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By offense and population group, 2009

(2009 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										
13,350 agencies; population 245,000,000 ^c :										
Total clearances	458,914	7,631	27,748	85,688	337,847	1,337,882	209,717	1,051,693	76,472	9,241
Percent under 18 years of age	11.0%	4.8	11.4	14.9	10.1	17.2	15.1	17.7	14.7	34.7
Total cities										
9,833 cities; population 191,000,000 ^c :										
Total clearances	353,891	5,761	20,081	74,119	253,930	1,072,255	149,197	866,803	56,255	6,634
Percent under 18 years of age	11.2%	5.1	10.6	15.0	10.2	17.8	15.8	18.3	15.1	37.2
Group I										
66 cities, 250,000 and over; population 41,773,817:										
Total clearances	133,484	2,716	7,293	33,422	90,053	260,657	41,475	199,217	19,965	1,958
Percent under 18 years of age	9.9%	5.2	7.9	14.1	8.7	16.0	16.0	16.2	14.3	31.3
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 14,623,806:										
Total clearances	44,195	1,020	2,405	12,802	27,968	76,932	10,881	59,735	6,316	523
Percent under 18 years of age	8.8%	4.2	7.2	12.3	7.5	13.6	13.5	13.8	11.1	27.5
21 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 14,228,341:										
Total clearances	46,928	847	2,412	10,229	33,440	94,218	15,269	71,910	7,039	709
Percent under 18 years of age	10.3%	5.7	8.1	15.2	9.1	16.3	18.4	15.9	16.2	32.0
37 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 12,921,670:										
Total clearances	42,361	849	2,476	10,391	28,645	89,507	15,325	67,572	6,610	726
Percent under 18 years of age	10.7%	5.8	8.2	15.4	9.3	17.8	15.4	18.6	15.3	33.2
Group II										
172 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 25,400,000 ^c :										
Total clearances	60,059	978	3,220	13,430	42,431	174,640	25,039	140,362	9,239	1,011
Percent under 18 years of age	11.8%	6.0	11.4	17.3	10.2	20.1	17.2	20.8	16.9	34.0
Group III										
399 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 27,309,526:										
Total clearances	52,003	751	2,850	10,365	38,037	179,396	23,599	147,759	8,038	1,045
Percent under 18 years of age	12.1%	4.7	11.5	15.8	11.3	20.0	15.4	20.9	16.2	39.6
Group IV										
697 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 23,975,054:										
Total clearances	37,450	504	2,180	7,193	27,573	157,773	18,070	133,817	5,886	844
Percent under 18 years of age	12.2%	4.2	12.5	15.9	11.4	18.9	15.7	19.5	16.2	43.6
Group V										
1,512 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 23,868,699:										
Total clearances	37,386	446	2,379	5,963	28,598	162,988	21,228	135,001	6,759	882
Percent under 18 years of age	11.8%	4.9	12.6	12.9	11.6	17.0	15.1	17.4	13.7	43.8
Group VI										
6,987 cities under 10,000; population 21,138,093:										
Total clearances	33,509	366	2,159	3,746	27,238	136,801	19,786	110,647	6,368	894
Percent under 18 years of age	11.7%	4.1	13.1	13.4	11.5	15.2	15.2	15.3	14.2	38.8

See notes at end of table.

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Metropolitan counties										
1,411 agencies; population 54,109,000:										
Total clearances	77,647	1,247	5,131	10,021	61,248	200,481	40,723	145,232	14,526	1,801
Percent under 18 years of age	11.5%	5.1	13.6	15.5	10.7	15.1	14.0	15.6	13.9	32.0
Nonmetropolitan counties										
2,106 agencies; population 23,629,352:										
Total clearances	27,376	623	2,536	1,548	22,669	65,146	19,797	39,658	5,691	806
Percent under 18 years of age	7.6%	2.4	14.0	6.5	7.1	12.6	11.8	13.1	12.4	20.0
Suburban areas^d										
6,981 agencies; population 102,471,266:										
Total clearances	142,078	1,938	8,976	21,027	110,137	478,877	75,659	376,769	26,449	3,402
Percent under 18 years of age	12.2%	4.9	13.6	15.4	11.6	16.4	14.7	16.9	14.0	38.6

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 non-negligent 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 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.

^cApproximate.

^dIncludes 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, 2009*, Table 28 [Online]. Available: http://www2.fbi.gov/ucrcius2009/data/table_28.html [Nov. 12, 2010]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.