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By offense and population group, 2010

(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										
13,617 agencies; population 247,007,886:										
Total clearances	440,345	7,234	26,387	76,532	330,192	1,301,561	206,676	1,025,905	68,980	8,871
Percent under 18 years of age	10.2%	4.7	11.3	14.0	9.4	15.9	13.5	16.5	13.0	34.3
Total cities										
9,981 cities; population 167,156,718:										
Total clearances	339,442	5,406	19,137	65,975	248,924	1,038,276	146,993	841,690	49,593	6,502
Percent under 18 years of age	10.4%	4.6	10.4	14.3	9.5	16.5	14.3	17.1	13.3	37.3
Group I										
65 cities, 250,000 and over; population 41,845,871:										
Total clearances	123,629	2,530	6,601	28,764	85,734	237,466	37,938	183,799	15,729	1,848
Percent under 18 years of age	9.1%	4.7	8.0	13.3	7.9	15.2	14.3	15.6	13.1	34.6
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 14,654,178:										
Total clearances	41,682	934	2,216	10,939	27,593	72,113	9,780	58,183	4,150	507
Percent under 18 years of age	7.9%	3.9	7.2	10.7	6.9	12.5	11.2	13.0	9.6	28.2
21 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 14,401,037:										
Total clearances	43,092	731	2,184	8,808	31,369	83,381	13,422	64,071	5,888	639
Percent under 18 years of age	9.2%	5.5	8.4	14.3	8.0	15.4	16.4	15.3	14.0	39.7
36 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 12,790,656:										
Total clearances	38,855	865	2,201	9,017	26,772	81,972	14,736	61,545	5,691	702
Percent under 18 years of age	10.3%	5.1	8.3	15.4	8.8	17.4	14.4	18.4	14.8	34.6
Group II										
175 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 26,015,237:										
Total clearances	57,600	912	2,950	11,988	41,750	169,579	24,525	136,491	8,563	945
Percent under 18 years of age	11.0%	4.2	10.5	16.5	9.6	19.2	16.3	20.1	13.5	39.9
Group III										
412 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 28,310,820:										
Total clearances	51,427	745	2,895	9,728	38,059	177,612	24,086	145,805	7,721	1,071
Percent under 18 years of age	11.2%	4.7	11.3	15.8	10.1	18.4	14.0	19.4	13.8	33.7
Group IV										
717 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 24,817,340:										
Total clearances	37,500	492	2,262	6,586	28,160	154,135	19,108	129,353	5,674	847
Percent under 18 years of age	11.1%	4.5	12.4	14.6	10.3	16.8	13.8	17.3	14.6	41.9
Group V										
1,567 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 24,841,849:										
Total clearances	36,557	443	2,252	5,622	28,240	162,127	21,433	134,518	6,176	892
Percent under 18 years of age	11.0%	5.2	12.6	12.4	10.7	15.4	13.3	15.9	12.5	40.6
Group VI										
7,045 cities under 10,000; population 21,325,601:										
Total clearances	32,729	284	2,177	3,287	26,981	137,357	19,903	111,724	5,730	899
Percent under 18 years of age	11.8%	4.2	12.2	13.0	11.7	13.8	14.0	13.8	12.2	36.8

See notes at end of table.

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Metropolitan counties										
1,483 agencies; population 56,028,893:										
Total clearances	74,258	1,236	4,912	9,046	59,064	196,676	40,081	142,771	13,824	1,594
Percent under 18 years of age	10.4%	5.1	13.3	13.6	9.8	14.3	12.6	14.9	12.6	28.4
Nonmetropolitan counties										
2,153 agencies; population 23,822,275:										
Total clearances	26,645	592	2,338	1,511	22,204	66,609	19,602	41,444	5,563	775
Percent under 18 years of age	7.3%	4.1	14.0	6.2	6.8	10.6	9.5	11.1	11.5	20.6
Suburban areas^c										
7,166 agencies; population 105,897,801:										
Total clearances	137,484	1,924	8,645	19,108	107,807	475,532	75,979	374,837	24,716	3,175
Percent under 18 years of age	11.3%	4.7	13.2	14.1	10.7	15.1	13.2	15.7	12.5	35.9

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. 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.

^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, 2010*, Table 28 [Online]. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2010/crime-in-the-u.s.-2010/tables/10tbl28.xls> [Nov. 11, 2011]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.