

**Sourcebook of criminal justice statistics Online**

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Table 4.25.2009

**Juveniles taken into police custody**

By method of disposition and population group, 2009<sup>a</sup>

(2009 estimated population)

Population group	Total <sup>b</sup>	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
<b>Total all agencies</b>						
5,139 agencies; total population 116,830,401:						
Number	543,200	121,162	365,961	2,758	5,731	47,588
Percent	100.0%	22.3	67.4	0.5	1.1	8.8
<b>Total cities</b>						
4,007 cities; total population 85,067,747:						
Number	461,209	109,243	308,037	2,175	5,046	36,708
Percent	100.0%	23.7	66.8	0.5	1.1	8.0
<b>Group I</b>						
34 cities, 250,000 and over; population 22,902,229:						
Number	118,873	37,099	78,213	11	608	2,942
Percent	100.0%	31.2	65.8	(c)	0.5	2.5
<b>Group II</b>						
85 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 12,505,038:						
Number	67,487	14,463	49,091	716	965	2,252
Percent	100.0%	21.4	72.7	1.1	1.4	3.3
<b>Group III</b>						
236 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 15,961,680:						
Number	90,908	21,312	61,923	400	1,379	5,894
Percent	100.0%	23.4	68.1	0.4	1.5	6.5
<b>Group IV</b>						
348 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 11,999,775:						
Number	60,978	10,857	42,859	332	657	6,273
Percent	100.0%	17.8	70.3	0.5	1.1	10.3
<b>Group V</b>						
795 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 12,656,463:						
Number	67,593	14,093	43,038	385	655	9,422
Percent	100.0%	20.8	63.7	0.6	1.0	13.9
<b>Group VI</b>						
2,509 cities under 10,000; population 9,042,562:						
Number	55,370	11,419	32,913	331	782	9,925
Percent	100.0%	20.6	59.4	0.6	1.4	17.9
<b>Metropolitan counties</b>						
579 agencies; population 23,714,860:						
Number	63,989	9,139	45,741	404	569	8,136
Percent	100.0%	14.3	71.5	0.6	0.9	12.7
<b>Nonmetropolitan counties</b>						
553 agencies; population 8,047,794:						
Number	18,002	2,780	12,183	179	116	2,744
Percent	100.0%	15.4	67.7	1.0	0.6	15.2
<b>Suburban areas<sup>d</sup></b>						
3,268 agencies; population 58,163,860:						
Number	228,467	46,517	148,643	1,398	2,283	29,626
Percent	100.0%	20.4	65.1	0.6	1.0	13.0

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](#).

<sup>a</sup> Because of rounding, percents may not add to total.

<sup>b</sup> Includes all offenses except traffic and neglect cases.

<sup>c</sup> Less than 0.1%.

<sup>d</sup> 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, 2009*, Table 68 [Online]. Available: [http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2009/data/table\\_68.html](http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2009/data/table_68.html) [Nov. 16, 2010].