

Table 3.96

Reported prevalence of delinquent behavior^a

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

(Percent reporting one or more offenses)

	1979 Ages 14 to 20 (N=1,543)	1980 Ages 15 to 21 (N=1,494)	1983 Ages 18 to 24 (N=1,496)	1986 Ages 21 to 27 (N=1,383)	1989 Ages 24 to 30 (N=1,436)	1992 Ages 27 to 33 (N=1,338)
<u>Felony assault</u>						
Aggravated assault	4%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%
Sexual assault	0	0	0	1	0	0
Gang fights	6	5	2	1	0	NA
Battery	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2
<u>Minor assault</u>						
Hit teacher	3	NA	0	NA	NA	NA
Hit parent	2	NA	1	0	0	0
Hit student	18	NA	4	NA	NA	NA
Hit someone at work	NA	NA	NA	2	2	1
Hit anyone else	NA	NA	NA	11	8	6
<u>Robbery</u>						
Strongarmed students	1	1	0	NA	NA	NA
Strongarmed others	2	1	0	NA	NA	NA
Strongarmed anyone	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0
<u>Felony theft</u>						
Stole motor vehicle	1	1	0	0	0	0
Stole something over \$50	3	3	2	2	1	1
Broke into building or vehicle	3	2	2	1	0	0
Bought stolen goods	6	6	6	4	3	3
<u>Minor theft</u>						
Stole something under \$5	10	10	8	8	5	5
Stole something \$5 to \$50	5	4	3	3	1	2
Joyriding	5	6	3	1	1	1
<u>Damaged property</u>						
Damaged family property	7	NA	2	1	1	NA
Damaged school property	7	NA	2	NA	NA	NA
Damaged employer's property	NA	NA	NA	2	1	NA
Damaged other property	10	NA	4	3	2	NA
Damaged property	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2
<u>Illegal services</u>						
Sold marijuana	10	NA	7	6	3	4
Sold hard drugs	2	NA	2	2	1	1
<u>White collar crime</u>						
Credit card fraud	1	NA	1	0	0	0
Used checks illegally	1	NA	1	1	1	2
Fraud	3	NA	2	2	1	1
Forgery	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
Income tax evasion	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	8
Insurance fraud	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
Embezzlement	NA	NA	NA	0	1	1
<u>Other delinquency</u>						
Stole at school	4	3	2	NA	NA	NA
Stole from employer	NA	NA	NA	8	6	4
Stole from family	6	5	2	1	1	NA
Carried hidden weapon	6	NA	9	9	9	9
Arson	NA	1	0	0	0	0
<u>Drug use</u>						
Marijuana	41	44	43	37	26	23
Hallucinogens	6	8	6	5	3	2
Amphetamines	NA	NA	NA	7	4	3
Barbiturates	NA	NA	NA	1	1	1
Tranquillizers	NA	NA	NA	3	2	2
Inhalants	2	1	1	0	0	0
Angel dust	4	2	1	1	0	0
Heroin	1	0	0	1	0	1
Crack	NA	NA	NA	1	2	2
Cocaine	8	10	14	15	9	6

See notes at end of table.

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Note: These data are from the National Youth Survey Project, an ongoing longitudinal panel study involving a national probability sample of adolescents in the United States. The sample was drawn in 1976 and comprised 2,360 eligible youth ages 11 to 17 at the time of the initial interview. Of these, 1,725 (73%) agreed to participate in the initial survey conducted in 1977. This sample of American youth constituted a national youth panel and each member of the panel was interviewed in successive years during 1977-81, 1984, 1987, 1990, and 1993 about their involvement in delinquent and criminal activity during the previous calendar year. Prevalence figures reflect the proportion of persons in the population who reported involvement in the particular offense during the calendar year indicated. Beginning in 1979, the data were revised

to remove inappropriate and trivial responses. Therefore, data from surveys prior to 1979 are not presented due to lack of comparability. These data are estimates derived from a sample and therefore subject to sampling variation. For survey methodology and descriptions of offenses, see Appendix 11.

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

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