



Overview

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Number of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means, Percent of Clearances Involving Persons Under 18 Years of Age, by Population Group, 2007

- Nationwide in 2007, 12.3 percent of clearances for violent crime offenses involved only juveniles (individuals under age 18), and 18.4 percent of clearances for property crime offenses involved only juveniles.
- Of the six city population groups, cities with 50,000 to 99,999 inhabitants had the highest percentage of clearances for violent crime involving only juveniles (13.8 percent). Cities with 250,000 or more inhabitants had the lowest percentage of clearances for violent crimes involving only juveniles (11.2 percent).
- For property crime, 21.4 percent of reported clearances in cities with populations of 50,000 to 99,999 inhabitants involved only juveniles, the highest percentage of the six city population groups. The lowest percentage, 16.5 percent, was reported in cities with 250,000 or more inhabitants.
- In the Nation's metropolitan counties, juveniles were the sole offenders in 12.6 percent of clearances for violent crimes and 16.4 percent of clearances for property crimes. In the Nation's nonmetropolitan counties, 9.0 percent of clearances for violent crimes and 13.9 percent of clearances for property crimes involved only juveniles.
- Of the offenses for which law enforcement reported clearance data, arson had the highest percentage of clearances involving only juveniles—39.6 percent—nationally in 2007. Larceny-theft and burglary had the second and third highest percentages of clearances involving only juveniles at 19.1 percent and 16.5 percent, respectively.

- Among the six city population groups, clearances for arson offenses involving only juveniles ranged from a high of 49.9 percent in cities with 50,000 to 99,999 inhabitants to a low of 36.9 percent in cities with 100,000 to 249,999 inhabitants.
- Law enforcement agencies in the Nation's metropolitan counties reported that 39.8 percent of arson clearances involved only juveniles; those in nonmetropolitan counties reported that 19.4 percent involved only juveniles.