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(2010 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 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Total all agencies</b>										
14,565 agencies; population 271,571,110:										
Offenses known	1,080,242	12,760	73,934	315,115	678,433	8,064,964	1,936,341	5,466,667	661,956	50,567
Percent cleared by arrest	47.2%	64.8	40.3	28.2	56.4	18.3	12.4	21.1	11.8	19.0
<b>Total cities</b>										
10,457 cities; population 180,504,683:										
Offenses known	845,386	9,579	54,586	270,811	510,410	6,229,128	1,401,687	4,309,372	518,069	37,375
Percent cleared by arrest	45.3%	63.9	38.6	27.6	55.1	18.4	11.9	21.5	10.6	18.6
<b>Group I</b>										
71 cities, 250,000 and over; population 44,953,427:										
Offenses known	347,014	4,728	17,236	132,178	192,872	1,861,697	456,470	1,177,739	227,488	13,529
Percent cleared by arrest	39.9%	61.1	41.3	24.5	49.8	13.8	9.3	16.8	7.5	14.4
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 14,654,178:										
Offenses known	106,371	1,348	5,026	44,472	55,525	550,627	128,862	349,516	72,249	3,890
Percent cleared by arrest	39.2%	69.3	44.1	24.6	49.7	13.1	7.6	16.6	5.7	13.0
24 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 16,465,103:										
Offenses known	135,800	1,794	6,440	48,538	79,028	736,004	179,520	469,207	87,277	4,942
Percent cleared by arrest	39.5%	56.7	40.6	23.6	48.8	12.8	8.9	15.3	7.7	14.4
39 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 13,834,146:										
Offenses known	104,843	1,586	5,770	39,168	58,319	575,066	148,088	359,016	67,962	4,697
Percent cleared by arrest	41.0%	59.0	39.8	25.3	51.1	15.7	11.2	18.9	9.0	15.6
<b>Group II</b>										
196 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 29,191,226:										
Offenses known	151,801	1,683	9,505	49,851	90,762	1,115,390	263,754	751,059	100,577	6,254
Percent cleared by arrest	44.3%	62.5	36.6	27.6	54.0	17.6	11.0	20.9	10.0	16.6
<b>Group III</b>										
451 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 30,903,160:										
Offenses known	122,519	1,219	8,595	37,337	75,368	997,549	219,527	700,032	77,990	5,908
Percent cleared by arrest	47.6%	67.8	37.1	30.1	57.2	20.0	12.6	23.4	11.2	19.2
<b>Group IV</b>										
766 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 26,508,712:										
Offenses known	84,032	836	6,996	23,350	52,850	797,465	167,143	584,108	46,214	4,114
Percent cleared by arrest	49.9%	66.4	34.9	32.0	59.5	21.3	12.8	24.3	13.7	22.4
<b>Group V</b>										
1,685 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 26,752,794:										
Offenses known	77,050	685	6,592	17,796	51,977	777,824	162,578	576,615	38,631	3,784
Percent cleared by arrest	53.9%	72.3	38.3	36.0	61.8	23.0	15.0	25.6	17.6	25.1
<b>Group VI</b>										
7,288 cities under 10,000; population 22,195,364:										
Offenses known	62,970	428	5,662	10,299	46,581	679,203	132,215	519,819	27,169	3,786
Percent cleared by arrest	56.5%	70.8	40.9	35.1	63.0	21.7	16.5	22.9	22.8	24.7
<b>Metropolitan counties</b>										
1,761 agencies; population 65,773,804:										
Offenses known	185,397	2,337	13,815	40,210	129,035	1,426,858	390,869	918,318	117,671	9,817
Percent cleared by arrest	52.1%	64.7	44.7	30.7	59.3	17.7	13.2	19.9	14.5	18.7

See notes at end of table.

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<b>Nonmetropolitan counties</b>										
2,347 agencies; population 25,292,623:										
Offenses known	49,459	844	5,533	4,094	38,988	408,978	143,785	238,977	26,216	3,375
Percent cleared by arrest	61.1%	75.0	46.3	43.6	64.8	18.2	15.4	19.3	23.2	24.3
<b>Suburban areas<sup>c</sup></b>										
7,746 agencies; population 119,065,296:										
Offenses known	320,825	3,509	24,740	74,711	217,865	2,864,008	673,000	1,993,229	197,779	16,926
Percent cleared by arrest	52.6%	65.5	41.7	32.0	60.6	19.6	13.7	22.0	14.8	20.9

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 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 2010 (Source, Table 25, Data Declaration). 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, 2010*, Table 25 [Online]. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2010/crime-in-the-u.s.-2010/tables/10tbl25.xls> [Nov. 7, 2011]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.