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Table 3.43

High school seniors reporting involvement in selected delinquent activities in last 12 months

By race, United States, 1984-96

Question: "During the last 12 months, how often have you . . ."

Delinquent activity	Class of 1984		Class of 1985		Class of 1986		Class of 1987		Class of 1988		Class of 1989	
	White (N=2,491)	Black (N=453)	White (N=2,485)	Black (N=388)	White (N=2,367)	Black (N=338)	White (N=2,524)	Black (N=336)	White (N=2,450)	Black (N=405)	White (N=2,090)	Black (N=318)
Argued or had a fight with either of your parents?												
Not at all	7.4%	33.2%	7.5%	30.1%	7.1%	30.4%	5.3%	25.6%	6.0%	25.4%	5.8%	27.9%
Once	9.4	11.9	7.2	16.7	7.1	17.1	7.2	14.0	7.4	13.4	7.2	14.7
Twice	11.6	10.1	12.7	10.3	10.9	15.3	11.8	14.9	10.6	11.2	9.7	11.4
3 or 4 times	25.5	22.7	24.9	18.0	25.6	17.2	23.9	21.1	25.0	20.0	24.5	17.7
5 or more times	46.2	22.1	47.7	24.8	49.3	19.9	51.7	24.3	50.9	30.1	52.8	28.3
Hit an instructor or supervisor?												
Not at all	96.7	98.1	96.9	98.4	97.3	97.1	97.6	98.4	97.8	96.5	97.0	97.5
Once	2.3	1.4	2.1	1.2	1.7	2.4	1.6	0.4	1.4	1.9	2.1	0.4
Twice	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.3	1.2	0.3	1.0	0.2	0.2
3 or 4 times	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.5	1.7
5 or more times	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2
Gotten into a serious fight in school or at work?												
Not at all	82.4	87.4	81.5	83.4	83.3	83.1	83.2	83.0	82.5	84.2	79.8	84.3
Once	10.5	7.8	11.5	11.5	10.9	10.3	9.8	10.7	10.7	8.3	12.5	9.0
Twice	3.6	2.8	3.7	3.4	3.7	2.9	4.3	2.9	3.8	4.7	4.7	5.4
3 or 4 times	2.3	1.1	2.2	0.9	1.5	2.2	1.8	1.2	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.8
5 or more times	1.2	0.8	1.1	0.9	0.6	1.5	0.9	2.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.6
Taken part in a fight where a group of your friends were against another group?												
Not at all	83.1	81.9	79.5	80.8	81.3	82.1	80.8	79.2	81.6	78.6	80.3	79.1
Once	9.8	9.8	11.9	10.7	11.3	10.4	11.7	9.2	10.8	11.4	12.6	11.6
Twice	3.4	4.9	4.6	4.9	3.8	4.3	4.0	5.9	3.9	5.7	3.5	5.6
3 or 4 times	2.4	2.2	2.6	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.5	1.8	2.5	1.8	2.5	1.5
5 or more times	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.1	0.9	1.0	4.0	1.2	2.5	1.2	2.3
Hurt someone badly enough to need bandages or a doctor?												
Not at all	90.0	91.2	88.9	88.4	89.8	88.8	89.2	87.3	90.3	89.3	88.2	89.2
Once	6.0	6.0	6.6	8.3	6.4	8.4	7.5	6.2	5.9	6.1	8.0	5.9
Twice	2.3	0.8	2.2	2.0	2.2	1.5	2.0	3.8	1.6	2.4	1.7	2.3
3 or 4 times	0.8	1.1	1.5	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.6	1.0
5 or more times	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.6	1.6	0.8	1.3	0.5	1.6
Used a knife or gun or some other thing (like a club) to get something from a person?												
Not at all	97.3	96.1	97.1	95.4	96.9	96.5	97.5	92.1	97.9	96.0	97.0	96.3
Once	1.2	3.0	1.4	3.0	1.8	2.2	1.5	4.0	1.2	2.5	1.5	0.6
Twice	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.5	1.8	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.1
3 or 4 times	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.8
5 or more times	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	1.9	0.3	0.7	0.4	2.1
Taken something not belonging to you worth under \$50?												
Not at all	67.9	80.8	68.8	78.3	65.2	83.6	64.1	72.4	65.3	73.3	65.5	81.4
Once	13.5	9.5	14.5	9.8	17.5	8.0	16.9	13.1	15.3	12.2	14.5	9.0
Twice	8.2	3.5	7.1	4.8	7.7	4.3	6.7	6.1	8.0	5.2	7.5	3.9
3 or 4 times	5.6	2.7	4.7	3.2	5.0	1.3	6.0	2.9	5.6	4.0	5.2	1.8
5 or more times	4.8	3.4	4.9	3.9	4.6	2.8	6.3	5.6	5.8	5.3	7.3	3.9
Taken something not belonging to you worth over \$50?												
Not at all	93.3	95.2	93.4	93.8	93.7	95.0	91.7	91.3	92.6	90.6	91.8	95.7
Once	3.9	3.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	2.7	3.8	4.7	3.6	5.6	4.1	1.0
Twice	0.9	0.3	1.0	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.7	2.0	1.8	2.1	1.4	1.5
3 or 4 times	0.9	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.6	1.5	0.9	0.4	1.3	0.3
5 or more times	0.9	0.5	1.4	0.9	1.1	0.2	1.3	0.6	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.5

See notes at end of table.

Class of 1990		Class of 1991		Class of 1992		Class of 1993		Class of 1994		Class of 1995		Class of 1996	
White (N=1,907)	Black (N=277)	White (N=1,818)	Black (N=289)	White (N=1,806)	Black (N=368)	White (N=1,895)	Black (N=334)	White (N=1,815)	Black (N=282)	White (N=1,841)	Black (N=282)	White (N=1,628)	Black (N=287)
6.3%	21.7%	6.8%	22.4%	5.5%	23.9%	7.7%	25.9%	6.0%	23.8%	6.6%	22.9%	7.2%	26.6%
6.9	14.4	7.7	8.4	7.5	11.1	8.5	11.3	9.0	12.9	8.9	9.8	8.9	9.2
12.0	13.7	11.9	15.0	11.1	12.3	12.5	12.7	12.4	13.5	15.9	13.1	14.0	13.3
24.8	21.8	26.1	24.4	24.3	24.0	21.1	17.0	26.5	20.3	23.9	21.6	25.0	20.8
50.0	28.4	47.6	29.9	51.5	28.7	50.2	33.0	46.1	29.5	44.7	32.5	44.9	30.0
97.7	95.9	97.3	95.9	97.2	96.4	96.9	96.1	97.5	95.2	97.7	95.2	97.1	94.0
1.1	2.7	1.5	1.9	1.8	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.1	2.9	1.0	3.2	1.7	2.9
0.8	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.4	2.4
0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.3	1.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.9	0.4	0.4
0.2	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.3	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.4
80.4	82.2	83.1	76.8	82.1	80.6	82.8	83.5	85.3	77.5	86.4	82.0	84.9	81.4
11.8	12.4	9.7	13.6	10.8	12.7	10.3	9.2	8.3	11.7	7.3	11.4	9.0	11.3
5.0	2.2	4.0	5.3	4.3	2.7	3.6	4.2	3.5	6.5	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.7
2.0	1.3	1.7	2.1	1.7	1.9	2.3	1.7	1.8	3.0	2.1	2.4	1.4	1.4
0.9	1.9	1.6	2.2	1.2	2.1	1.0	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.1	0.7	1.4	2.2
78.4	80.1	80.8	76.5	79.3	76.3	78.7	75.4	81.7	74.0	82.3	76.7	81.1	79.7
12.0	8.8	11.3	9.7	11.6	12.8	11.1	9.0	10.1	10.8	10.2	9.4	11.1	9.5
4.8	3.8	4.6	6.6	4.1	4.4	6.0	8.5	4.1	3.6	3.1	7.0	3.5	6.0
3.2	3.7	2.2	3.9	2.8	3.7	2.5	2.4	2.5	6.5	2.4	5.2	2.1	2.4
1.7	3.6	1.2	3.3	2.2	2.8	1.8	4.6	1.5	5.1	1.9	1.7	2.2	2.4
87.7	85.3	88.2	84.4	87.9	84.7	87.5	85.5	88.0	77.0	88.9	83.9	87.3	84.4
7.6	9.3	7.7	10.0	7.3	7.8	7.2	6.2	6.9	12.2	5.7	7.6	7.8	8.1
2.6	3.6	2.0	1.7	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.0	2.1	5.6	2.7	2.8	2.6	3.5
1.2	1.0	1.1	0.7	1.3	1.9	1.4	2.0	1.8	2.7	1.7	4.3	1.6	2.1
0.9	0.9	0.9	3.2	0.6	2.8	1.0	4.3	1.2	2.5	1.0	1.3	0.7	1.8
97.2	94.0	97.4	94.1	97.1	93.2	96.0	94.2	96.4	90.2	97.5	92.8	97.5	93.1
1.6	3.0	1.4	1.7	1.5	2.9	1.2	3.1	1.8	5.0	1.5	3.4	1.4	2.7
0.6	1.7	0.3	2.1	0.9	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.7	1.4	0.3	2.2	0.4	1.4
0.1	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.3	1.3	1.0	1.3	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.8	0.3	2.2
0.4	0.9	0.8	1.6	0.2	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.6	2.6	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.6
64.8	78.7	67.2	74.9	65.3	79.0	66.1	78.3	69.4	65.7	69.4	69.9	67.8	68.1
14.4	8.6	13.9	11.2	14.9	7.8	15.4	8.4	13.1	13.9	14.2	8.4	14.4	10.2
7.2	5.7	7.9	6.5	9.2	3.9	7.2	3.4	6.7	5.5	6.9	8.5	7.0	8.2
6.8	2.5	3.8	3.0	5.7	5.3	5.0	2.8	5.3	7.8	4.6	5.2	4.5	7.8
6.8	4.5	7.2	4.5	5.0	4.0	6.3	7.0	5.6	7.1	4.9	7.9	6.3	5.8
89.6	91.4	90.5	93.2	89.9	92.2	89.2	90.6	90.2	84.1	91.6	87.6	90.0	82.1
4.8	4.7	4.4	3.0	5.2	3.4	5.4	2.1	4.5	7.8	3.5	4.0	4.7	7.3
2.2	0.8	2.1	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.6	3.4	1.8	3.7	1.8	5.6
1.4	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.8	1.5	2.1	1.5	2.6
2.0	1.9	1.7	0.8	1.8	1.2	2.4	4.1	2.4	3.0	1.7	2.6	2.0	2.4

Table 3.43

High school seniors reporting involvement in selected delinquent activities in last 12 months

By race, United States, 1984-96--Continued

Delinquent activity	Class of 1984		Class of 1985		Class of 1986		Class of 1987		Class of 1988		Class of 1989	
	White (N=2,491)	Black (N=453)	White (N=2,485)	Black (N=388)	White (N=2,367)	Black (N=338)	White (N=2,524)	Black (N=336)	White (N=2,450)	Black (N=405)	White (N=2,090)	Black (N=318)
Taken something from a store without paying for it?												
Not at all	74.2%	74.3%	73.5%	79.2%	71.2%	80.8%	70.1%	76.8%	69.1%	75.3%	69.5%	80.2%
Once	11.3	14.4	11.8	9.7	12.7	10.6	13.1	11.9	13.3	9.7	13.0	10.2
Twice	5.1	3.7	6.3	3.2	6.6	3.6	4.5	3.0	6.5	5.1	5.4	3.2
3 or 4 times	4.8	5.0	3.9	3.9	4.7	2.9	5.2	2.2	5.0	4.8	4.4	2.0
5 or more times	4.6	2.6	4.5	4.1	4.7	2.2	7.2	6.1	6.2	5.1	7.7	4.4
Taken a car that didn't belong to someone in your family without permission of the owner?												
Not at all	94.5	95.8	94.9	94.7	95.0	96.1	95.1	92.9	94.9	95.0	94.9	96.2
Once	3.4	2.5	3.0	3.9	3.2	2.3	2.7	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.6	1.6
Twice	1.4	0.3	0.8	0.0	1.0	1.2	1.1	2.8	0.9	1.3	1.2	1.1
3 or 4 times	0.3	0.9	0.6	1.0	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.2
5 or more times	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.8
Taken part of a car without permission of the owner?												
Not at all	93.2	96.0	93.4	96.1	94.2	98.0	93.3	92.9	94.5	95.0	94.0	92.6
Once	4.1	2.3	3.2	1.8	3.3	0.8	3.9	3.6	3.3	2.7	3.4	4.6
Twice	1.0	0.6	1.9	1.0	1.3	0.7	1.4	2.5	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.7
3 or 4 times	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
5 or more times	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.4
Gone into some house or building when you weren't supposed to be there?												
Not at all	73.8	81.1	72.9	80.7	74.2	82.6	71.7	77.7	71.3	75.8	72.5	83.1
Once	12.6	9.5	13.9	9.8	13.0	7.3	13.0	9.3	13.2	13.4	12.6	9.7
Twice	6.3	5.0	6.8	5.3	6.5	5.5	8.4	7.0	7.2	6.1	7.9	2.6
3 or 4 times	4.5	1.5	3.2	1.9	3.3	1.7	4.1	4.1	4.5	2.7	4.0	1.3
5 or more times	2.8	2.9	3.1	2.3	3.0	2.9	2.7	1.9	3.8	1.9	3.0	3.3
Set fire to someone's property on purpose?												
Not at all	98.4	97.8	98.3	98.6	98.4	96.2	98.7	97.9	98.8	96.9	98.0	96.8
Once	0.8	1.6	1.0	1.2	0.9	2.4	0.9	0.6	0.7	2.0	1.4	1.7
Twice	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.8
3 or 4 times	(a)	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.0
5 or more times	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	(a)	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.7
Damaged school property on purpose?												
Not at all	85.4	89.2	86.0	91.7	86.7	90.2	85.0	86.0	84.1	93.0	86.6	88.9
Once	7.1	7.3	6.8	5.3	6.8	5.4	8.4	6.5	9.0	3.0	6.7	5.2
Twice	3.4	2.1	3.8	1.6	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.5	2.0	3.4	0.9
3 or 4 times	2.1	0.3	1.8	0.9	2.0	0.6	2.0	2.3	1.8	1.0	1.4	0.9
5 or more times	1.9	1.1	1.6	0.4	1.2	0.7	1.6	2.0	1.5	1.0	1.9	4.1
Damaged property at work on purpose?												
Not at all	94.9	97.5	94.4	96.5	94.7	95.9	94.9	96.4	93.7	97.0	93.4	95.6
Once	2.4	1.6	2.8	2.2	2.6	1.9	2.6	1.5	3.4	1.2	3.1	1.1
Twice	1.2	0.7	1.5	1.1	1.4	0.6	1.4	0.6	1.5	1.0	1.9	0.3
3 or 4 times	0.8	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	1.1	0.9
5 or more times	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.3	0.5	2.0
Been arrested or taken to a police station?												
Not at all	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Once	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Twice	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3 or 4 times	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5 or more times	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Note: See Notes, tables 3.35 and 3.37. Readers interested in responses to this question for 1976 through 1983 should consult previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 7.

^aLess than 0.05%.

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66.9%	74.3%	68.3%	74.5%	70.0%	74.0%	69.4%	73.4%	71.0%	65.1%	72.1%	62.2%	69.1%	64.5%
14.1	10.0	12.1	9.4	12.3	10.6	13.6	8.9	10.8	12.0	11.7	13.6	12.3	12.8
6.2	6.9	7.1	6.8	6.6	5.8	5.6	5.5	7.4	7.4	5.2	6.3	7.2	6.3
5.5	3.6	5.3	4.1	5.5	5.0	5.5	3.9	4.6	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.0	6.9
7.3	5.2	7.1	5.2	5.6	4.6	5.9	8.3	6.1	10.0	5.5	12.2	6.4	9.6
93.5	93.7	94.4	92.2	95.1	91.9	94.7	93.4	95.4	89.7	96.1	90.7	95.6	94.0
3.3	2.4	3.2	4.2	2.3	4.6	2.9	1.1	2.6	4.1	2.3	3.2	2.3	2.2
1.7	2.4	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.1	1.7	1.0	2.6	0.6	3.4	0.9	2.9
0.7	0.1	0.9	1.4	0.5	1.4	0.7	1.3	0.3	2.2	0.6	1.1	0.7	0.7
0.7	1.4	0.5	1.1	0.8	1.1	0.6	2.5	0.7	1.4	0.3	1.5	0.4	0.3
92.6	94.8	94.6	91.8	94.7	95.0	93.3	92.7	95.3	88.5	95.8	90.4	95.8	94.5
4.1	2.0	3.1	4.6	2.7	3.2	3.1	2.6	2.2	6.9	2.1	4.9	2.5	2.1
1.7	1.3	1.0	1.8	0.9	0.8	1.3	2.1	1.0	1.2	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.2
0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.2	0.6	1.1	1.2	0.6	1.5	0.4	1.3	0.2	0.8
0.8	1.4	0.9	1.2	0.5	0.4	1.1	1.4	0.8	2.0	0.6	1.3	0.4	0.3
72.3	80.7	75.0	78.6	71.7	81.1	72.8	80.5	75.5	72.4	77.5	74.9	75.5	79.8
11.5	6.1	11.6	8.0	13.1	8.0	12.5	9.0	11.0	9.7	10.8	11.3	11.5	6.7
8.5	7.3	6.8	5.2	8.1	3.6	7.1	3.4	6.6	6.2	5.9	5.2	6.9	8.3
4.6	3.1	3.2	3.6	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.2	4.3	5.7	3.3	2.0	3.9	2.4
3.0	2.8	3.4	4.6	2.9	3.2	4.0	3.9	2.5	6.0	2.5	6.7	2.1	2.8
98.1	97.2	98.1	98.3	97.3	98.2	96.8	96.6	97.1	95.6	97.8	96.7	97.5	96.0
1.0	1.3	1.0	0.8	1.8	0.7	1.4	2.1	1.7	2.3	1.3	2.1	1.2	2.6
0.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.9
0.2	0.3	(a)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.4	1.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	(a)
0.2	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.5
86.0	87.9	87.4	88.0	85.8	88.2	84.7	89.2	86.6	81.5	85.7	87.0	86.1	85.8
6.6	5.7	6.9	4.0	8.1	5.6	6.6	4.5	6.2	8.3	6.7	6.2	7.1	7.9
4.3	2.7	2.4	4.3	3.0	3.9	4.1	2.6	3.6	4.3	3.4	2.6	2.9	3.6
1.9	1.2	1.1	2.0	1.0	1.4	2.0	2.2	2.1	3.5	2.7	2.0	2.4	1.7
1.2	2.6	2.1	1.6	2.0	0.9	2.5	1.5	1.4	2.4	1.5	2.1	1.6	0.9
93.1	95.1	93.4	95.7	93.8	96.3	93.7	94.1	94.5	90.5	93.8	93.9	94.5	91.4
3.1	2.2	3.1	2.1	2.8	1.7	3.1	2.8	2.5	3.2	3.5	2.7	3.1	4.9
2.2	1.3	1.2	1.7	1.4	0.5	1.5	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.3	0.2	0.7	1.4
0.8	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.2	0.9	0.7	1.1	0.7	2.9	0.5	1.4	0.8	0.7
0.9	1.4	1.4	0.5	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.7	2.1	0.8	1.8	1.0	1.6
X	X	X	X	X	X	91.0	90.6	91.5	88.5	92.0	87.7	91.7	87.0
X	X	X	X	X	X	5.7	6.1	5.4	6.2	5.7	7.8	5.1	5.5
X	X	X	X	X	X	1.5	2.0	1.6	2.8	1.6	1.2	2.1	4.6
X	X	X	X	X	X	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.2	2.5	0.6	1.4
X	X	X	X	X	X	0.5	0.3	0.5	2.0	0.5	0.9	0.5	1.4