



## 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, 2009**

- Eleven (11.0) percent of clearances for violent crime offenses involved only juveniles (individuals under age 18); 17.2 percent of clearances for property crime offenses nationwide involved only juveniles in 2009.
- Of the six city population groups, cities with 25,000 to 49,999 inhabitants had the highest percentage (12.2 percent) of clearances for violent crime involving only juveniles. Cities with 250,000 or more inhabitants had the lowest percentage of clearances for violent crimes involving only juveniles (9.9 percent).
- For property crime, 20.1 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, 15.2 percent, was reported in cities with less than 10,000 inhabitants.
- In the Nation's metropolitan counties, juveniles were the sole offenders in 11.5 percent of clearances for violent crimes and 15.1 percent of clearances for property crimes. In the Nation's nonmetropolitan counties, 7.6 percent of clearances for violent crimes and 12.6 percent of clearances for property crimes involved only juveniles.
- Arson had the highest percentage of clearances involving only juveniles—34.7 percent—nationally in 2009.