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Arrests

By offense charged and sex, United States, 2008

(11,713 agencies; 2008 estimated population 230,897,506)

Offense charged	Persons arrested					Percent distribution of offenses charged ^a		
	Total number	Male		Female		Total	Male	Female
Total	10,709,361	8,086,667	75.5%	2,622,694	24.5%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	9,888	8,824	89.2	1,064	10.8	0.1	0.1	(b)
Forcible rape	16,916	16,712	98.8	204	1.2	0.2	0.2	(b)
Robbery	100,738	89,033	88.4	11,705	11.6	0.9	1.1	0.4
Aggravated assault	329,913	259,109	78.5	70,804	21.5	3.1	3.2	2.7
Burglary	236,219	201,826	85.4	34,393	14.6	2.2	2.5	1.3
Larceny-theft	982,997	577,467	58.7	405,530	41.3	9.2	7.1	15.5
Motor vehicle theft	75,135	62,229	82.8	12,906	17.2	0.7	0.8	0.5
Arson	10,784	9,065	84.1	1,719	15.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
Violent crime ^c	457,455	373,678	81.7	83,777	18.3	4.3	4.6	3.2
Property crime ^d	1,305,135	850,587	65.2	454,548	34.8	12.2	10.5	17.3
Other assaults	994,804	739,970	74.4	254,834	25.6	9.3	9.2	9.7
Forgery and counterfeiting	68,976	42,860	62.1	26,116	37.9	0.6	0.5	1.0
Fraud	174,598	98,712	56.5	75,886	43.5	1.6	1.2	2.9
Embezzlement	16,458	7,954	48.3	8,504	51.7	0.2	0.1	0.3
Stolen property; buying, receiving, possessing	85,584	68,174	79.7	17,410	20.3	0.8	0.8	0.7
Vandalism	219,059	181,526	82.9	37,533	17.1	2.0	2.2	1.4
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.	138,255	127,865	92.5	10,390	7.5	1.3	1.6	0.4
Prostitution and commercialized vice	58,784	18,012	30.6	40,772	69.4	0.5	0.2	1.6
Sex offenses (except fornication and prostitution)	60,804	55,631	91.5	5,173	8.5	0.6	0.7	0.2
Drug abuse violations	1,304,098	1,063,498	81.6	240,600	18.4	12.2	13.2	9.2
Gambling	7,632	7,021	92.0	611	8.0	0.1	0.1	(b)
Offenses against family and children	87,197	64,918	74.4	22,279	25.6	0.8	0.8	0.8
Driving under the influence	1,110,083	872,399	78.6	237,684	21.4	10.4	10.8	9.1
Liquor laws	478,800	345,973	72.3	132,827	27.7	4.5	4.3	5.1
Drunkenness	474,378	397,888	83.9	76,490	16.1	4.4	4.9	2.9
Disorderly conduct	529,929	391,187	73.8	138,742	26.2	4.9	4.8	5.3
Vagrancy	26,325	20,417	77.6	5,908	22.4	0.2	0.3	0.2
All other offenses (except traffic)	2,921,526	2,248,826	77.0	672,700	23.0	27.3	27.8	25.6
Suspicion	1,259	991	78.7	268	21.3	(b)	(b)	(b)
Curfew and loitering law violations	104,168	71,675	68.8	32,493	31.2	1.0	0.9	1.2
Runaways	84,054	36,905	43.9	47,149	56.1	0.8	0.5	1.8

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.

Estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau indicate that on July 1, 2008, males comprised 49.3% and females 50.7% of the total U.S. resident population (U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census

Bureau, "Annual Estimates of the Population by Sex and Five-Year Age Groups for the United States: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2008" [Online]. Available: <http://www.census.gov/popest/national/asrh/NC-EST2008-sa.html> [Nov. 2, 2009]. For definitions of offenses, see [Appendix 3](#).

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

^bLess than 0.1%.

^cViolent crimes are offenses of murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

^dProperty crimes are offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States, 2008*, Table 42 [Online]. Available: http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/data/table_42.html [Nov. 2, 2009]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.