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Table 3.103

Reported frequency of delinquent behavior^a

By offense and place of residence, United States, 1979, 1980, 1983, 1986, 1989, and 1992

(Median number of offenses per person)

	Urban						Suburban		
	1979 Ages 14 to 20	1980 Ages 15 to 21	1983 Ages 18 to 24	1986 Ages 21 to 27	1989 Ages 24 to 30	1992 Ages 27 to 33	1979 Ages 14 to 20	1980 Ages 15 to 21	1983 Ages 18 to 24
Felony assault									
Aggravated assault	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1
Sexual assault	B	B	B	B	B	B	1	B	B
Gang fights	2	1	1	B	B	NA	2	2	1
Battery	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	NA	NA
Minor assault									
Hit teacher	1	NA	B	NA	NA	NA	2	NA	NA
Hit parent	2	NA	1	B	B	B	1	NA	1
Hit student	2	NA	1	NA	NA	NA	3	NA	2
Hit someone at work	NA	NA	NA	1	B	B	NA	NA	NA
Hit anyone else	NA	NA	NA	2	2	1	NA	NA	NA
Robbery									
Strongarmed students	2	1	B	NA	NA	NA	1	2	B
Strongarmed others	2	4	B	NA	NA	NA	1	3	B
Strongarmed anyone	NA	NA	NA	B	B	B	NA	NA	NA
Felony theft									
Stole motor vehicle	2	B	B	B	B	B	1	1	B
Stole something over \$50	2	2	1	1	B	2	1	2	3
Broke into building or vehicle	1	2	1	1	B	B	1	1	2
Bought stolen goods	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2
Minor theft									
Stole something under \$5	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	3	2
Stole something \$5 to \$50	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	3	2
Joyriding	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Damaged property									
Damaged family property	1	NA	1	1	B	NA	2	NA	2
Damaged school property	2	NA	2	NA	NA	NA	2	NA	1
Damaged employer's property	NA	NA	NA	2	2	NA	NA	NA	NA
Damaged other property	1	NA	2	1	1	NA	2	NA	2
Damaged property	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	NA	NA
Illegal services									
Sold marijuana	5	NA	6	5	18	5	5	NA	5
Sold hard drugs	5	NA	7	8	10	11	3	NA	6
White collar crime									
Credit card fraud	1	NA	1	B	B	B	B	NA	2
Used checks illegally	B	NA	1	1	2	2	2	NA	2
Fraud	2	NA	3	6	3	B	1	NA	1
Forgery	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	B	NA	NA	NA
Income tax evasion	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	NA	NA
Insurance fraud	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	B	NA	NA	NA
Embezzlement	NA	NA	NA	B	5	B	NA	NA	NA
Other delinquency									
Stole at school	1	1	B	NA	NA	NA	1	2	2
Stole from employer	NA	NA	NA	2	2	2	NA	NA	NA
Stole from family	2	2	2	1	B	B	2	3	3
Carried hidden weapon	4	NA	5	4	20	16	B	NA	6
Arson	NA	B	B	B	B	B	NA	1	1
Drug use									
Marijuana	15	13	12	12	6	10	12	15	15
Hallucinogens	4	5	3	2	2	2	5	5	3
Amphetamines	NA	NA	NA	6	10	14	NA	NA	NA
Barbiturates	NA	NA	NA	20	12	8	NA	NA	NA
Tranquilizers	NA	NA	NA	3	10	3	NA	NA	NA
Inhalants	2	B	20	B	B	11	2	2	2
Angel dust	2	1	4	1	B	B	5	4	5
Heroin	B	16	B	10	B	1	4	5	32
Crack	NA	NA	NA	4	20	2	NA	NA	NA
Cocaine	4	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	3

Note: See Notes, tables 3.96 and 3.97. For survey methodology and descriptions of offenses, see Appendix 11.

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^aEstimates have been adjusted to remove inappropriate and trivial responses and therefore will differ from previous presentations.

Rural								
1986	1989	1992	1979	1980	1983	1986	1989	1992
Ages 21 to 27	Ages 24 to 30	Ages 27 to 33	Ages 14 to 20	Ages 15 to 21	Ages 18 to 24	Ages 21 to 27	Ages 24 to 30	Ages 27 to 33
1	B	1	1	1	1	1	1	B
B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
B	B	NA	1	1	1	B	B	NA
NA	NA	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	B
NA	NA	NA	2	NA	B	NA	NA	NA
B	B	B	2	NA	B	B	B	B
NA	NA	NA	2	NA	3	NA	NA	NA
1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	B	B
2	1	1	NA	NA	NA	2	2	2
NA	NA	NA	1	B	B	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	1	2	B	NA	NA	NA
B	B	B	NA	NA	NA	B	B	B
B	B	B	5	B	B	B	B	B
2	B	B	1	1	B	B	B	B
1	B	B	1	3	B	B	B	B
1	1	2	2	1	2	1	B	1
2	2	3	2	2	2	3	B	4
2	2	2	2	1	2	3	B	B
1	1	B	1	1	1	B	B	B
B	2	NA	1	NA	2	B	B	NA
NA	NA	NA	1	NA	2	NA	NA	NA
2	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	B	B	NA
1	2	NA	2	NA	1	B	B	NA
NA	NA	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2
11	5	6	10	NA	10	2	25	5
5	24	10	27	NA	9	B	8	B
B	B	B	B	NA	B	B	B	B
2	2	3	B	NA	2	B	B	B
2	1	B	1	NA	2	B	B	B
NA	NA	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	B
NA	NA	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
NA	NA	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	B
B	B	B	NA	NA	NA	B	B	B
NA	NA	NA	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA
2	3	2	NA	NA	NA	2	1	B
2	2	NA	1	1	B	B	B	NA
5	5	6	3	NA	6	6	30	18
B	B	B	NA	B	B	B	B	B
10	10	10	10	10	9	6	9	8
2	1	1	4	2	2	1	1	1
5	5	5	NA	NA	NA	7	20	20
16	13	8	NA	NA	NA	5	B	9
2	6	3	NA	NA	NA	1	B	B
2	B	B	1	1	B	B	B	B
3	B	B	4	2	2	B	B	B
2	B	B	1	B	B	B	B	B
3	7	75	NA	NA	NA	B	15	20
B	3	2	3	2	3	4	12	2