



Overview

Table 26

Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means, by Region and Geographic Division, 2008

- Law enforcement agencies in the Northeast cleared 50.4 percent of violent crimes in 2008. Forty-six percent of violent crimes were cleared in the South, 44.2 percent of violent crimes were cleared in the West, and 39.9 percent of violent crimes were cleared in the Midwest.
- By region, agencies in the Northeast cleared 20.5 percent of property crime offenses; agencies in the South cleared 17.8 percent. Agencies in the Midwest and West cleared 17.5 percent and 15.3 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 (68.0 percent) and forcible rape offenses (45.2 percent). Law enforcement agencies in the Northeast cleared the highest percentage of robbery offenses (30.1 percent) and aggravated assault offenses (63.3 percent).
- Law enforcement agencies in the Northeast cleared the highest percentage of the three property crimes: 15.6 percent of burglaries, 22.4 percent of larceny-thefts, and 15.2 percent of motor vehicle thefts.
- Law enforcement agencies in the Northeast cleared the highest percentage (23.6 percent) of arson offenses.