



## Overview

**Table 26**

**Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means, by Region and Geographic Division, 2009**

- In 2009, law enforcement agencies in the Northeast cleared 51.2 percent of violent crimes. Forty-nine (49.0) percent of violent crimes were cleared in the South, 45.7 percent of violent crimes were cleared in the West, and 40.5 percent of violent crimes were cleared in the Midwest.
- By region, agencies in the Northeast cleared 21.6 percent of the property crime offenses, and agencies in the South cleared 19.0 percent. Agencies in the Midwest and West cleared 18.5 percent and 16.4 percent of property crime offenses, respectively.
- Of the Nation's four regions, law enforcement agencies in the South cleared the highest percentage of murder offenses (71.1 percent) and forcible rape offenses (46.0 percent). Law enforcement agencies in the Northeast cleared the highest percentage of robbery offenses (31.2 percent) and aggravated assault offenses (63.8 percent).
- In the Northeast, law enforcement agencies cleared the highest percentage of the three property crimes: 15.5 percent of burglaries, 23.9 percent of larceny-thefts, and 16.0 percent of motor vehicle thefts.
- Law enforcement agencies in the Northeast cleared the highest percentage (24.9 percent) of arson offenses.