

Table 4.25

**Juveniles taken into police custody**By method of disposition and population group, 2002<sup>a</sup>

(2002 estimated population)

Population group	Total <sup>b</sup>	Handled within department and released	Referred to juvenile court jurisdiction	Referred to welfare agency	Referred to other police agency	Referred to criminal or adult court
<b>Total all agencies</b>						
6,073 agencies; total population 130,229,927						
Number	732,282	132,825	532,940	4,779	10,183	51,555
Percent	100.0%	18.1	72.8	0.7	1.4	7.0
<b>Total cities</b>						
4,577 cities; total population 92,489,061:						
Number	611,897	115,191	444,336	3,956	7,901	40,513
Percent	100.0%	18.8	72.6	0.6	1.3	6.6
<b>Group I</b>						
32 cities, 250,000 and over; population 23,601,703:						
Number	122,767	24,627	93,612	525	1,638	2,365
Percent	100.0%	20.1	76.3	0.4	1.3	1.9
<b>Group II</b>						
88 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 13,193,782:						
Number	81,448	13,344	61,791	636	1,143	4,534
Percent	100.0%	16.4	75.9	0.8	1.4	5.6
<b>Group III</b>						
235 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 16,120,073						
Number	111,816	26,075	78,439	533	1,822	4,947
Percent	100.0%	23.3	70.2	0.5	1.6	4.4
<b>Group IV</b>						
405 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 14,310,637:						
Number	94,913	17,183	68,483	1,187	1,769	6,291
Percent	100.0%	18.1	72.2	1.3	1.9	6.6
<b>Group V</b>						
896 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 14,336,965:						
Number	105,574	18,232	74,556	553	670	11,563
Percent	100.0%	17.3	70.6	0.5	0.6	11.0
<b>Group VI</b>						
2,921 cities under 10,000; population 10,925,901:						
Number	95,379	15,730	67,455	522	859	10,813
Percent	100.0%	16.5	70.7	0.5	0.9	11.3
<b>Suburban counties</b>						
568 agencies; population 25,198,464:						
Number	86,648	13,068	64,180	478	1,745	7,177
Percent	100.0%	15.1	74.1	0.6	2.0	8.3
<b>Rural counties</b>						
928 agencies; population 12,542,402:						
Number	33,737	4,566	24,424	345	537	3,865
Percent	100.0%	13.5	72.4	1.0	1.6	11.5
<b>Suburban areas<sup>c</sup></b>						
3,286 agencies; population 62,227,924:						
Number	321,746	60,621	227,447	1,826	3,557	28,295
Percent	100.0%	18.8	70.7	0.6	1.1	8.8

Note: See Notes, tables 4.1 and 4.7. For definitions of city and suburban areas, and rural counties, see Appendix 3.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States, 2002* (Washington, DC: USGPO, 2003), p. 291.

<sup>a</sup>Because of rounding, percents may not add to total.

<sup>b</sup>Includes all offenses except traffic and neglect cases.

<sup>c</sup>Includes 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 central city. The agencies associated with suburban areas also will appear in other groups within this table.