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(2007 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										
13,140 agencies; population 236,796,743:										
Total clearances	465,584	7,794	27,472	84,796	345,522	1,263,199	208,392	946,493	108,314	10,546
Percent under 18 years of age	12.3%	5.6	11.8	16.4	11.5	18.4	16.5	19.1	15.3	39.6
Total cities										
9,455 cities; population 158,743,924:										
Total clearances	358,932	6,036	20,247	74,303	258,346	1,010,257	150,866	777,869	81,522	7,695
Percent under 18 years of age	12.5%	5.5	11.1	16.6	11.6	19.0	16.7	19.8	15.8	41.9
Group I										
62 cities, 250,000 and over; population 39,177,864:										
Total clearances	131,203	2,825	6,989	33,315	88,074	242,879	39,253	172,267	31,359	2,262
Percent under 18 years of age	11.2%	5.6	8.4	15.9	9.8	16.5	15.0	17.0	15.4	37.3
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 14,175,600:										
Total clearances	43,355	1,164	2,473	13,472	26,246	78,116	11,288	55,423	11,405	644
Percent under 18 years of age	11.0%	5.6	7.1	16.2	9.0	14.5	14.8	14.6	13.6	38.0
20 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 13,096,918:										
Total clearances	46,271	837	2,282	10,239	32,913	82,229	13,575	57,650	11,004	878
Percent under 18 years of age	11.5%	4.8	9.4	15.9	10.4	16.9	16.3	17.0	17.0	35.4
34 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 11,905,346:										
Total clearances	41,577	824	2,234	9,604	28,915	82,534	14,390	59,194	8,950	740
Percent under 18 years of age	11.1%	6.3	8.9	15.5	10.0	17.9	14.0	19.1	15.8	38.8
Group II										
156 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 23,488,164:										
Total clearances	59,554	1,110	3,265	13,167	42,012	156,678	23,860	120,463	12,355	1,112
Percent under 18 years of age	12.7%	5.2	12.2	18.4	11.1	21.2	18.8	22.0	17.8	36.9
Group III										
402 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 27,807,428:										
Total clearances	54,183	736	2,885	10,847	39,715	177,350	26,401	139,173	11,776	1,147
Percent under 18 years of age	13.8%	6.4	13.2	17.3	13.1	21.4	16.4	22.8	16.1	49.9
Group IV										
695 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 24,027,023:										
Total clearances	41,108	538	2,501	7,509	30,560	150,270	19,581	122,113	8,576	1,040
Percent under 18 years of age	13.5%	5.6	12.0	17.4	12.8	21.0	17.1	21.9	16.3	42.8
Group V										
1,496 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 23,778,344:										
Total clearances	37,909	480	2,496	5,937	28,996	151,921	21,381	121,459	9,081	1,037
Percent under 18 years of age	12.9%	5.4	12.7	14.5	12.7	18.1	17.0	18.6	14.3	47.1
Group VI										
6,644 cities under 10,000; population 20,465,101:										
Total clearances	34,975	347	2,111	3,528	28,989	131,159	20,390	102,394	8,375	1,097
Percent under 18 years of age	13.1%	4.6	12.6	15.5	13.0	16.6	17.4	16.6	14.7	42.2

See notes at end of table.

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Metropolitan counties										
1,479 agencies; population 53,819,257:										
Total clearances	78,765	1,258	4,812	9,118	63,577	188,170	38,852	129,647	19,671	1,958
Percent under 18 years of age	12.6%	6.4	13.1	16.6	12.1	16.4	16.5	16.8	14.1	39.8
Nonmetropolitan counties										
2,206 agencies; population 24,233,562:										
Total clearances	27,887	500	2,413	1,375	23,599	64,772	18,674	38,977	7,121	893
Percent under 18 years of age	9.0%	4.4	14.4	6.9	8.7	13.9	14.5	13.6	13.9	19.4
Suburban areas^c										
6,782 agencies; population 101,007,098:										
Total clearances	144,646	1,989	8,843	19,890	113,924	447,070	74,616	336,596	35,858	3,862
Percent under 18 years of age	13.4%	6.0	12.7	17.1	13.0	18.1	17.2	18.7	14.2	43.9

Note: These data were compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. On a monthly basis, law enforcement agencies report the number of offenses that become known to them in the following crime categories: murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Arrest statistics are compiled as part of this monthly data collection effort. Participating law enforcement agencies are instructed to count one arrest each time a person is taken into custody, notified, or cited for criminal infractions other than traffic violations. Annual arrest figures do not measure the number of individuals taken into custody because one person may be arrested several times during the year for the same type of offense or for different offenses. A juvenile is counted as a person arrested when he/she commits an act that would be a criminal offense if committed by an adult.

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. An offense is also counted as cleared by arrest if certain "exceptional" conditions pertain, including suicide of the offender; double murder; deathbed confession; offender killed by police or citizen; confession by offender already in custody; extradition denied; victim refuses to cooperate in prosecution; warrant is outstanding for felon but prior to arrest the offender dies of natural causes or as a result of an accident, or is killed in the commission of another offense; or, 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 customarily made. Beginning with publication of the 2003 data, the "rural" county designation was changed to "nonmetropolitan" county. 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, 2007*, Table 28 [Online]. Available: http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/data/table_28.html [Jan. 15, 2009]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.