



Data Declaration

Table 28

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

The FBI collects these data through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

General comments

- This table provides the total number of clearances for violent crimes and property crimes with a breakdown of clearances for those offenses as well as the percentage of those clearances that involved only juveniles.
- The data in this table are listed by six city population groups, two county population groups, and suburban areas.
- This table lists the number of agencies meeting the criteria for inclusion in this table and the 2007 estimated population for those agencies by city grouping, county grouping, and suburban area.
- Suburban area includes law enforcement agencies in cities with less than 50,000 inhabitants and county law enforcement agencies that are within a Metropolitan Statistical Area.
- Suburban area excludes all metropolitan agencies associated with a principal city. The agencies associated with suburban areas also appear in other groups within this table.
- When an offender under the age of 18 is cited to appear in juvenile court or before other juvenile authorities, the UCR Program considers the incident to be cleared by arrest, even though a physical arrest may not have occurred.

- Clearances for offenses that include both adult and juvenile offenders are classified as clearances for crimes committed by adults and are therefore not included in this table.
- Because the clearance percentages for crimes committed by juveniles include only those clearances in which no adults were involved, the figures in this table should not be used to present a definitive picture of juvenile involvement in crime.

Methodology

- The data used in creating this table were from all law enforcement agencies submitting at least 6 months of complete offense reports for 2007.
- The FBI bases percent cleared statistics on aggregated offense and clearance totals.

Population estimation

For the 2007 population estimates used in this table, the FBI computed individual rates of growth from one year to the next for every city/town and county using 2000 decennial population counts and 2001 through 2006 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. Each agency's rates of growth were averaged; that average was then applied and added to its 2006 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2007 population estimate.

If you have questions about this table

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