

Sourcebook of criminal justice statistics Online

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Table 4.25.2007

Juveniles taken into police custody

By method of disposition and population group, 2007^a

(2007 estimated population)

Population group	Total ^b	Handled within department and released	Referred to juvenile court jurisdiction	Referred to welfare agency	Referred to other police agency	Referred to criminal or adult court
Total all agencies						
5,242 agencies; total population 120,286,534:						
Number	663,991	129,404	461,909	2,430	8,141	62,107
Percent	100.0%	19.5	69.6	0.4	1.2	9.4
Total cities						
3,937 cities; total population 87,798,925:						
Number	560,393	117,588	387,512	1,775	7,098	46,420
Percent	100.0%	21.0	69.2	0.3	1.3	8.3
Group I						
37 cities, 250,000 and over; population 25,796,709:						
Number	138,954	41,670	94,226	20	604	2,434
Percent	100.0%	30.0	67.8	(c)	0.4	1.8
Group II						
80 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 12,018,629:						
Number	82,959	18,009	58,590	378	2,274	3,708
Percent	100.0%	21.7	70.6	0.5	2.7	4.5
Group III						
234 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 15,972,903:						
Number	105,992	19,497	76,429	414	1,295	8,357
Percent	100.0%	18.4	72.1	0.4	1.2	7.9
Group IV						
360 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 12,405,704:						
Number	75,606	12,211	53,794	254	1,671	7,676
Percent	100.0%	16.2	71.2	0.3	2.2	10.2
Group V						
793 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 12,642,471:						
Number	85,504	13,001	59,213	461	688	12,141
Percent	100.0%	15.2	69.3	0.5	0.8	14.2
Group VI						
2,433 cities under 10,000; population 8,962,509:						
Number	71,378	13,200	45,260	248	566	12,104
Percent	100.0%	18.5	63.4	0.3	0.8	17.0
Metropolitan counties						
636 agencies; population 24,275,366:						
Number	81,552	8,543	59,834	493	879	11,803
Percent	100.0%	10.5	73.4	0.6	1.1	14.5
Nonmetropolitan counties						
669 agencies; population 8,212,243:						
Number	22,046	3,273	14,563	162	164	3,884
Percent	100.0%	14.8	66.1	0.7	0.7	17.6
Suburban areas^d						
3,278 agencies; population 58,405,783:						
Number	288,762	47,148	198,657	1,429	2,557	38,971
Percent	100.0%	16.3	68.8	0.5	0.9	13.5

See notes at end of table

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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 city and suburban areas, and nonmetropolitan counties, see [Appendix 3](#).

^aBecause of rounding, percents may not add to total.

^bIncludes all offenses except traffic and neglect cases.

^cLess than 0.1%.

^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, 2007*, Table 68 [Online]. Available: http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/data/table_68.html [Jan. 15, 2009].