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By offense and population group, 2011

(2011 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										
13,567 agencies; population 255,070,020:										
Total clearances	441,316	7,396	26,875	77,866	329,179	1,354,156	220,306	1,064,637	69,213	8,835
Percent under 18 years of age	9.5%	4.1	10.9	12.7	8.8	14.2	12.3	14.7	11.9	32.7
Total cities										
10,108 cities; population 171,178,410:										
Total clearances	341,606	5,592	19,686	67,666	248,662	1,073,296	156,403	866,900	49,993	6,321
Percent under 18 years of age	9.6%	4.2	10.2	12.7	8.8	14.8	13.0	15.2	12.2	35.5
Group I										
66 cities, 250,000 and over; population 41,781,951:										
Total clearances	125,567	2,510	6,883	30,014	86,160	238,566	40,020	182,685	15,861	1,839
Percent under 18 years of age	8.6%	4.6	7.7	12.7	7.4	14.1	13.6	14.4	11.5	36.4
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 14,331,558:										
Total clearances	39,993	832	2,263	10,684	26,214	66,944	10,162	52,764	4,018	426
Percent under 18 years of age	7.6%	3.0	6.8	10.4	6.6	11.9	11.6	12.1	9.0	37.6
22 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 14,882,957:										
Total clearances	47,355	773	2,375	10,472	33,735	87,728	15,369	65,800	6,559	698
Percent under 18 years of age	9.5%	6.2	6.9	14.9	8.1	15.4	15.8	15.5	12.9	35.0
36 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 12,567,436:										
Total clearances	38,219	905	2,245	8,858	26,211	83,894	14,489	64,121	5,284	715
Percent under 18 years of age	8.5%	4.6	9.5	12.9	7.1	14.4	12.7	15.0	11.8	37.2
Group II										
183 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 27,441,955:										
Total clearances	58,168	1,018	3,223	12,480	41,447	174,410	26,307	139,410	8,693	948
Percent under 18 years of age	9.9%	4.5	9.8	13.5	8.9	16.8	15.0	17.4	13.1	30.8
Group III										
407 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 28,440,217:										
Total clearances	48,313	632	2,743	9,148	35,790	175,769	24,001	144,347	7,421	976
Percent under 18 years of age	10.2%	2.5	11.2	13.7	9.4	16.6	12.7	17.4	12.2	37.0
Group IV										
754 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 26,198,419:										
Total clearances	38,557	553	2,384	6,886	28,734	168,613	20,463	142,333	5,817	803
Percent under 18 years of age	10.0%	4.7	11.8	12.3	9.4	15.3	12.9	15.8	12.6	39.0
Group V										
1,615 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 25,563,289:										
Total clearances	37,781	538	2,362	5,507	29,374	170,646	22,994	141,407	6,245	831
Percent under 18 years of age	10.0%	3.0	12.3	11.0	9.8	13.4	11.5	13.8	12.6	33.8
Group VI										
7,083 cities under 10,000; population 21,752,579:										
Total clearances	33,220	341	2,091	3,631	27,157	145,292	22,618	116,718	5,956	924
Percent under 18 years of age	10.6%	5.0	13.0	11.5	10.4	12.2	11.4	12.4	12.0	35.6

See notes at end of table.

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Metropolitan counties										
1,417 agencies; population 58,986,177:										
Total clearances	73,330	1,228	4,787	8,793	58,522	206,107	41,832	150,881	13,394	1,734
Percent under 18 years of age	10.3%	3.5	12.8	13.2	9.8	12.9	11.6	13.4	11.4	29.5
Nonmetropolitan counties										
2,051 agencies; population 24,905,433:										
Total clearances	26,380	576	2,402	1,407	21,995	74,753	22,071	46,856	5,826	780
Percent under 18 years of age	7.2%	3.8	13.3	5.4	6.7	9.0	8.7	9.0	10.0	16.9
Suburban areas^c										
7,197 agencies; population 110,378,170:										
Total clearances	137,131	1,986	8,607	18,966	107,572	498,155	79,467	394,489	24,199	3,243
Percent under 18 years of age	10.6%	3.6	12.3	12.8	10.2	13.6	11.9	14.0	11.5	33.9

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, 2011*, Table 28 [Online]. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2011/crime-in-the-u.s.-2011/tables/table-28> [Mar. 7, 2013]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.