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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 ^b
Total all agencies										
14,442 agencies; population 276,800,696:										
Offenses known	1,046,123	12,706	72,666	304,089	656,662	8,107,267	1,976,408	5,485,117	645,742	48,348
Percent cleared by arrest	47.7%	64.8	41.2	28.7	56.9	18.6	12.7	21.5	11.9	18.8
Total cities										
10,492 cities; population 181,952,742:										
Offenses known	821,378	9,606	53,842	262,724	495,206	6,244,313	1,428,258	4,307,219	508,836	35,938
Percent cleared by arrest	45.6%	63.8	39.5	28.1	55.2	18.6	12.1	21.7	10.6	18.1
Group I										
71 cities, 250,000 and over; population 44,231,430:										
Offenses known	336,980	4,652	17,263	128,820	186,245	1,862,252	464,300	1,172,918	225,034	13,324
Percent cleared by arrest	40.0%	59.3	42.5	24.9	49.7	13.7	9.3	16.6	7.4	14.1
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 14,331,558:										
Offenses known	98,579	1,277	4,855	40,501	51,946	532,624	128,009	334,812	69,803	3,604
Percent cleared by arrest	40.6%	65.2	46.6	26.4	50.5	12.6	7.9	15.8	5.8	11.8
24 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 16,335,382:										
Offenses known	133,879	1,762	9,193	49,049	88,574	747,268	184,976	475,738	86,554	4,742
Percent cleared by arrest	39.2%	63.5	39.4	28.3	53.6	12.8	9.1	15.1	8.1	14.9
39 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 13,564,490:										
Offenses known	104,522	1,043	8,002	34,129	69,107	582,360	151,315	362,368	68,677	4,978
Percent cleared by arrest	40.5%	66.1	37.5	30.3	58.4	15.8	10.8	19.3	8.2	14.9
Group II										
201 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 30,152,852:										
Offenses known	148,578	1,762	9,193	49,049	88,574	1,115,907	266,887	750,082	98,938	6,091
Percent cleared by arrest	44.5%	63.5	39.4	28.3	53.6	17.5	11.3	20.7	9.9	15.7
Group III										
439 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 30,567,766:										
Offenses known	112,281	1,043	8,002	34,129	69,107	961,962	215,193	674,348	72,421	5,136
Percent cleared by arrest	48.4%	66.1	37.5	30.3	58.4	20.1	12.5	23.5	11.2	19.9
Group IV										
795 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 27,680,193:										
Offenses known	85,683	849	7,337	23,418	54,079	836,805	178,732	610,353	47,720	4,137
Percent cleared by arrest	49.8%	71.5	35.3	32.6	58.9	21.7	12.6	25.1	13.4	20.3
Group V										
1,699 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 26,893,603:										
Offenses known	76,444	776	6,497	17,126	52,045	782,279	167,552	576,771	37,956	3,562
Percent cleared by arrest	54.2%	76.0	38.8	35.3	62.0	23.5	15.0	26.4	17.7	24.2
Group VI										
7,287 cities under 10,000; population 22,426,898:										
Offenses known	61,412	524	5,550	10,182	45,156	685,108	135,594	522,747	26,767	3,688
Percent cleared by arrest	57.3%	69.5	39.5	38.1	63.8	22.3	17.8	23.4	23.4	25.7
Metropolitan counties										
1,696 agencies; population 68,427,437:										
Offenses known	176,184	2,275	13,470	37,500	122,939	1,428,627	396,689	921,069	110,869	9,168
Percent cleared by arrest	54.0%	65.7	45.2	31.7	61.6	18.3	13.7	20.7	15.0	19.5

See notes at end of table.

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Nonmetropolitan counties										
2,254 agencies; population 26,420,517:										
Offenses known	48,561	825	5,354	3,865	38,517	434,327	151,461	256,829	26,037	3,242
Percent cleared by arrest	60.4%	74.8	47.7	40.7	63.8	19.0	16.2	20.1	24.5	24.9
Suburban areas^c										
7,725 agencies; population 122,581,768:										
Offenses known	309,126	3,472	24,338	71,107	210,209	2,882,202	687,279	2,004,919	190,004	15,842
Percent cleared by arrest	53.9%	67.7	42.2	32.8	62.2	20.1	14.0	22.7	15.0	21.2

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 2011 (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](#).

^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, 2011*, Table 25 [Online]. Available: http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2011/crime-in-the-u.s.-2011/tables/table_25 [Mar. 7, 2013]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.