

**Sourcebook of criminal justice statistics Online**

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**Offenses known to police and percent cleared by arrest<sup>a</sup>**

By offense and population group, 2007

(2007 estimated population)

Population group	Violent crime					Property crime				Arson <sup>b</sup>
	Total	Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Total	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	
<b>Total all agencies</b>										
14,108 agencies; population 262,114,256:										
Offenses known	1,227,330	14,811	78,740	383,749	750,030	8,716,315	1,946,803	5,774,598	994,914	62,248
Percent cleared by arrest	44.5%	61.2	40.0	25.9	54.1	16.5	12.4	18.6	12.6	18.3
<b>Total cities</b>										
10,006 cities; population 172,595,675:										
Offenses known	958,761	11,354	57,646	330,407	559,354	6,750,388	1,420,331	4,543,080	786,977	45,769
Percent cleared by arrest	42.5%	60.6	38.6	25.5	52.5	16.6	11.9	18.9	11.5	17.9
<b>Group I</b>										
69 cities, 250,000 and over; population 42,439,501:										
Offenses known	401,518	5,572	18,068	164,288	213,590	2,103,825	469,463	1,270,384	363,978	17,011
Percent cleared by arrest	36.5%	58.4	41.2	22.5	46.4	12.6	9.4	14.8	9.3	13.9
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 14,175,600:										
Offenses known	125,257	1,851	5,328	57,173	60,905	647,572	141,606	380,830	125,136	5,643
Percent cleared by arrest	34.6%	62.9	46.4	23.6	43.1	12.1	8.0	14.6	9.1	11.4
23 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 15,106,797:										
Offenses known	155,793	2,176	6,650	60,234	86,733	813,306	182,966	496,588	133,752	5,824
Percent cleared by arrest	36.9%	54.6	39.6	21.4	46.9	11.7	9.1	13.3	9.5	16.8
38 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 13,157,104:										
Offenses known	120,468	1,545	6,090	46,881	65,952	642,947	144,891	392,966	105,090	5,544
Percent cleared by arrest	38.2%	58.3	38.2	22.7	48.7	14.3	11.0	16.8	9.3	13.5
<b>Group II</b>										
176 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 26,512,873:										
Offenses known	167,798	2,233	9,895	59,741	95,929	1,145,420	248,738	752,558	144,124	7,256
Percent cleared by arrest	41.8%	57.4	39.0	25.7	51.7	15.8	11.1	18.4	10.2	17.3
<b>Group III</b>										
442 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 30,409,056:										
Offenses known	140,491	1,396	9,334	45,733	84,028	1,098,380	231,520	753,582	113,278	7,166
Percent cleared by arrest	44.3%	60.5	34.3	27.7	54.1	18.1	12.8	20.7	11.6	17.2
<b>Group IV</b>										
744 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 25,659,304:										
Offenses known	95,890	870	7,550	28,170	59,300	864,244	171,348	622,825	70,071	5,270
Percent cleared by arrest	47.9%	68.0	36.1	30.4	57.4	19.0	12.7	21.4	13.7	20.9
<b>Group V</b>										
1,627 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 25,851,590:										
Offenses known	83,703	749	6,979	20,728	55,247	817,941	162,736	599,026	56,179	4,628
Percent cleared by arrest	51.8%	71.6	39.5	32.8	60.2	20.6	14.9	22.4	18.1	23.7
<b>Group VI</b>										
6,948 cities under 10,000; population 21,723,351:										
Offenses known	69,361	534	5,820	11,747	51,260	720,578	136,526	544,705	39,347	4,438
Percent cleared by arrest	56.3%	70.6	39.1	34.0	63.1	19.7	16.1	20.3	23.1	26.0
<b>Metropolitan counties</b>										
1,722 agencies; population 63,834,694:										
Offenses known	213,587	2,631	14,854	49,200	146,902	1,542,755	390,028	978,492	174,235	12,542
Percent cleared by arrest	50.3%	60.7	43.5	27.5	58.4	16.2	13.3	17.5	15.1	17.9

See notes at end of table.

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	Total	Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Total	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	
<b>Nonmetropolitan counties</b>										
2,380 agencies; population 25,683,887:										
Offenses known	54,982	826	6,240	4,142	43,774	423,172	136,444	253,026	33,702	3,937
Percent cleared by arrest	57.4%	70.9	44.2	39.4	60.7	17.1	15.4	17.1	23.7	23.7
<b>Suburban areas<sup>c</sup></b>										
7,394 agencies; population 115,023,793:										
Offenses known	363,854	3,885	26,392	90,095	243,482	3,059,255	678,307	2,087,106	293,842	21,290
Percent cleared by arrest	50.6%	62.4	41.6	29.1	59.4	17.6	13.6	19.3	15.2	20.0

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.

This table presents data from all law enforcement agencies submitting complete reports for at least 6 months in 2007 (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](#).

<sup>a</sup>Includes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

<sup>b</sup>The 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.

<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 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 25 [Online]. Available: [http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/data/table\\_25.html](http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/data/table_25.html) [Jan. 15, 2009]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.