

SECTION III

Crime Index Offenses Cleared

In the UCR Program, a reporting law enforcement agency clears or solves an offense when at least one person is arrested, charged with the commission of an offense, and turned over to the court for prosecution. 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 2000 may include offenses that occurred in previous years.

When elements beyond a law enforcement agency's control preclude the agency from placing formal charges against the offender, the offense is cleared by exceptional means. For an offense to be cleared by exceptional means, several criteria must be met. The agency must have: 1) identified the offender; 2) enough evidence to support an arrest; 3) identified the offender's location; and 4) a reason outside the agency's control that does not allow the agency to arrest, charge, and prosecute an offender. Examples of exceptional clearances include 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.

Law enforcement agencies nationwide recorded a 20.5-percent Crime Index clearance rate, excluding arson, for 2000. The Modified Crime Index total, including the 16.0-percent clearance rate for arson, was 20.4 percent.

Murder, forcible rape, and aggravated assault—crimes against persons—often undergo a more concentrated investigative effort than crimes against property. In addition, victims and/or witnesses often identify the perpetrators. Hence, violent crimes tend to have higher clearance rates than property crimes. That likelihood continued in 2000 with 47.5 percent of violent crimes cleared compared to 16.7 percent of property crimes, excluding arson, cleared. When violent crime clearances are broken down, the murder clearance rate was 63.1 percent, the aggravated assault clearance rate was 56.9 percent, the forcible rape clearance rate was 46.9 percent, and the robbery clearance rate was 25.7 percent. Analysis of property crimes indicates that the larceny-theft clearance rate was 18.2 percent, the motor vehicle theft clearance rate was 14.1 percent, and the burglary clearance rate was 13.4 percent.

By region, law enforcement agencies in the Northeast recorded a 23.6 percent Crime Index clearance rate—the highest in the Nation. The Southern States had a 20.6 percent clearance rate, the Western States had a 19.6 percent clearance rate, and the Midwestern States had a 19.1 percent clearance rate. Violent crime clearance rates by region were 51.7 percent in the Northeast, 47.8 percent

in the South, 47.3 percent in the West, and 42.8 percent in the Midwest. For property crime, the Northeastern and Southern Regions posted clearance rates of 19.8 and 16.7 percent, respectively. The Midwestern and Western Regions recorded clearance rates of 16.4 and 15.5 percent, respectively.

Among community types, rural county law enforcement agencies recorded a 23.7-percent clearance rate for Crime Index offenses. Rural counties had a violent crime clearance rate of 61.3 percent and a property crime clearance rate of 18.7 percent. Collectively, cities cleared 20.2 percent of Crime Index offenses, 45.4 percent of violent crimes, and 16.8 percent of property crimes. Cities with populations of 10,000 to 24,999 listed the highest clearance rate for Crime Index offenses at 24.4 percent and property crimes at 21.5 percent. Among city groupings, the highest percentage of violent crimes cleared—60.6 percent—was registered in cities with less than 10,000 inhabitants. In suburban counties, 20.6 percent of serious offenses were cleared, as were 53.9 percent of violent crimes, and 16.0 percent of property crimes. (See Table 25.)

Clearances Involving Only Persons Under 18 Years of Age

When an offender under 18 years old 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. The number of crimes in which juveniles are identified as the offenders may be evaluated to estimate the total amount of juvenile crime. Because the juvenile clearance percentages in this publication include only the offenses in which there were no adults involved, these figures should be considered a small underestimation of juvenile involvement in crime. Juveniles, defined as persons under 18 years of age, accounted for 25.5 percent of the Nation's population, according to the 2000 Bureau of the Census estimates.

Of the Crime Index offenses cleared by law enforcement, 19.3 percent involved only juveniles. In addition, crimes committed by juveniles accounted for 12.2 percent of violent crime and 22.1 of property crime clearances. Murder had the lowest percentage of juvenile involvement at 5.3 percent, and arson had the highest percentage of juvenile involvement at 45.9 percent.

By region, the Midwest had the largest percentage of Crime Index offenses involving juveniles, clearing 24.2 percent. In the Western States, juveniles alone accounted for 21.5 percent of the clearances; in the Northeastern States, 18.7 percent; and in the Southern States, 15.9 percent.

FIGURE 3.1

CRIMES CLEARED BY ARREST

PERCENT OF CRIMES CLEARED BY ARREST
2000

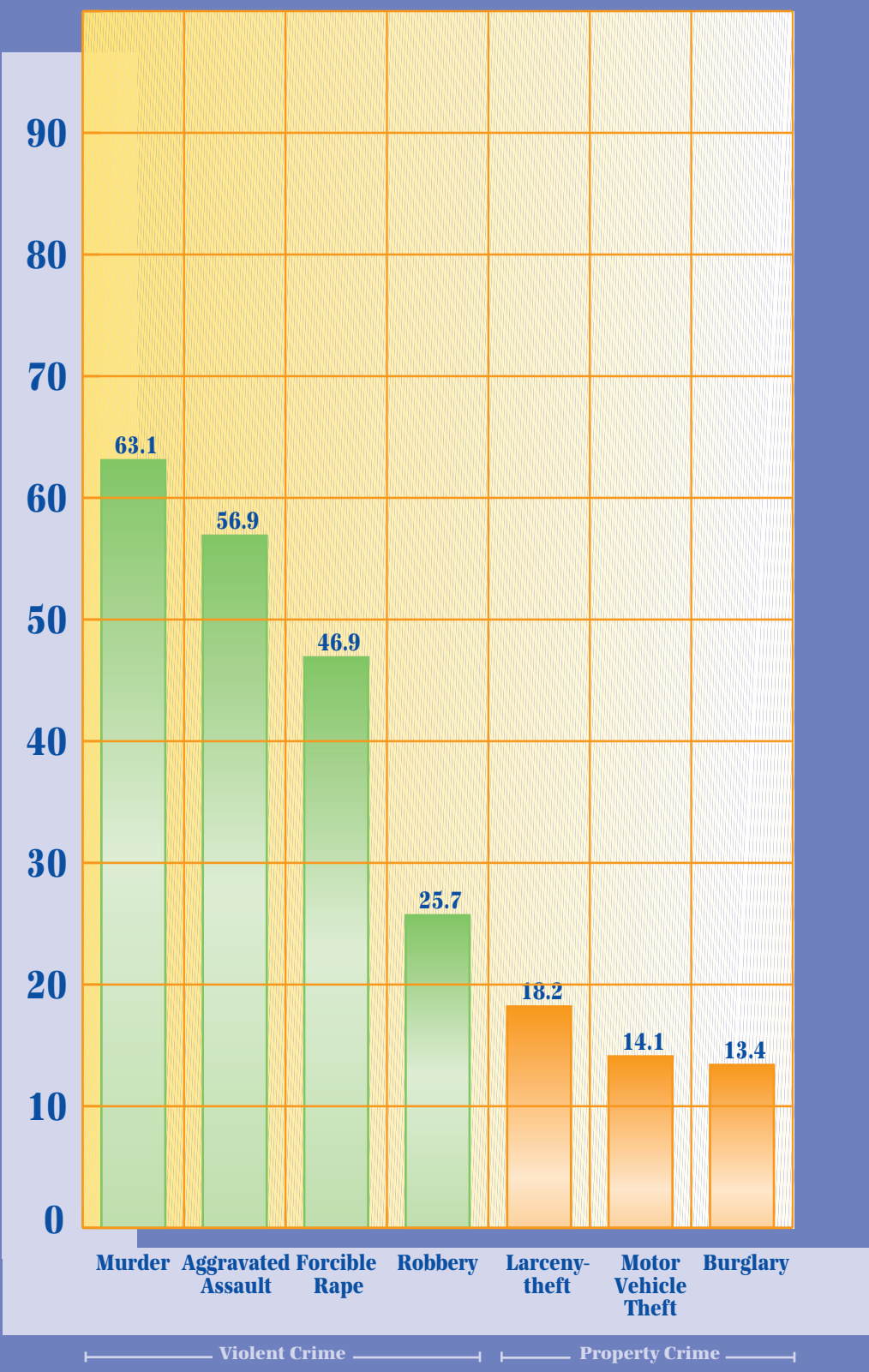


Table 25

Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest¹
 by Population Group, 2000
 [2000 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 ⁵	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson ²
TOTAL ALL AGENCIES:												
11,639 agencies;												
population 222,654,411												
Offenses known	9,366,936	9,440,108	1,131,923	8,235,013	12,291	72,453	319,078	728,101	1,669,364	5,598,789	966,860	73,172
Percent cleared by arrest	20.5	20.4	47.5	16.7	63.1	46.9	25.7	56.9	13.4	18.2	14.1	16.0
TOTAL CITIES: 8,250 cities;												
population 149,213,922												
Offenses known	7,438,740	7,494,394	900,103	6,538,637	9,558	53,984	282,142	554,419	1,227,164	4,516,011	795,462	55,654
Percent cleared by arrest	20.2	20.2	45.4	16.8	61.0	46.2	25.1	55.4	12.8	18.5	13.2	15.5
GROUP I												
63 cities, 250,000 and over; population 38,684,257												
Offenses known	2,628,096	2,654,110	416,930	2,211,166	5,190	19,706	153,359	238,675	430,086	1,392,281	388,799	26,014
Percent cleared by arrest	17.5	17.4	40.5	13.1	56.1	48.6	22.1	51.3	11.1	14.4	10.8	10.9
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 12,985,101												
Offenses known	792,891	802,197	141,752	651,139	1,706	5,596	51,859	82,591	123,781	399,545	127,813	9,306
Percent cleared by arrest	18.3	18.2	40.9	13.4	53.3	47.3	22.9	51.5	11.8	14.9	9.9	9.0
21 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 13,710,549												
Offenses known	963,878	972,352	149,651	814,227	1,999	7,912	55,501	84,239	161,991	511,616	140,620	8,474
Percent cleared by arrest	16.0	16.0	37.8	12.0	56.6	48.2	19.6	48.5	9.8	12.9	11.3	9.6
34 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 11,988,607												
Offenses known	871,327	879,561	125,527	745,800	1,485	6,198	45,999	71,845	144,314	481,120	120,366	8,234
Percent cleared by arrest	18.3	18.2	43.2	14.1	58.6	50.3	24.2	54.5	12.0	15.4	11.0	14.4
GROUP II												
152 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 22,295,727												
Offenses known	1,225,296	1,234,229	144,358	1,080,938	1,482	8,655	46,701	87,520	208,926	734,220	137,792	8,933
Percent cleared by arrest	19.3	19.2	44.5	15.9	65.5	45.6	25.7	54.0	12.2	17.7	11.9	13.8
GROUP III												
350 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 23,801,460												
Offenses known	1,073,612	1,080,161	116,851	956,761	1,052	8,235	34,773	72,791	182,865	668,441	105,455	6,549
Percent cleared by arrest	21.2	21.2	47.8	17.9	63.2	43.4	27.6	57.7	12.7	20.2	12.7	17.3
GROUP IV												
641 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 22,205,659												
Offenses known	909,215	914,596	84,927	824,288	715	6,623	22,143	55,446	150,744	602,725	70,819	5,381
Percent cleared by arrest	21.4	21.4	48.7	18.6	62.5	41.7	30.0	56.8	12.8	20.4	15.2	19.5

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 25

Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest¹
 by Population Group, 2000—Continued
 [2000 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 ⁵	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson ²
GROUP V												
1,497 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 23,559,265												
Offenses known	868,200	872,956	74,572	793,628	628	6,158	16,164	51,622	139,890	599,447	54,291	4,756
Percent cleared by arrest	24.4	24.4	54.7	21.5	72.5	46.1	33.0	62.3	15.5	22.9	22.1	25.3
GROUP VI												
5,547 cities, under 10,000; population 18,667,554												
Offenses known	734,321	738,342	62,465	671,856	491	4,607	9,002	48,365	114,653	518,897	38,306	4,021
Percent cleared by arrest	24.0	24.0	60.6	20.6	77.6	49.1	36.5	66.1	16.8	20.9	27.7	28.5
SUBURBAN COUNTIES												
1,165 agencies; population 49,050,459												
Offenses known	1,456,388	1,469,951	176,838	1,279,550	1,797	13,138	32,790	129,113	307,345	831,723	140,482	13,563
Percent cleared by arrest	20.6	20.6	53.9	16.0	66.9	47.4	29.6	60.6	14.0	16.8	15.8	15.9
RURAL COUNTIES												
2,224 agencies; population 24,390,030												
Offenses known	471,808	475,763	54,982	416,826	936	5,331	4,146	44,569	134,855	251,055	30,916	3,955
Percent cleared by arrest	23.7	23.7	61.3	18.7	76.8	52.4	40.2	64.0	17.0	18.4	29.3	24.2
SUBURBAN AREA⁶												
5,656 agencies; population 92,428,360												
Offenses known	2,965,620	2,987,867	302,963	2,662,657	2,774	22,578	63,067	214,544	540,499	1,868,339	253,819	22,247
Percent cleared by arrest	21.6	21.5	53.8	17.9	66.2	46.7	30.5	61.3	14.2	19.1	16.7	18.7

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.

⁵Forcible 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.

⁶Includes suburban city and county law enforcement agencies within metropolitan areas. Excludes central cities. Suburban cities and counties are also included in other groups.

Table 26

Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest¹
by Geographic Region and Division, 2000
[2000 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 ⁵	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson ²
TOTAL ALL AGENCIES:												
11,639 agencies;												
population 222,654,411												
Offenses known	9,366,936	9,440,108	1,131,923	8,235,013	12,291	72,453	319,078	728,101	1,669,364	5,598,789	966,860	73,172
Percent cleared by arrest	20.5	20.4	47.5	16.7	63.1	46.9	25.7	56.9	13.4	18.2	14.1	16.0
NEW ENGLAND												
767 agencies;												
population 12,574,823												
Offenses known	379,919	382,394	42,980	336,939	295	3,406	10,811	28,468	63,533	229,120	44,286	2,475
Percent cleared by arrest	20.8	20.8	50.3	17.1	64.4	44.2	26.2	60.0	14.3	18.7	12.5	16.2
MIDDLE ATLANTIC												
2,007 agencies;												
population 27,160,007												
Offenses known	809,254	817,718	100,775	708,479	1,071	5,617	36,819	57,268	128,745	498,391	81,343	8,464
Percent cleared by arrest	25.0	24.9	52.3	21.1	75.1	55.3	30.3	65.8	18.0	23.0	14.3	16.7
NORTHEAST												
2,774 agencies;												
population 39,734,830												
Offenses known	1,189,173	1,200,112	143,755	1,045,418	1,366	9,023	47,630	85,736	192,278	727,511	125,629	10,939
Percent cleared by arrest	23.6	23.6	51.7	19.8	72.8	51.1	29.4	63.9	16.8	21.6	13.7	16.6
EAST NORTH CENTRAL												
1,178 agencies;												
population 22,583,715												
Offenses known	959,613	969,175	103,469	856,144	1,322	9,400	34,744	58,003	170,992	578,518	106,634	9,562
Percent cleared by arrest	17.8	17.8	39.3	15.2	55.5	40.9	19.6	50.4	10.6	16.8	14.3	12.6
WEST NORTH CENTRAL												
1,104 agencies;												
population 14,829,157												
Offenses known	580,126	584,797	52,902	527,224	573	4,861	13,294	34,174	90,921	388,209	48,094	4,671
Percent cleared by arrest	21.2	21.2	49.8	18.4	67.5	48.7	26.4	58.7	13.5	19.5	18.5	18.6
MIDWEST												
2,282 agencies;												
population 37,412,872												
Offenses known	1,539,739	1,553,972	156,371	1,383,368	1,895	14,261	48,038	92,177	261,913	966,727	154,728	14,233
Percent cleared by arrest	19.1	19.1	42.8	16.4	59.2	43.6	21.5	53.5	11.6	17.9	15.6	14.6
SOUTH ATLANTIC												
2,497 agencies;												
population 45,887,087												
Offenses known	2,234,267	2,246,182	296,636	1,937,631	3,149	14,849	81,590	197,048	418,599	1,311,880	207,152	11,915
Percent cleared by arrest	21.4	21.4	49.0	17.1	63.4	50.2	26.0	58.2	14.7	18.0	16.5	18.2
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL												
655 agencies;												
population 10,068,866												
Offenses known	466,112	468,839	58,885	407,227	692	3,639	14,773	39,781	94,144	273,683	39,400	2,727
Percent cleared by arrest	19.6	19.6	41.3	16.5	58.2	38.9	23.6	47.8	12.4	18.3	14.3	16.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest¹
 by Geographic Region and Division, 2000—Continued
 [2000 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 ⁵	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson ²
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL												
1,595 agencies; population 30,245,094												
Offenses known	1,468,661	1,479,899	165,628	1,303,033	2,066	11,160	40,945	111,457	275,389	898,507	129,137	11,238
Percent cleared by arrest	19.7	19.7	47.9	16.1	69.7	51.3	27.2	54.7	12.6	17.3	15.3	17.9
SOUTH												
4,747 agencies; population 86,201,047												
Offenses known	4,169,040	4,194,920	521,149	3,647,891	5,907	29,648	137,308	348,286	788,132	2,484,070	375,689	25,880
Percent cleared by arrest	20.6	20.6	47.8	16.7	65.0	49.2	26.1	55.9	13.7	17.8	15.9	17.9
MOUNTAIN												
723 agencies; population 16,736,548												
Offenses known	772,469	777,173	71,914	700,555	794	6,086	18,521	46,513	132,132	481,688	86,735	4,704
Percent cleared by arrest	19.9	19.9	45.8	17.2	62.6	39.2	23.2	54.5	12.2	19.3	13.6	20.1
PACIFIC												
1,113 agencies; population 42,569,114												
Offenses known	1,696,515	1,713,931	238,734	1,457,781	2,329	13,435	67,581	155,389	294,909	938,793	224,079	17,416
Percent cleared by arrest	19.4	19.4	48.2	14.7	55.9	46.0	26.1	58.0	12.3	16.5	10.5	12.9
WEST												
1,836 agencies; population 59,305,662												
Offenses known	2,468,984	2,491,104	310,648	2,158,336	3,123	19,521	86,102	201,902	427,041	1,420,481	310,814	22,120
Percent cleared by arrest	19.6	19.5	47.3	15.5	57.6	43.9	25.5	57.2	12.3	17.4	11.4	14.4

¹Includes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

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Table 27

Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest¹

Breakdown of Offenses Known
by Population Group, 2000
[2000 estimated population]

Population group	Forcible rape ²		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: 11,079 agencies; population 205,107,362																			
Offenses known	57,897	6,824	117,628	24,515	29,231	113,467	117,291	114,303	216,663	185,705	941,061	440,856	101,302	650,450	159,372	59,966	28,681	20,797	16,191
Percent cleared by arrest	46.5	46.2	20.6	27.5	26.7	30.0	42.5	62.6	55.3	63.3	12.7	14.5	10.8	14.5	11.9	13.7	21.6	7.1	19.3
TOTAL CITIES: 7,904 cities; population 140,261,596																			
Offenses known	44,536	5,455	105,416	22,207	26,498	103,951	95,174	94,195	173,041	138,879	706,863	332,896	79,401	558,132	133,583	42,056	22,558	15,425	11,929
Percent cleared by arrest	46.1	46.0	20.2	27.0	26.0	29.4	39.6	61.8	54.2	63.0	12.2	14.2	10.4	13.8	11.0	13.2	21.2	6.4	19.1
GROUP I																			
59 cities, 250,000 and over; population 36,939,392																			
Offenses known	16,240	2,448	63,168	12,090	14,032	55,693	54,097	43,762	79,832	45,599	277,732	99,893	23,940	270,619	82,541	17,085	10,032	8,675	3,591
Percent cleared by arrest	48.5	46.3	18.0	24.0	23.1	26.5	35.1	59.8	51.3	60.8	10.6	12.2	9.4	11.5	8.7	10.9	18.3	4.0	13.9
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 12,985,101																			
Offenses known	4,615	981	22,719	4,902	4,382	19,856	20,430	14,996	25,637	21,528	83,919	33,745	6,117	86,634	34,195	6,984	3,381	4,643	1,265
Percent cleared by arrest	47.8	44.9	18.2	21.8	24.9	28.1	31.5	58.0	50.4	67.1	11.4	13.2	10.7	11.8	5.8	6.7	17.6	2.7	9.4
20 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 12,974,557																			
Offenses known	6,692	777	23,619	4,185	6,435	19,240	18,197	16,250	31,025	13,105	107,348	34,345	10,343	103,970	26,697	5,420	3,330	1,818	971
Percent cleared by arrest	47.1	44.5	15.3	23.5	20.2	23.1	35.7	56.0	48.3	49.8	9.1	10.6	8.7	11.3	11.4	7.1	17.6	4.7	11.4
31 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 10,979,734																			
Offenses known	4,933	690	16,830	3,003	3,215	16,597	15,470	12,516	23,170	10,966	86,465	31,803	7,480	80,015	21,649	4,681	3,321	2,214	1,355
Percent cleared by arrest	51.2	50.4	21.7	28.1	26.3	28.5	39.3	66.7	56.5	61.4	11.7	13.0	9.4	11.3	9.8	21.7	19.7	6.3	19.9
GROUP II																			
140 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 20,488,784																			
Offenses known	6,943	792	16,440	3,658	5,294	15,878	13,917	14,642	30,193	16,271	119,903	54,888	13,095	97,974	19,510	5,882	3,513	2,625	2,157
Percent cleared by arrest	45.2	44.9	21.6	27.4	26.1	28.7	40.3	61.6	53.7	60.5	11.3	14.2	11.0	12.1	10.8	9.5	16.8	6.1	17.4
GROUP III																			
321 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 21,700,522																			
Offenses known	6,787	649	11,392	2,744	2,978	13,681	10,482	11,821	22,274	18,851	97,594	51,203	13,376	75,188	11,865	5,312	2,814	1,629	1,694
Percent cleared by arrest	43.6	46.7	22.2	28.2	29.6	32.1	41.7	63.6	57.1	62.6	12.2	14.0	10.0	13.0	11.8	13.7	21.0	8.1	19.0

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GROUP IV																			
599 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 20,711,955																			
Offenses known	5,477	526	6,584	1,783	1,900	8,453	6,297	8,569	16,001	17,653	77,781	45,106	10,513	49,136	8,117	4,856	2,255	1,112	1,738
Percent cleared by arrest	41.1	45.6	24.5	32.0	30.5	34.8	45.2	61.4	55.5	60.8	12.4	13.9	9.9	15.5	15.2	13.2	24.9	8.4	19.0
GROUP V																			
1,415 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 22,291,218																			
Offenses known	5,240	477	5,036	1,215	1,431	6,445	5,855	8,514	13,804	17,588	73,366	42,951	10,000	38,455	6,631	4,576	1,968	796	1,478
Percent cleared by arrest	45.7	46.3	28.0	36.4	34.2	36.8	53.2	65.7	58.4	67.3	15.5	16.4	12.1	22.7	21.5	17.3	30.1	14.3	27.4
GROUP VI																			
5,370 cities, under 10,000; population 18,129,725																			
Offenses known	3,849	563	2,796	717	863	3,801	4,526	6,887	10,937	22,917	60,487	38,855	8,477	26,760	4,919	4,345	1,976	588	1,271
Percent cleared by arrest	49.8	45.1	28.4	43.5	37.3	41.4	61.0	68.3	63.0	67.8	16.6	17.8	11.5	29.1	26.7	22.7	31.5	22.3	27.0
SUBURBAN COUNTIES																			
1,047 agencies; population 41,472,470																			
Offenses known	8,851	895	10,616	1,940	2,295	8,172	14,938	14,447	32,028	30,124	149,960	72,583	14,874	74,429	20,708	11,690	4,305	4,360	3,353
Percent cleared by arrest	45.5	44.1	22.6	31.9	31.6	34.9	50.8	65.7	59.3	63.9	13.0	14.4	9.7	15.5	14.2	11.9	21.6	7.2	18.8
RURAL COUNTIES																			
2,128 agencies; population 23,373,296																			
Offenses known	4,510	474	1,596	368	438	1,344	7,179	5,661	11,594	16,702	84,238	35,377	7,027	17,889	5,081	6,220	1,818	1,012	909
Percent cleared by arrest	52.4	52.7	36.9	37.2	43.4	43.4	62.6	67.4	61.5	64.7	16.6	17.5	17.7	32.2	28.9	20.1	26.4	17.9	23.5
SUBURBAN AREA ³																			
5,299 agencies; population 82,248,940																			
Offenses known	16,575	1,723	19,828	4,189	4,763	20,016	22,948	26,078	53,464	62,492	263,687	146,679	31,822	154,108	33,726	20,389	7,883	5,874	6,234
Percent cleared by arrest	45.4	44.5	23.6	32.5	32.9	35.9	51.1	65.7	59.7	65.5	13.4	15.1	9.9	16.9	15.1	13.4	24.8	8.5	20.6

¹Includes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

²Forcible 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 category.

³Includes suburban city and county law enforcement agencies within metropolitan areas. Excludes central cities. Suburban cities and counties are also included in other groups.

Table 28

Number of Offenses Cleared by Arrest¹
of Persons Under 18 Years of Age, 2000
by Population Group, 2000
[2000 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 ⁵	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson ²
TOTAL ALL AGENCIES:												
10,796 agencies;												
population 198,834,727												
Total clearances	1,647,458	1,658,237	456,014	1,191,444	6,925	29,071	70,698	349,320	187,819	886,214	117,411	10,779
Percent under 18	19.3	19.5	12.2	22.1	5.3	12.1	15.5	11.7	19.2	23.0	19.8	45.9
TOTAL CITIES: 7,790 cities;												
population 136,681,098												
Total clearances	1,341,025	1,349,060	361,196	979,829	5,350	22,322	62,893	270,631	137,566	748,226	94,037	8,035
Percent under 18	19.8	20.0	12.3	22.5	5.4	11.8	15.5	11.8	18.8	23.5	19.9	49.4
GROUP I												
57 cities, 250,000 and over; population 35,690,632												
Total clearances	417,481	420,159	153,369	264,112	2,700	8,650	31,373	110,646	42,553	182,656	38,903	2,678
Percent under 18	15.6	15.8	10.2	18.7	5.1	8.9	14.1	9.3	14.3	19.2	21.1	48.4
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 12,985,101												
Total clearances	144,961	145,801	57,935	87,026	910	2,646	11,865	42,514	14,664	59,678	12,684	840
Percent under 18	14.7	14.9	9.4	18.2	7.1	7.7	14.8	8.0	12.9	19.2	19.2	47.7
18 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 11,725,797												
Total clearances	130,735	131,499	47,425	83,310	968	3,131	9,434	33,892	12,899	56,411	14,000	764
Percent under 18	14.5	14.7	10.1	16.9	2.8	11.0	13.8	9.2	13.5	16.6	21.5	51.2
31 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 10,979,734												
Total clearances	141,785	142,859	48,009	93,776	822	2,873	10,074	34,240	14,990	66,567	12,219	1,074
Percent under 18	17.6	17.8	11.3	20.8	5.6	7.6	13.5	11.0	16.2	21.5	22.8	46.9
GROUP II												
137 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 19,929,319												
Total clearances	203,290	204,399	54,074	149,216	866	3,373	10,133	39,702	22,017	113,375	13,824	1,109
Percent under 18	20.0	20.1	12.2	22.8	5.2	10.1	16.1	11.5	18.0	24.2	18.3	50.0
GROUP III												
311 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 21,094,104												
Total clearances	198,322	199,366	47,805	150,517	603	3,205	8,298	35,699	19,874	119,039	11,604	1,044
Percent under 18	22.6	22.8	14.3	25.2	7.1	14.4	18.4	13.5	20.6	26.5	20.6	50.4

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 28

Number of Offenses Cleared by Arrest¹
of Persons Under 18 Years of Age, 2000
by Population Group, 2000—Continued
[2000 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 ⁵	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson ²
GROUP IV												
585 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 20,208,166												
Total clearances	169,681	170,661	35,233	134,448	404	2,389	5,549	26,891	16,248	109,052	9,148	980
Percent under 18	22.8	23.0	14.6	25.0	5.2	16.0	16.7	14.2	19.9	26.2	19.6	49.9
GROUP V												
1,389 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 21,871,377												
Total clearances	189,448	190,570	35,932	153,516	423	2,559	4,614	28,336	19,239	123,626	10,651	1,122
Percent under 18	22.0	22.1	14.4	23.7	5.2	14.4	15.9	14.2	21.8	24.5	18.2	49.4
GROUP VI												
5,311 cities, under 10,000; population 17,887,500												
Total clearances	162,803	163,905	34,783	128,020	354	2,146	2,926	29,357	17,635	100,478	9,907	1,102
Percent under 18	21.1	21.3	14.8	22.8	5.1	15.0	17.0	14.7	24.8	22.9	18.7	50.0
SUBURBAN COUNTIES												
975 agencies; population 39,533,366												
Total clearances	205,891	207,749	64,940	140,951	926	4,205	6,380	53,429	29,505	96,283	15,163	1,858
Percent under 18	18.4	18.6	12.3	21.3	4.6	12.1	16.5	11.9	20.8	21.6	19.6	38.7
RURAL COUNTIES												
2,031 agencies; population 22,620,263												
Total clearances	100,542	101,428	29,878	70,664	649	2,544	1,425	25,260	20,748	41,705	8,211	886
Percent under 18	15.5	15.6	10.2	17.8	6.0	15.0	10.2	9.8	19.2	16.8	19.4	29.6
SUBURBAN AREA⁶												
5,161 agencies; population 79,591,200												
Total clearances	501,086	504,811	122,765	378,321	1,505	7,983	14,394	98,883	57,805	287,870	32,646	3,725
Percent under 18	20.4	20.6	14.0	22.5	4.7	13.8	17.2	13.7	21.4	23.2	18.7	45.9

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.

⁵Forcible 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.

⁶Includes suburban city and county law enforcement agencies within metropolitan areas. Excludes central cities. Suburban cities and counties are also included in other groups.