



## Overview

**Table 25**

**Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means, by Population Group, 2008**

- More than 14,000 (14,074) agencies provided clearance data to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program in 2008.
- Nationwide in 2008, 45.1 percent of violent crimes were cleared by arrest or exceptional means.
- Law enforcement agencies cleared 17.4 percent of property crimes in 2008.
- Among all cities, those with populations of less than 10,000 inhabitants cleared the highest percentage (54.5) of violent crimes.
- Cities with populations of 10,000 to 24,999 inhabitants cleared 22.2 percent of property crimes, the highest percentage of clearances among city groupings.
- Nonmetropolitan county law enforcement agencies cleared 57.7 percent of violent crimes in 2008; metropolitan county law enforcement agencies cleared 51.2 percent of violent crimes.
- Law enforcement agencies in nonmetropolitan counties cleared 17.9 percent of property crimes; law enforcement agencies in metropolitan counties cleared 16.7 percent of property crimes.