

Sourcebook of criminal justice statistics Online

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Table 4.25.2008

Juveniles taken into police custody

By method of disposition and population group, 2008^a

(2008 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						
5,251 agencies; total population 118,759,497:						
Number	602,210	131,631	399,059	3,081	6,797	61,642
Percent	100.0%	21.9	66.3	0.5	1.1	10.2
Total cities						
4,060 cities; total population 88,591,101:						
Number	510,252	119,696	332,881	2,636	6,101	48,938
Percent	100.0%	23.5	65.2	0.5	1.2	9.6
Group I						
39 cities, 250,000 and over; population 26,875,238:						
Number	141,432	43,632	93,552	17	789	3,442
Percent	100.0%	30.9	66.1	(c)	0.6	2.4
Group II						
86 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 12,710,757:						
Number	71,987	17,768	48,745	478	1,523	3,473
Percent	100.0%	24.7	67.7	0.7	2.1	4.8
Group III						
230 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 15,525,328:						
Number	96,973	20,111	66,612	681	1,256	8,313
Percent	100.0%	20.7	68.7	0.7	1.3	8.6
Group IV						
341 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 11,778,506:						
Number	63,330	11,939	41,189	583	1,259	8,360
Percent	100.0%	18.9	65.0	0.9	2.0	13.2
Group V						
776 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 12,367,656:						
Number	71,991	13,299	45,174	507	559	12,452
Percent	100.0%	18.5	62.7	0.7	0.8	17.3
Group VI						
2,588 cities under 10,000; population 9,333,616:						
Number	64,539	12,947	37,609	370	715	12,898
Percent	100.0%	20.1	58.3	0.6	1.1	20.0
Metropolitan counties						
545 agencies; population 22,370,406:						
Number	71,773	9,165	52,602	257	575	9,174
Percent	100.0%	12.8	73.3	0.4	0.8	12.8
Nonmetropolitan counties						
646 agencies; population 7,797,990:						
Number	20,185	2,770	13,576	188	121	3,530
Percent	100.0%	13.7	67.3	0.9	0.6	17.5
Suburban areas^d						
3,266 agencies; population 56,299,487:						
Number	250,877	48,450	160,812	1,497	2,311	37,807
Percent	100.0%	19.3	64.1	0.6	0.9	15.1

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](#).

^a Because of rounding, percents may not add to total.

^b Includes all offenses except traffic and neglect cases.

^c Less than 0.1%.

^d Includes 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, 2008*, Table 68 [Online]. Available: http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/data/table_68.html [Jan. 21, 2010].