



## Overview

**Table 25**

**Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means, by Population Group, 2009**

- In 2009, 14,274 agencies provided clearance data to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.
- Nationwide in 2009, 47.1 percent of violent crimes were cleared by arrest or exceptional means.
- Law enforcement agencies cleared 18.6 percent of property crimes in 2009.
- Cities with populations of less than 10,000 inhabitants cleared the highest percentage (56.3) of violent crimes.
- Cities with populations of 10,000 to 24,999 cleared 23.4 percent of property crimes—the highest clearance percentage among city groupings.
- Nonmetropolitan county law enforcement agencies cleared 60.3 percent of violent crimes in 2009; law enforcement in metropolitan counties cleared 52.6 percent of violent crimes.
- Law enforcement in nonmetropolitan counties cleared 18.3 percent of property crimes, and metropolitan county law enforcement agencies cleared 18.2 percent of property crimes.