



Overview

Table 28

Number of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means, Percent of Clearances Involving Persons Under 18 Years of Age, by Population Group, 2008

- Nationwide in 2008, 11.9 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 (13.4 percent). Cities with 250,000 or more inhabitants had the lowest percentage of clearances for violent crimes involving only juveniles (10.9 percent). Within this population grouping, cities with 1 million or more inhabitants had a violent crime clearance involving only juveniles of 10.4 percent.
- Of the property crimes, 21.2 percent of reported clearances in cities with populations of 100,000 to 249,999 inhabitants involved only juveniles, the highest percentage of the six city population groups. The lowest percentage, 16.1 percent, was reported in cities with less than 10,000 inhabitants.
- In the Nation's metropolitan counties, juveniles were the sole offenders in 12.3 percent of clearances for violent crimes and 16.7 percent of clearances for property crimes. In the Nation's nonmetropolitan counties, 8.9 percent of clearances for violent crimes and 13.3 percent of clearances for property crimes involved only juveniles.
- Nationally in 2008, arson had the highest percentage of clearances involving only juveniles—38.2 percent.