

SECTION III

Crime Index Offenses Cleared

For UCR purposes, law enforcement agencies clear or solve an offense when at least one person is arrested, charged with the commission of the offense, and turned over to the court for prosecution. Clearances recorded in 1996 may be for offenses which occurred in prior years. Several crimes may be cleared by the arrest of one person, or the arrest of many persons may clear only one offense. Law enforcement agencies may clear a crime by exceptional means when some element beyond law enforcement control precludes the placing of formal charges against the offender. Examples of circumstances allowing such clearances are the death of the offender (suicide, justifiably killed by police or private citizen, etc.); the victim's refusal to cooperate with prosecution after the offender has been identified; or the denial of extradition because the offender committed another crime in a different jurisdiction and is being prosecuted there. In all exceptional clearance cases, law enforcement must have identified the offender, have enough evidence to support arrest, and know the offender's location.

Law enforcement agencies nationwide recorded a 22-percent Crime Index clearance rate for 1996. Collectively, 47 percent of violent crimes were cleared. Among the violent offenses, the clearance rates were 67 percent for murder, 52 percent for forcible rape, 27 percent for robbery, and 58 percent for aggravated assault. Clearances for crimes against persons (murder, forcible rape, and aggravated assault) are generally higher than for property crimes as crimes against persons are often given more intensive investigative efforts, and the victims and/or witnesses can frequently identify the perpetrators.

The overall property crime clearance rate was 18 percent. Twenty percent of the larceny-thefts, 14 percent each of motor vehicle thefts and burglaries, and 16 percent of arsons were cleared during the year.

When considering the Modified Crime Index total which includes arson, the overall clearance rate was 22 percent.

The highest total Crime Index clearance rates geographically were registered in both the Northeastern and Southern States, each with 23 percent. The Midwestern and Western States each recorded a 21-percent clearance rate. For violent crime, the highest clearance rate, 49 percent, was recorded in the South. In the West, the rate was 47 percent, while the Midwest and

Northeast each registered a 46-percent rate. Property crime clearance rates were 19 percent each in the Northeast and South, 18 percent in the Midwest, and 17 percent in the West.

By community type, rural county law enforcement agencies recorded the highest clearance rate for Crime Index offenses brought to their attention, 24 percent. City agencies solved 22 percent of total crimes reported and suburban county agencies, 21 percent. Cities with 10,000 to 24,999 inhabitants registered the highest total Crime Index and property crime clearance rates, 27 percent and 24 percent, respectively. The highest violent crime clearance rate—62 percent—was recorded both in cities with populations under 10,000 and in the rural counties. (See Table 25.)

Clearances Involving Only Persons under 18 Years of Age

Involvement of juveniles in crime can be measured by the number of crimes in which they have been identified as the offenders. Even though no physical arrest may have been made, a clearance by arrest is recorded when an offender under 18 years of age is cited to appear in juvenile court or before other juvenile authorities. Since the juvenile clearance percentages shown in this publication indicate only those offenses where no adults were involved, they should be considered a slight underestimation of juvenile involvement in crime. Juveniles (persons under 18 years of age) account for 26 percent of the United States population, according to 1996 Bureau of the Census estimates.

Twenty-one percent of the Crime Index offenses cleared by law enforcement during 1996 involved only young people under age 18. Persons in this age group accounted for 13 percent of the violent crime clearances and 23 percent of those for property crimes. Murder showed the lowest percentage of juvenile involvement, 8 percent, while the highest percentage was shown for arson, 45 percent.

Geographically, the Midwestern States recorded the largest percentage of Crime Index offense involvement by the under 18 age group—25 percent. Juveniles alone were the offenders in 23 percent of the clearances in the Western States, 20 percent of those in the Northeastern States, and 17 percent of those in the Southern States.

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CRIMES CLEARED by ARREST 1996

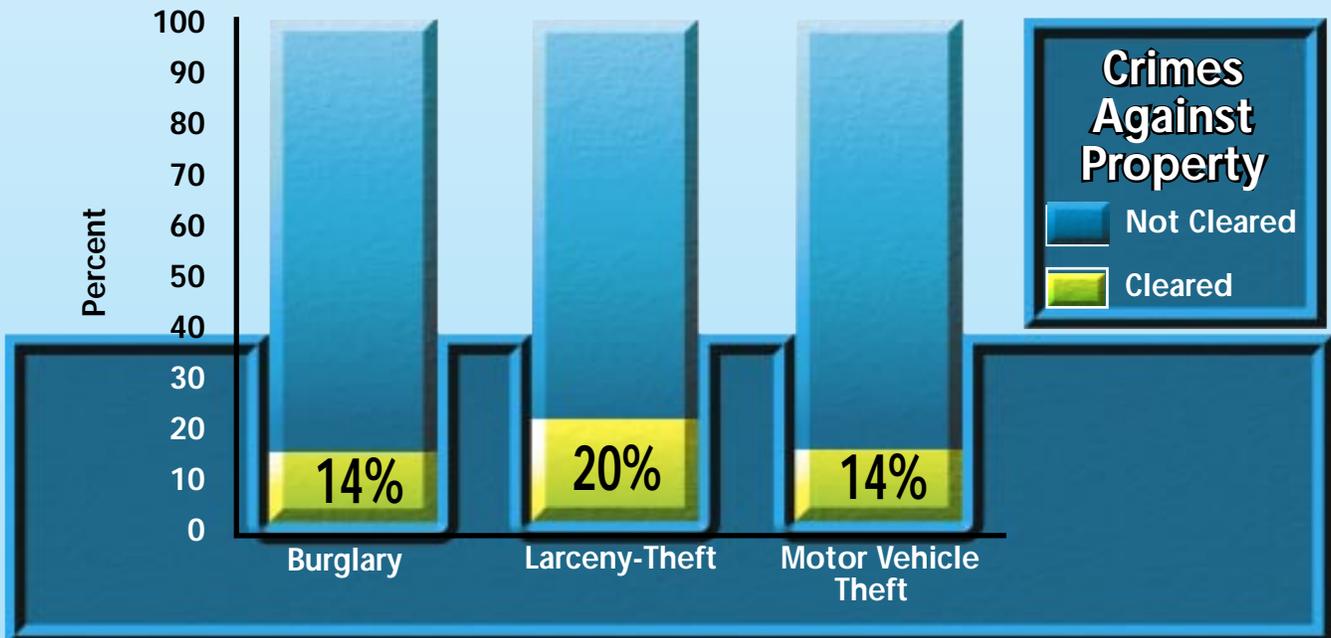
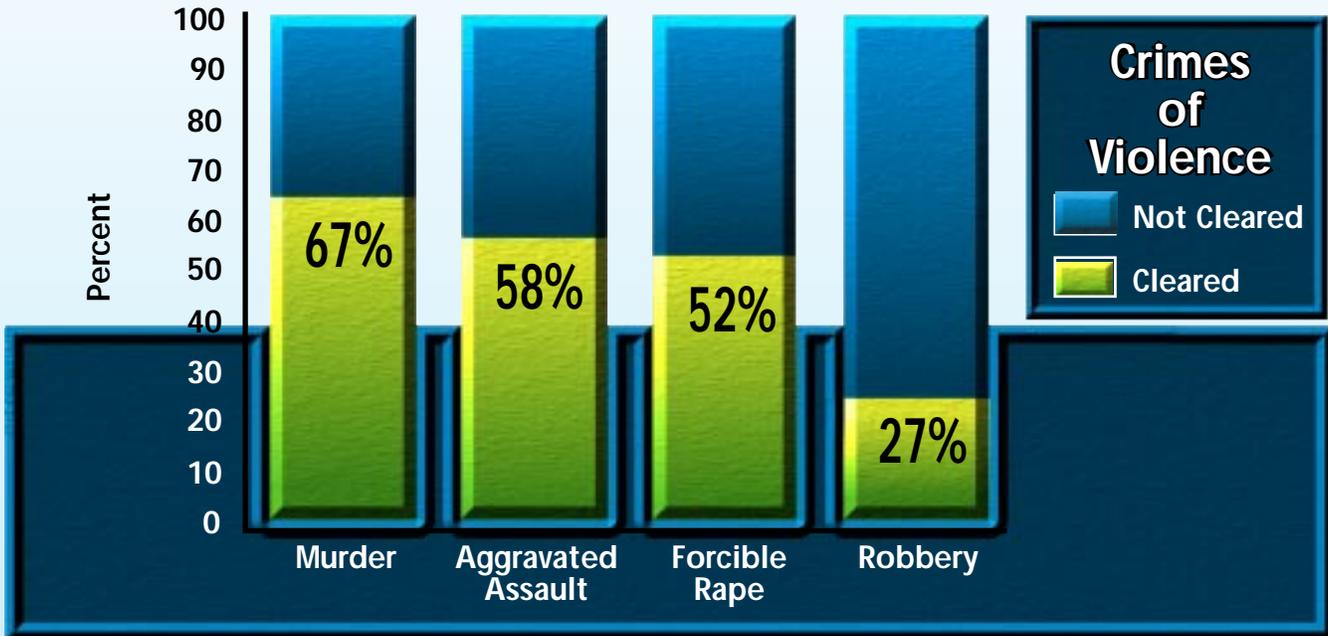


Table 25. — Offenses Known and Percent Cleared by Arrest,¹ Population Group, 1996

[1996 estimated population]

| Population group | Crime Index total | Modified Crime Index total ² | Violent crime ³ | Property crime ⁴ | Murder and non-negligent manslaughter | Forcible rape | Robbery | Aggravated assault | Burglary | Larceny-theft | Motor vehicle theft | Arson ⁵ |
|---|-------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| TOTAL ALL AGENCIES: 11,015 agencies; population 206,926,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 10,419,304 | 10,500,544 | 1,293,408 | 9,125,896 | 15,487 | 73,349 | 429,368 | 775,204 | 1,910,140 | 6,083,637 | 1,132,119 | 81,240 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 21.8 | 21.7 | 47.4 | 18.1 | 66.9 | 51.9 | 26.9 | 58.0 | 13.8 | 20.3 | 14.0 | 16.5 |
| TOTAL CITIES: 7,809 cities; population 141,427,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 8,462,172 | 8,525,590 | 1,085,069 | 7,377,103 | 12,466 | 56,489 | 389,065 | 627,049 | 1,452,130 | 4,969,366 | 955,607 | 63,418 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 21.8 | 21.8 | 45.9 | 18.3 | 65.7 | 51.5 | 26.6 | 57.0 | 13.3 | 20.7 | 13.1 | 16.0 |
| GROUP I | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 56 cities, 250,000 and over; population 41,176,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 3,254,008 | 3,282,876 | 564,144 | 2,689,864 | 7,374 | 23,383 | 241,680 | 291,707 | 548,157 | 1,635,030 | 506,677 | 28,868 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 19.0 | 18.9 | 40.9 | 14.4 | 60.5 | 52.7 | 24.3 | 53.3 | 11.4 | 16.7 | 10.1 | 12.0 |
| 9 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 19,531,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 1,337,532 | 1,349,428 | 272,260 | 1,065,272 | 3,397 | 8,825 | 123,351 | 136,687 | 220,044 | 608,411 | 236,817 | 11,896 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 19.1 | 19.0 | 41.3 | 13.4 | 63.1 | 52.9 | 25.2 | 54.6 | 11.3 | 16.1 | 8.4 | 9.0 |
| 15 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 9,739,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 832,187 | 838,438 | 126,364 | 705,823 | 1,765 | 5,949 | 54,645 | 64,005 | 137,249 | 451,081 | 117,493 | 6,251 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 18.5 | 18.4 | 39.3 | 14.7 | 54.7 | 53.6 | 22.3 | 52.1 | 12.3 | 16.3 | 11.4 | 11.2 |
| 32 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 11,907,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 1,084,289 | 1,095,010 | 165,520 | 918,769 | 2,212 | 8,609 | 63,684 | 91,015 | 190,864 | 575,538 | 152,367 | 10,721 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 19.3 | 19.3 | 41.5 | 15.3 | 61.0 | 51.9 | 24.2 | 52.1 | 11.0 | 17.8 | 11.7 | 15.7 |
| GROUP II | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 129 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 18,777,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 1,283,412 | 1,293,213 | 155,554 | 1,127,858 | 1,846 | 8,690 | 54,238 | 90,780 | 235,696 | 748,970 | 143,192 | 9,801 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 21.4 | 21.3 | 47.9 | 17.7 | 73.3 | 52.8 | 28.8 | 58.3 | 13.5 | 19.9 | 13.1 | 16.6 |
| GROUP III | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 311 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 21,128,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 1,149,289 | 1,157,190 | 129,898 | 1,019,391 | 1,239 | 8,032 | 40,462 | 80,165 | 204,791 | 694,798 | 119,802 | 7,901 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 22.5 | 22.4 | 47.3 | 19.3 | 67.6 | 47.5 | 28.1 | 56.7 | 12.8 | 22.3 | 12.7 | 16.9 |
| GROUP IV | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 569 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 19,668,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 960,026 | 966,660 | 88,953 | 871,073 | 761 | 6,146 | 24,470 | 57,576 | 166,333 | 628,200 | 76,540 | 6,634 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 23.6 | 23.5 | 52.4 | 20.6 | 74.1 | 48.6 | 31.6 | 61.4 | 13.9 | 23.0 | 15.7 | 17.8 |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 25. — Offenses Known and Percent Cleared by Arrest,¹ Population Group, 1996 — Continued

| Population group | Crime Index total | Modified Crime Index total ² | Violent crime ³ | Property crime ⁴ | Murder and non-negligent manslaughter | Forcible rape | Robbery | Aggravated assault | Burglary | Larceny-theft | Motor vehicle theft | Arson ² |
|--|-------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------|--------------------|----------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| GROUP V | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1,411 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 22,199,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 990,278 | 995,761 | 83,232 | 907,046 | 699 | 5,968 | 18,589 | 57,976 | 164,159 | 676,287 | 66,600 | 5,483 |
| Percent cleared by arrest | 26.6 | 26.5 | 55.2 | 23.9 | 78.4 | 51.3 | 35.1 | 61.8 | 16.2 | 25.9 | 22.9 | 24.0 |
| GROUP VI | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5,333 cities under 10,000; population 18,479,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 825,159 | 829,890 | 63,288 | 761,871 | 547 | 4,270 | 9,626 | 48,845 | 132,994 | 586,081 | 42,796 | 4,731 |
| Percent cleared by arrest | 25.0 | 25.0 | 61.7 | 21.9 | 79.0 | 55.0 | 36.8 | 66.9 | 16.9 | 22.5 | 29.0 | 25.6 |
| SUBURBAN COUNTIES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1,086 agencies; population 43,197,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 1,470,828 | 1,484,616 | 156,873 | 1,313,955 | 1,979 | 11,547 | 36,478 | 106,869 | 311,769 | 855,714 | 146,472 | 13,788 |
| Percent cleared by arrest | 20.8 | 20.7 | 52.8 | 16.9 | 67.3 | 53.1 | 28.3 | 60.8 | 14.2 | 18.1 | 16.3 | 16.0 |
| RURAL COUNTIES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2,120 agencies; population 22,301,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 486,304 | 490,338 | 51,466 | 434,838 | 1,042 | 5,313 | 3,825 | 41,286 | 146,241 | 258,557 | 30,040 | 4,034 |
| Percent cleared by arrest | 24.3 | 24.3 | 62.3 | 19.8 | 79.3 | 52.6 | 42.1 | 65.0 | 17.7 | 19.6 | 31.7 | 26.3 |
| SUBURBAN AREA⁵ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5,423 agencies; population 83,739,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 3,134,847 | 3,158,845 | 290,285 | 2,844,562 | 3,033 | 20,481 | 70,246 | 196,525 | 579,895 | 1,986,075 | 278,592 | 23,998 |
| Percent cleared by arrest | 22.3 | 22.3 | 53.7 | 19.1 | 69.7 | 52.7 | 30.2 | 61.9 | 14.5 | 20.7 | 17.1 | 17.9 |

¹ Includes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

² The number of agency reports used in arson clearance rates is less than used in compiling clearance rates for other Crime Index offenses. It is not necessary to report clearances by detailed property classification to be included in this table. The Modified Crime Index total is the sum of the Crime Index offenses, including arson.

³ Violent crimes are offenses of murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

⁴ Property crimes are offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft. Data are not included for the property crime of arson.

⁵ Includes suburban city and county law enforcement agencies within metropolitan areas. Excludes central cities. Suburban cities and counties are also included in other groups.

Forcible rape figures furnished by the state-level Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program administered by the Illinois State Police were not in accordance with national UCR guidelines and were excluded from the forcible rape, violent crime, Crime Index total, and Modified Crime Index total categories.

Complete data were not available for the states of Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, and Montana; therefore, it was necessary that their crime counts be estimated. An aggregate Florida state total for 1996 was supplied by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. See "Offense Estimation," pages 389-390 for details.

Table 26. — Offenses Known and Percent Cleared by Arrest,¹ Geographic Region and Division, 1996

[1996 estimated population]

| Geographic region/division | Crime Index total | Modified Crime Index total ² | Violent crime ³ | Property crime ⁴ | Murder and non-negligent manslaughter | Forcible rape | Robbery | Aggravated assault | Burglary | Larceny-theft | Motor vehicle theft | Arson ⁵ |
|---|-------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11,015 agencies; population 206,926,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 10,419,304 | 10,500,544 | 1,293,408 | 9,125,896 | 15,487 | 73,349 | 429,368 | 775,204 | 1,910,140 | 6,083,637 | 1,132,119 | 81,240 |
| Percent cleared by arrest | 21.8 | 21.7 | 47.4 | 18.1 | 66.9 | 51.9 | 26.9 | 58.0 | 13.8 | 20.3 | 14.0 | 16.5 |
| NEW ENGLAND | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 705 agencies; population 11,879,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 465,610 | 470,409 | 56,525 | 409,085 | 377 | 3,295 | 14,415 | 38,438 | 89,567 | 265,417 | 54,101 | 4,799 |
| Percent cleared by arrest | 22.1 | 22.0 | 50.4 | 18.2 | 70.8 | 48.0 | 27.4 | 59.1 | 14.9 | 20.0 | 15.0 | 9.7 |
| MIDDLE ATLANTIC | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2,139 agencies; population 36,707,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 1,416,253 | 1,426,258 | 219,005 | 1,197,248 | 2,289 | 8,720 | 101,804 | 106,192 | 244,599 | 774,542 | 178,107 | 10,005 |
| Percent cleared by arrest | 22.7 | 22.7 | 44.8 | 18.7 | 70.7 | 54.5 | 28.7 | 58.9 | 15.0 | 21.8 | 10.0 | 16.0 |
| Northeast | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2,844 agencies; population 48,586,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 1,881,863 | 1,896,667 | 275,530 | 1,606,333 | 2,666 | 12,015 | 116,219 | 144,630 | 334,166 | 1,039,959 | 232,208 | 14,804 |
| Percent cleared by arrest | 22.6 | 22.5 | 46.0 | 18.6 | 70.7 | 52.7 | 28.5 | 59.0 | 15.0 | 21.3 | 11.1 | 13.9 |
| EAST NORTH CENTRAL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1,377 agencies; population 23,996,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 1,162,619 | 1,173,106 | 125,809 | 1,036,810 | 1,590 | 10,740 | 41,651 | 71,828 | 205,640 | 698,545 | 132,625 | 10,487 |
| Percent cleared by arrest | 19.7 | 19.7 | 41.9 | 17.0 | 66.7 | 46.3 | 24.0 | 51.1 | 12.3 | 19.0 | 14.2 | 15.1 |
| WEST NORTH CENTRAL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1,094 agencies; population 13,820,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 599,070 | 603,547 | 52,966 | 546,104 | 568 | 4,418 | 13,310 | 34,670 | 98,945 | 400,704 | 46,455 | 4,477 |
| Percent cleared by arrest | 23.8 | 23.8 | 54.6 | 20.8 | 76.9 | 56.6 | 30.6 | 63.2 | 13.7 | 22.4 | 22.0 | 19.5 |
| Midwest | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2,471 agencies; population 37,816,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 1,761,689 | 1,776,653 | 178,775 | 1,582,914 | 2,158 | 15,158 | 54,961 | 106,498 | 304,585 | 1,099,249 | 179,080 | 14,964 |
| Percent cleared by arrest | 21.1 | 21.1 | 45.6 | 18.3 | 69.4 | 49.3 | 25.6 | 55.0 | 12.7 | 20.2 | 16.3 | 16.4 |
| SOUTH ATLANTIC | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2,116 agencies; population 32,860,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 1,785,048 | 1,795,380 | 216,457 | 1,568,591 | 3,140 | 11,017 | 69,412 | 132,888 | 336,675 | 1,076,845 | 155,071 | 10,332 |
| Percent cleared by arrest | 22.2 | 22.2 | 48.2 | 18.6 | 66.6 | 57.2 | 27.4 | 57.9 | 15.4 | 19.6 | 19.2 | 20.8 |
| EAST SOUTH CENTRAL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 236 agencies; population 5,480,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 359,187 | 361,296 | 50,621 | 308,566 | 655 | 3,049 | 16,718 | 30,199 | 74,531 | 191,567 | 42,468 | 2,109 |
| Percent cleared by arrest | 23.5 | 23.5 | 49.6 | 19.2 | 71.0 | 52.0 | 24.8 | 62.7 | 13.6 | 22.1 | 15.9 | 24.2 |
| WEST SOUTH CENTRAL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1,539 agencies; population 27,810,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 1,605,111 | 1,617,968 | 183,300 | 1,421,811 | 2,548 | 12,235 | 47,765 | 120,752 | 308,287 | 963,203 | 150,321 | 12,857 |
| Percent cleared by arrest | 22.8 | 22.7 | 50.3 | 19.2 | 70.3 | 58.5 | 28.7 | 57.6 | 14.5 | 21.1 | 16.8 | 18.7 |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 26. — Offenses Known and Percent Cleared by Arrest,¹ Geographic Region and Division, 1996 — Continued

| Geographic region/division | Crime Index total | Modified Crime Index total ² | Violent crime ³ | Property crime ⁴ | Murder and non-negligent manslaughter | Forcible rape | Robbery | Aggravated assault | Burglary | Larceny—theft | Motor vehicle theft | Arson ² |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------|--------------------|----------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| South | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3,891 agencies; | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| population 66,150,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 3,749,346 | 3,774,644 | 450,378 | 3,298,968 | 6,343 | 26,301 | 133,895 | 283,839 | 719,493 | 2,231,615 | 347,860 | 25,298 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 22.6 | 22.6 | 49.2 | 19.0 | 68.5 | 57.2 | 27.6 | 58.2 | 14.9 | 20.5 | 17.8 | 20.0 |
| MOUNTAIN | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 659 agencies; | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| population 13,779,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 827,949 | 832,612 | 74,140 | 753,809 | 995 | 5,626 | 19,318 | 48,201 | 147,798 | 522,063 | 83,948 | 4,663 |
| Percent cleared by arrest | 20.6 | 20.6 | 43.3 | 18.4 | 57.0 | 37.0 | 23.8 | 51.6 | 11.0 | 21.2 | 13.7 | 18.9 |
| PACIFIC | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1,150 agencies; | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| population 40,595,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 2,198,457 | 2,219,968 | 314,585 | 1,883,872 | 3,325 | 14,249 | 104,975 | 192,036 | 404,098 | 1,190,751 | 289,023 | 21,511 |
| Percent cleared by arrest | 20.7 | 20.6 | 48.1 | 16.1 | 61.9 | 49.9 | 25.4 | 60.1 | 12.6 | 18.7 | 10.4 | 13.6 |
| WEST | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1,809 agencies; | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| population 54,374,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 3,026,406 | 3,052,580 | 388,725 | 2,637,681 | 4,320 | 19,875 | 124,293 | 240,237 | 551,896 | 1,712,814 | 372,971 | 26,174 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 20.7 | 20.6 | 47.2 | 16.8 | 60.7 | 46.3 | 25.2 | 58.4 | 12.2 | 19.5 | 11.1 | 14.6 |

¹ Includes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

² The number of agency reports used in arson clearance rates is less than used in compiling clearance rates for other Crime Index offenses. It is not necessary to report clearances by detailed property classification to be included in this table. The Modified Crime Index total is the sum of the Crime Index offenses, including arson.

³ Violent crimes are offenses of murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

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Table 27. — Offenses Known Breakdown and Percent Cleared by Arrest,¹ Population Group, 1996

[1996 estimated population]

| Population group | Forcible rape | | Robbery | | | | Aggravated assault | | | | Burglary | | | Motor vehicle theft | | | Arson ² | | |
|---|---------------|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------|--------|
| | Rape by force | Assault to rape—attempts | Firearm | Knife or cutting instrument | Other weapon | Strong-armed | Firearm | Knife or cutting instrument | Other weapon | Hands, fists, feet, etc. | Forcible entry | Unlawful entry | Attempted forcible entry | Autos | Trucks and buses | Other vehicles | Structure | Mobile | Other |
| TOTAL ALL AGENCIES: 11,008 agencies; population 206,816,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 63,999 | 9,313 | 181,385 | 37,626 | 39,510 | 171,966 | 174,593 | 134,546 | 251,265 | 219,377 | 1,269,402 | 498,292 | 141,108 | 878,401 | 193,188 | 59,977 | 37,685 | 22,821 | 18,309 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 52.2 | 49.4 | 20.7 | 30.0 | 38.6 | 29.8 | 41.9 | 64.7 | 58.1 | 65.2 | 13.2 | 16.0 | 11.3 | 14.4 | 11.8 | 15.2 | 21.5 | 7.9 | 18.7 |
| TOTAL CITIES: 7,804 cities; population 141,364,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 48,957 | 7,503 | 163,213 | 34,380 | 35,221 | 157,394 | 146,447 | 113,976 | 203,897 | 167,372 | 966,601 | 372,989 | 111,583 | 753,828 | 160,522 | 40,867 | 29,907 | 17,546 | 13,812 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 51.9 | 49.4 | 20.3 | 29.7 | 39.8 | 29.3 | 39.8 | 64.4 | 57.8 | 64.4 | 12.5 | 15.9 | 11.1 | 13.4 | 10.9 | 14.5 | 21.1 | 7.4 | 18.0 |
| GROUP I | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 56 cities, 250,000 and over; population 41,176,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 19,927 | 3,456 | 109,057 | 21,036 | 20,418 | 91,169 | 83,322 | 56,571 | 97,000 | 54,814 | 398,347 | 116,940 | 32,870 | 395,052 | 97,131 | 14,494 | 12,614 | 9,743 | 4,842 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 53.3 | 49.2 | 17.7 | 28.8 | 45.5 | 26.4 | 36.5 | 64.1 | 57.3 | 60.4 | 10.3 | 15.6 | 11.1 | 10.6 | 8.0 | 10.1 | 18.0 | 5.2 | 13.8 |
| 9 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 19,531,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 7,303 | 1,522 | 56,557 | 11,811 | 10,860 | 44,123 | 40,164 | 27,162 | 39,759 | 29,602 | 157,918 | 50,475 | 11,651 | 179,840 | 51,144 | 5,833 | 4,425 | 4,404 | 1,811 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 54.2 | 46.7 | 16.2 | 31.8 | 63.0 | 25.8 | 30.1 | 65.0 | 64.6 | 64.7 | 9.1 | 17.7 | 14.0 | 9.0 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 16.1 | 3.8 | 10.7 |
| 15 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 9,739,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 5,118 | 831 | 24,474 | 4,418 | 4,284 | 21,469 | 16,254 | 12,286 | 25,205 | 10,260 | 103,305 | 24,464 | 9,480 | 93,363 | 19,258 | 4,872 | 2,877 | 2,337 | 875 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 53.6 | 53.2 | 19.1 | 24.6 | 25.8 | 24.6 | 47.3 | 62.2 | 51.2 | 50.1 | 11.2 | 17.5 | 10.7 | 11.7 | 10.8 | 7.8 | 16.2 | 4.7 | 12.1 |
| 32 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 11,907,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 7,506 | 1,103 | 28,026 | 4,807 | 5,274 | 25,577 | 26,904 | 17,123 | 32,036 | 14,952 | 137,124 | 42,001 | 11,739 | 121,849 | 26,729 | 3,789 | 5,312 | 3,002 | 2,156 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 52.2 | 49.7 | 19.4 | 25.0 | 25.3 | 29.0 | 39.7 | 63.8 | 53.2 | 58.7 | 10.9 | 12.0 | 8.6 | 12.0 | 9.1 | 18.3 | 20.5 | 7.7 | 17.0 |
| GROUP II | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 129 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 18,777,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 7,648 | 1,042 | 22,188 | 5,212 | 5,473 | 22,625 | 26,167 | 16,515 | 33,370 | 20,636 | 160,760 | 56,642 | 18,294 | 115,764 | 22,184 | 5,244 | 5,000 | 2,659 | 1,982 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 53.4 | 48.2 | 24.6 | 28.4 | 32.3 | 30.6 | 34.6 | 64.5 | 59.1 | 65.7 | 12.7 | 15.9 | 12.5 | 13.4 | 11.6 | 12.5 | 20.7 | 7.2 | 20.1 |
| GROUP III | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 311 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 21,128,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 7,091 | 941 | 14,586 | 3,496 | 3,907 | 18,473 | 14,945 | 14,065 | 27,566 | 23,589 | 130,306 | 54,803 | 19,682 | 97,618 | 16,142 | 6,042 | 3,662 | 2,169 | 1,971 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 47.4 | 47.9 | 23.9 | 30.7 | 28.9 | 30.7 | 43.2 | 61.7 | 54.4 | 64.9 | 12.6 | 14.7 | 9.0 | 13.0 | 11.1 | 12.3 | 21.8 | 8.0 | 18.6 |
| GROUP IV | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 568 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 19,642,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 5,420 | 714 | 8,143 | 2,255 | 2,612 | 11,431 | 8,353 | 9,735 | 18,182 | 21,156 | 100,860 | 50,822 | 14,480 | 60,835 | 10,281 | 5,338 | 3,113 | 1,326 | 2,105 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 48.7 | 48.2 | 25.9 | 32.0 | 31.7 | 35.5 | 51.1 | 65.2 | 59.7 | 64.6 | 13.5 | 15.4 | 11.1 | 15.9 | 15.3 | 14.7 | 21.0 | 11.0 | 18.0 |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 27. — Offenses Known Breakdown and Percent Cleared by Arrest,¹ Population Group, 1996 — Continued

| Population group | Forcible rape | | Robbery | | | | Aggravated assault | | | | Burglary | | | Motor vehicle theft | | | Arson ² | | |
|--|---------------|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------|-------|
| | Rape by force | Assault to rape—attempts | Firearm | Knife or cutting instrument | Other weapon | Strong-armed | Firearm | Knife or cutting instrument | Other weapon | Hands, fists, feet, etc. | Forcible entry | Unlawful entry | Attempted forcible entry | Autos | Trucks and buses | Other vehicles | Structure | Mobile | Other |
| GROUP V | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1,410 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 22,176,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 5,259 | 694 | 6,136 | 1,537 | 1,892 | 8,945 | 7,947 | 10,011 | 16,343 | 22,570 | 99,661 | 49,145 | 14,754 | 52,370 | 8,559 | 5,385 | 2,856 | 977 | 1,567 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 51.5 | 50.3 | 30.2 | 36.8 | 33.7 | 38.8 | 56.9 | 66.3 | 58.6 | 66.7 | 16.3 | 17.4 | 12.2 | 23.1 | 22.9 | 23.0 | 27.5 | 14.8 | 24.4 |
| GROUP VI | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5,330 cities under 10,000; population 18,465,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 3,612 | 656 | 3,103 | 844 | 919 | 4,751 | 5,713 | 7,079 | 11,436 | 24,607 | 76,667 | 44,637 | 11,503 | 32,189 | 6,225 | 4,364 | 2,662 | 672 | 1,345 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 55.0 | 55.2 | 32.1 | 40.3 | 39.7 | 38.8 | 62.8 | 68.8 | 62.3 | 69.5 | 17.4 | 17.5 | 11.3 | 29.8 | 28.2 | 23.6 | 28.9 | 20.7 | 22.1 |
| SUBURBAN COUNTIES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1,085 agencies; population 43,156,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 10,205 | 1,334 | 16,639 | 2,900 | 3,826 | 13,090 | 20,302 | 14,851 | 36,589 | 35,061 | 203,073 | 86,470 | 21,957 | 106,497 | 27,216 | 12,615 | 5,508 | 4,381 | 3,753 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 53.6 | 48.9 | 22.6 | 31.3 | 27.8 | 35.0 | 48.2 | 65.3 | 58.8 | 68.3 | 13.9 | 15.4 | 11.3 | 17.1 | 13.7 | 15.6 | 21.2 | 7.5 | 18.7 |
| RURAL COUNTIES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2,119 agencies; population 22,296,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 4,837 | 476 | 1,533 | 346 | 463 | 1,482 | 7,844 | 5,719 | 10,779 | 16,944 | 99,728 | 38,833 | 7,568 | 18,076 | 5,450 | 6,495 | 2,270 | 894 | 744 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 52.9 | 50.4 | 38.7 | 42.2 | 39.5 | 46.2 | 64.1 | 68.9 | 61.3 | 66.4 | 17.7 | 18.4 | 14.0 | 36.4 | 31.0 | 19.2 | 28.5 | 20.0 | 31.0 |
| SUBURBAN AREA ³ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5,417 agencies; population 83,634,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offenses known | 18,004 | 2,442 | 28,184 | 5,772 | 7,177 | 28,983 | 31,164 | 27,589 | 61,817 | 74,624 | 359,378 | 172,203 | 47,259 | 212,105 | 43,835 | 22,130 | 10,420 | 6,276 | 7,026 |
| Percent cleared by arrest ... | 53.2 | 49.2 | 24.3 | 32.4 | 29.8 | 35.8 | 50.7 | 65.9 | 59.2 | 68.2 | 14.3 | 16.0 | 11.0 | 17.5 | 15.1 | 16.5 | 22.9 | 9.2 | 18.9 |

¹ Includes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

² The number of agency reports used in arson clearance rates is less than used in compiling clearance rates for other Crime Index offenses.

³ Includes suburban city and county law enforcement agencies within metropolitan areas. Excludes central cities. Suburban cities and counties are also included in other groups.

Forcible rape figures furnished by the state-level Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program administered by the Illinois State Police were not in accordance with national UCR guidelines and were excluded from the forcible rape, violent crime, Crime Index total, and Modified Crime Index total categories.

Complete data were not available for the states of Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, and Montana; therefore, it was necessary that their crime counts be estimated. An aggregate Florida state total for 1996 was supplied by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. See "Offense Estimation," pages 389-390 for details.

Table 28. — Offenses Cleared by Arrest¹ of Persons Under 18 Years of Age, 1996

[1996 estimated population]

| Population group | Crime Index total | Modified Crime Index total ² | Violent crime ³ | Property crime ⁴ | Murder and non-negligent manslaughter | Forcible rape | Robbery | Aggravated assault | Burglary | Larceny-theft | Motor vehicle theft | Arson ⁵ |
|---|-------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------|--------------------|----------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| TOTAL ALL AGENCIES: 10,921 agencies; population 196,293,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total clearances: | 2,164,758 | 2,178,021 | 567,577 | 1,597,181 | 9,540 | 36,246 | 99,900 | 421,891 | 251,354 | 1,194,284 | 151,543 | 13,263 |
| Percent under 18 | 20.6 | 20.8 | 12.8 | 23.4 | 8.1 | 11.7 | 18.2 | 11.7 | 20.6 | 24.1 | 22.2 | 45.5 |
| TOTAL CITIES: 7,755 cities; population 132,250,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total clearances: | 1,749,610 | 1,759,648 | 454,488 | 1,295,122 | 7,427 | 27,486 | 88,064 | 331,511 | 182,893 | 993,519 | 118,710 | 10,038 |
| Percent under 18 | 21.1 | 21.3 | 13.1 | 24.0 | 8.7 | 11.5 | 18.5 | 11.9 | 20.2 | 24.8 | 22.9 | 48.2 |
| GROUP I | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 54 cities, 250,000 and over; population 33,293,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total clearances | 538,287 | 541,728 | 188,197 | 350,090 | 3,731 | 11,056 | 43,502 | 129,908 | 54,547 | 248,935 | 46,608 | 3,441 |
| Percent under 18 | 17.2 | 17.4 | 11.8 | 20.2 | 8.6 | 10.4 | 17.7 | 10.1 | 16.1 | 20.2 | 24.8 | 44.1 |
| 8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 12,191,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total clearances | 180,153 | 181,227 | 72,664 | 107,489 | 1,511 | 3,467 | 16,413 | 51,273 | 17,285 | 74,423 | 15,781 | 1,074 |
| Percent under 18 | 15.9 | 16.1 | 10.0 | 19.9 | 7.1 | 7.8 | 17.9 | 7.8 | 14.5 | 20.8 | 21.7 | 41.2 |
| 14 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 9,196,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total clearances | 148,508 | 149,188 | 46,912 | 101,596 | 870 | 3,125 | 11,696 | 31,221 | 16,349 | 72,195 | 13,052 | 680 |
| Percent under 18 | 15.7 | 15.8 | 13.0 | 17.0 | 9.3 | 14.8 | 17.7 | 11.1 | 15.0 | 16.3 | 23.6 | 38.4 |
| 32 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 11,907,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total clearances | 209,626 | 211,313 | 68,621 | 141,005 | 1,350 | 4,464 | 15,393 | 47,414 | 20,913 | 102,317 | 17,775 | 1,687 |
| Percent under 18 | 19.4 | 19.7 | 12.9 | 22.6 | 9.8 | 9.4 | 17.4 | 11.9 | 18.4 | 22.4 | 28.5 | 48.4 |
| GROUP II | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 127 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 18,474,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total clearances | 271,132 | 272,738 | 75,574 | 195,558 | 1,335 | 4,347 | 15,739 | 54,153 | 31,312 | 145,912 | 18,334 | 1,606 |
| Percent under 18 | 18.9 | 19.1 | 12.0 | 21.6 | 8.9 | 9.3 | 16.9 | 10.8 | 16.6 | 22.7 | 21.3 | 48.0 |
| GROUP III | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 308 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 20,896,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total clearances | 256,918 | 258,240 | 61,122 | 195,796 | 833 | 3,787 | 11,291 | 45,211 | 26,037 | 154,631 | 15,128 | 1,322 |
| Percent under 18 | 23.5 | 23.6 | 14.2 | 26.4 | 9.7 | 11.1 | 20.5 | 13.0 | 21.2 | 27.6 | 23.2 | 48.3 |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 28. — Offenses Cleared by Arrest¹ of Persons Under 18 Years of Age, 1996 — Continued

| Population group | Crime Index total | Modified Crime Index total ² | Violent crime ³ | Property crime ⁴ | Murder and non-negligent manslaughter | Forcible rape | Robbery | Aggravated assault | Burglary | Larceny—theft | Motor vehicle theft | Arson ⁵ |
|--|-------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------|--------------------|----------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| GROUP IV | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 557 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 19,284,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total clearances | 221,681 | 222,858 | 45,479 | 176,202 | 558 | 2,953 | 7,573 | 34,395 | 22,534 | 142,085 | 11,583 | 1,177 |
| Percent under 18 | 24.2 | 24.3 | 14.8 | 26.6 | 7.7 | 13.6 | 20.7 | 13.7 | 22.0 | 27.8 | 20.8 | 51.1 |
| GROUP V | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1,393 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 21,901,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total clearances | 256,701 | 257,992 | 45,277 | 211,424 | 539 | 3,002 | 6,420 | 35,316 | 26,049 | 170,664 | 14,711 | 1,291 |
| Percent under 18 | 23.8 | 24.0 | 15.0 | 25.7 | 7.4 | 13.9 | 21.0 | 14.2 | 23.5 | 26.5 | 20.2 | 52.0 |
| GROUP VI | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5,316 cities under 10,000; population 18,401,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total clearances | 204,891 | 206,092 | 38,839 | 166,052 | 431 | 2,341 | 3,539 | 32,528 | 22,414 | 131,292 | 12,346 | 1,201 |
| Percent under 18 | 24.7 | 24.9 | 15.2 | 26.9 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 19.1 | 14.8 | 28.1 | 27.1 | 22.5 | 53.2 |
| SUBURBAN COUNTIES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1,069 agencies; population 42,276,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total clearances | 299,954 | 302,128 | 81,856 | 218,098 | 1,312 | 6,033 | 10,271 | 64,240 | 43,183 | 151,396 | 23,519 | 2,174 |
| Percent under 18 | 18.7 | 18.8 | 12.1 | 21.2 | 6.6 | 11.7 | 16.8 | 11.5 | 21.6 | 21.4 | 18.9 | 40.8 |
| RURAL COUNTIES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2,097 agencies; population 21,767,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total clearances | 115,194 | 116,245 | 31,233 | 83,961 | 801 | 2,727 | 1,565 | 26,140 | 25,278 | 49,369 | 9,314 | 1,051 |
| Percent under 18 | 17.5 | 17.6 | 10.2 | 20.2 | 5.5 | 13.5 | 11.8 | 9.9 | 22.0 | 18.8 | 22.3 | 29.1 |
| SUBURBAN AREA⁵ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5,375 agencies; population 82,320,000: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total clearances | 686,996 | 691,233 | 153,798 | 533,198 | 2,090 | 10,626 | 21,017 | 120,065 | 82,593 | 404,014 | 46,591 | 4,237 |
| Percent under 18 | 21.3 | 21.4 | 14.0 | 23.4 | 6.9 | 12.8 | 19.5 | 13.3 | 22.5 | 24.0 | 19.4 | 47.4 |

¹ Includes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

² The number of agency reports used in arson clearance rates is less than those used in compiling clearance rates for other Crime Index offenses. It is not necessary to report clearances by detailed property classification to be included in this table. The Modified Crime Index total is the sum of the Crime Index offenses, including arson.

³ Violent crimes are offenses of murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

⁴ Property crimes are offenses of burglary, larceny—theft, and motor vehicle theft. Data are not included for the property crime of arson.

⁵ Includes suburban city and county law enforcement agencies within metropolitan areas. Excludes central cities. Suburban cities and counties are also included in other groups. Forcible rape figures furnished by the state-level Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program administered by the Illinois State Police were not in accordance with national UCR guidelines and were excluded from the forcible rape, violent crime, Crime Index total, and Modified Crime Index total categories.

Complete data were not available for the states of Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, and Montana; therefore, it was necessary that their crime counts be estimated. An aggregate Florida state total for 1996 was supplied by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. See “Offense Estimation,” pages 389-390 for details.