

Sourcebook of criminal justice statistics Online

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Table 4.25.2011

Juveniles taken into police custody

By method of disposition and population group, 2011^a

(2011 estimated population)

Population group	Total ^b	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
Total all agencies						
5,079 agencies; total population 121,067,837:						
Number	440,787	96,808	301,471	1,939	8,299	32,270
Percent	100.0%	22.0	68.4	0.4	1.9	7.3
Total cities						
3,889 cities; total population 85,576,220:						
Number	356,223	80,667	244,417	1,523	5,723	23,893
Percent	100.0%	22.6	68.6	0.4	1.6	6.7
Group I						
34 cities, 250,000 and over; population 22,898,541:						
Number	93,247	27,961	63,297	75	893	1,021
Percent	100.0%	30.0	67.9	0.1	1.0	1.1
Group II						
89 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 13,383,057:						
Number	51,059	11,051	38,366	392	372	878
Percent	100.0%	21.6	75.1	0.8	0.7	1.7
Group III						
228 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 15,800,505:						
Number	67,536	13,058	47,999	294	2,360	3,825
Percent	100.0%	19.3	71.1	0.4	3.5	5.7
Group IV						
363 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 12,630,419:						
Number	51,166	10,185	34,844	262	1,058	4,817
Percent	100.0%	19.9	68.1	0.5	2.1	9.4
Group V						
763 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 12,153,955:						
Number	50,631	9,188	33,575	251	639	6,978
Percent	100.0%	18.1	66.3	0.5	1.3	13.8
Group VI						
2,412 cities under 10,000; population 8,709,743:						
Number	42,584	9,224	26,336	249	401	6,374
Percent	100.0%	21.7	61.8	0.6	0.9	15.0
Metropolitan counties						
621 agencies; population 26,714,862:						
Number	71,091	14,384	47,758	329	2,466	6,154
Percent	100.0%	20.2	67.2	0.5	3.5	8.7
Nonmetropolitan counties						
569 agencies; population 8,776,755:						
Number	13,473	1,757	9,296	87	110	2,223
Percent	100.0%	13.0	69.0	0.6	0.8	16.5
Suburban areas^c						
3,260 agencies; population 61,186,744:						
Number	200,557	42,914	129,133	997	5,753	21,760
Percent	100.0%	21.4	64.4	0.5	2.9	10.8

See notes at end of table

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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 nonnegligent 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 city and suburban areas, and nonmetropolitan counties, see [Appendix 3](#).

^aBecause of rounding, percents may not add to total.

^bIncludes all offenses except traffic and neglect cases.

^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, 2011*, Table 68 [Online]. Available: http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2011/crime-in-the-u.s.-2011/tables/table_68_police_disposition_juvenile_offenders_taken_into_custody_2011.xls [May 20, 2013].