencies reporting rape using the revised definition. See table below.

Populations used to calculate rape clearances by Geographic Region and Division, 2018		
	Agency count and population (based on revised rape data)	
Geographic Region and Division	**Agency count**	**Population**
Total all agencies	14,944	291,658,478
Northeast	3,525	55,710,493
New England	911	14,637,644
Middle Atlantic	2,614	41,072,849

Midwest	3,818	51,006,142
East North Central	1,836	30,775,814
West North Central	1,982	20,230,328
South	5,538	109,162,023
South Atlantic	2,436	53,152,871
East South Central	1,240	16,941,672
West South Central	1,862	39,067,480
West	2,063	75,779,820
Mountain	877	23,521,163
Pacific	1,186	52,258,657

Regions and geographic divisions

The U.S. Census Bureau has established the four regions of the United States along with nine geographic divisions that the UCR Program uses to compile the nation's crime data. The following table lists the 50 states and the District of Columbia arranged according to the regions and geographic divisions of the United States.

NORTHEASTERN REGION

New England

Connecticut

Maine

Massachusetts

New Hampshire

Rhode Island

Vermont

Middle Atlantic

New Jersey

New York

Pennsylvania

MIDWESTERN REGION

East North Central

Illinois

Indiana

Michigan

Ohio

Wisconsin

West North Central

Iowa

Kansas

Minnesota

Missouri

Nebraska

North Dakota

South Dakota

SOUTHERN REGION

South Atlantic

Delaware

District of Columbia

Florida

Georgia

Maryland

North Carolina

South Carolina

Virginia

West Virginia

East South Central

Alabama

Kentucky

Mississippi

Tennessee

West South Central

Arkansas

Louisiana

Oklahoma

Texas

WESTERN REGION

Mountain

Arizona

Colorado

Idaho

Montana

Nevada

New Mexico

Utah

Wyoming

Pacific

Alaska

California

Hawaii

Oregon

Washington

Population estimation

For the 2018 population estimates used in this table, the FBI computed individual rates
of growth from one year to the next for every city/town and county using 2010 decennial
population counts and 2011 through 2017 population estimates from the U.S. Census
Bureau. Each agency's rates of growth were averaged; that average was then applied and

added to its 2017 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2018 population estimate.