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By offense and population group, 2006

(2006 estimated population)

Population group	Violent crime					Property crime				
	Total	Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Total	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson ^b
Total all agencies										
13,760 agencies; population 260,278,125:										
Offenses known	1,240,985	14,948	80,440	384,844	760,753	8,851,465	1,956,175	5,810,638	1,084,652	65,939
Percent cleared by arrest	44.3%	60.7	40.9	25.2	54.0	15.8	12.6	17.4	12.6	18.0
Total cities										
9,748 cities; population 170,276,178:										
Offenses known	970,010	11,462	59,113	331,106	568,329	6,851,214	1,423,646	4,565,971	861,597	48,166
Percent cleared by arrest	42.0%	59.3	39.3	24.8	52.0	15.7	12.1	17.7	11.6	17.3
Group I										
69 cities, 250,000 and over; population 42,564,096:										
Offenses known	420,698	6,051	18,652	168,676	227,319	2,184,592	479,714	1,298,083	406,795	18,436
Percent cleared by arrest	35.5%	53.7	39.8	21.5	45.2	12.0	9.5	13.8	9.1	13.2
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 14,058,014:										
Offenses known	131,210	2,023	5,668	57,838	65,681	650,001	133,861	380,352	135,788	6,120
Percent cleared by arrest	32.6%	59.2	41.4	21.8	40.6	11.2	8.5	13.3	7.9	10.9
23 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 15,042,706:										
Offenses known	155,761	2,174	6,818	59,694	87,075	832,547	189,369	494,519	148,659	6,212
Percent cleared by arrest	35.6%	52.3	36.1	20.4	45.7	11.0	8.7	12.3	9.4	15.3
38 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 13,463,376:										
Offenses known	133,727	1,854	6,166	51,144	74,563	702,044	156,484	423,212	122,348	6,104
Percent cleared by arrest	38.3%	49.5	42.4	22.4	48.6	14.0	11.4	16.1	10.1	13.4
Group II										
179 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 26,835,997:										
Offenses known	168,765	1,981	10,269	60,056	96,459	1,183,719	250,789	775,383	157,547	7,575
Percent cleared by arrest	40.8%	60.9	40.4	24.5	50.6	14.9	11.3	16.9	10.5	15.0
Group III										
419 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 28,813,634:										
Offenses known	136,613	1,318	9,500	43,501	82,294	1,073,801	224,212	729,912	119,677	7,624
Percent cleared by arrest	45.0%	63.8	37.0	27.8	54.7	17.3	12.8	19.6	11.8	18.4
Group IV										
733 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 25,344,757:										
Offenses known	96,807	857	7,678	27,703	60,569	877,422	173,592	627,093	76,737	5,472
Percent cleared by arrest	49.0%	68.8	37.4	31.1	58.4	18.1	13.0	19.9	14.5	19.1
Group V										
1,615 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 25,598,860:										
Offenses known	78,824	720	7,072	19,564	51,468	812,047	159,979	592,748	59,320	4,752
Percent cleared by arrest	52.1%	73.6	39.5	32.6	60.9	19.5	15.1	20.8	18.2	25.2
Group VI										
6,733 cities under 10,000; population 21,118,834:										
Offenses known	68,303	535	5,942	11,606	50,220	719,633	135,360	542,752	41,521	4,307
Percent cleared by arrest	57.7%	71.0	41.7	35.3	64.6	19.0	16.5	19.3	24.0	26.2
Metropolitan counties										
1,676 agencies; population 64,185,500:										
Offenses known	217,660	2,654	15,382	49,587	150,037	1,572,480	394,870	988,811	188,799	13,654
Percent cleared by arrest	50.7%	62.9	45.7	26.9	58.8	15.6	13.3	16.5	15.3	18.3

See notes at end of table.

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Nonmetropolitan counties 2,336 agencies; population 25,816,447:										
Offenses known	53,315	832	5,945	4,151	42,387	427,771	137,659	255,856	34,256	4,119
Percent cleared by arrest	59.3%	73.0	44.9	39.6	62.9	16.8	15.4	16.5	24.5	24.6
Suburban areas^c 7,243 agencies; population 114,780,554:										
Offenses known	367,678	3,934	27,284	90,147	246,313	3,108,417	685,507	2,103,341	319,569	22,895
Percent cleared by arrest	50.9%	64.7	43.1	28.7	59.7	16.8	13.7	18.1	15.4	19.8

Note: See Note, table 4.1.2006. "An offense is 'cleared by arrest' or solved for crime reporting purposes when at least one person is: (1) arrested; (2) charged with the commission of the offense; and (3) turned over to the court for prosecution." The prosecution can follow arrest, court summons, or police notice. An offense is also counted as cleared by arrest if any of the following "exceptional" conditions pertain: (1) suicide of the offender; (2) double murder; (3) deathbed confession; (4) offender killed by police or citizen; (5) confession by offender already in custody or serving a sentence; (6) an offender prosecuted in another jurisdiction for a different offense and that jurisdiction does not release offender to first jurisdiction; (7) extradition denied; (8) victim refuses to cooperate in prosecution; (9) warrant is outstanding for felon but before arrest the offender dies of natural causes or as a result of an accident, or is killed in the commission of another offense; or, (10) handling of a juvenile offender either orally or by written notice to parents in instances involving minor offenses where no referral to juvenile court is made as a matter of publicly accepted police policy. (U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook*, pp. 81, 150 [Online]. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/handbook/ucrhandbook04.pdf> [Oct. 27, 2007].) It should be noted that the arrest of one person can clear several crimes or several persons may be arrested to clear one crime.

This table presents data from all law enforcement agencies submitting complete reports for at least 6 months in 2006 (Source, Table 25). Beginning with publication of the 2003 data, the "rural" county designation was changed to "nonmetropolitan" county. Population figures are estimates calculated from U.S. Census Bureau data. For definitions of offenses, city and suburban areas, and nonmetropolitan counties, see [Appendix 3](#).

^aIncludes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

^bThe number of agency reports used in arson clearance rates is less than those used in compiling other offense clearance rates because arson is reported to the FBI separately from other offenses.

^cIncludes law enforcement agencies in cities with less than 50,000 inhabitants and county law enforcement agencies that are within a Metropolitan Statistical Area; excludes all metropolitan agencies associated with a principal city. The agencies associated with suburban areas also will appear in other groups within this table.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States, 2006*, Table 25 [Online]. Available: http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2006/data/table_25.html [Oct. 27, 2007]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.