

Table 3.99

Reported frequency of delinquent behavior^a

By offense and sex, United States, 1979, 1980, 1983, 1986, 1989, and 1992

(Median number of offenses per person)

	1979		1980		1983		1986		1989		1992	
	Ages 14 to 20		Ages 15 to 21		Ages 18 to 24		Ages 21 to 27		Ages 24 to 30		Ages 27 to 33	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Felony assault												
Aggravated assault	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sexual assault	NA	B	1	B	B	B	1	B	B	B	B	B
Gang fights	2	1	1	2	1	B	1	B	B	B	NA	NA
Battery	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	B
Minor assault												
Hit teacher	2	2	NA	NA	B	B	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hit parent	2	1	NA	NA	1	1	B	B	B	B	B	B
Hit student	3	2	NA	NA	2	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hit someone at work	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	1	1	B	1	B	1	B
Hit anyone else	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	2	1	2	1	2
Robbery												
Strongarmed students	B	B	1	B	B	B	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strongarmed others	1	B	3	B	B	B	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strongarmed anyone	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	B	B	3	B	B	B
Felony theft												
Stole motor vehicle	2	B	2	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Stole something over \$50	1	2	2	6	2	1	1	B	1	B	2	B
Broke into building or vehicle	1	1	1	1	1	B	1	B	B	B	B	B
Bought stolen goods	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	2
Minor theft												
Stole something under \$5	2	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Stole something \$5 to \$50	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	3	3	B	2	4
Joyriding	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	B	1	B	1	B
Damaged property												
Damaged family property	2	2	NA	NA	1	2	1	B	1	B	NA	NA
Damaged school property	2	4	NA	NA	2	B	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Damaged employer's property	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	1	2	B	1	B	NA	NA
Damaged other property	2	3	NA	NA	2	B	1	1	1	B	NA	NA
Damaged property	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	2
Illegal services												
Sold marijuana	5	5	NA	NA	7	4	10	10	10	10	5	5
Sold hard drugs	3	5	NA	NA	9	B	5	12	27	B	11	B
White collar crime												
Credit card fraud	1	1	NA	NA	1	B	B	B	2	B	1	B
Used checks illegally	2	B	NA	NA	2	2	1	2	2	5	4	2
Fraud	2	2	NA	NA	2	1	3	2	3	B	4	B
Forgery	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	2
Income tax evasion	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	1
Insurance fraud	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	1
Embezzlement	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	B	2	B	6	B
Other delinquency												
Stole at school	1	1	1	2	2	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Stole from employer	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	3
Stole from family	2	2	2	3	3	3	1	B	1	B	NA	NA
Carried hidden weapon	3	19	B	B	5	10	5	5	14	12	12	5
Arson	NA	NA	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Drug use												
Marijuana	18	10	20	10	20	10	20	6	12	4	12	5
Hallucinogens	5	2	5	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	1
Amphetamines	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5	12	5	10	8	20
Barbiturates	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	12	B	B	10	5	B
Tranquilizers	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	2	8	10	4	6
Inhalants	1	2	1	B	2	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Angel dust	1	2	2	2	2	5	B	B	B	B	B	B
Heroin	2	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	7	B
Crack	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3	2	10	9	15	B
Cocaine	4	3	3	3	3	4	5	3	3	3	4	2

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.