

Table 3.100

**Reported prevalence of delinquent behavior<sup>a</sup>**

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

(Percent reporting one or more offenses)

	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	
	White (N=1,222)	Black (N=232)	White (N=1,182)	Black (N=236)	White (N=1,177)	Black (N=233)	White (N=1,124)	Black (N=190)	White (N=1,153)	Black (N=203)	White (N=1,082)	Black (N=189)
<b>Felony assault</b>												
Aggravated assault	4%	7%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	5%	2%	3%	1%	4%
Sexual assault	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	1
Gang fights	5	6	4	5	2	2	1	1	0	0	NA	NA
Battery	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	4
<b>Minor assault</b>												
Hit teacher	2	3	NA	NA	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hit parent	2	1	NA	NA	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Hit student	18	20	NA	NA	4	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hit someone at work	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	4	2	1	1	2
Hit anyone else	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	11	12	7	10	5	8
<b>Robbery</b>												
Strongarmed students	1	1	1	1	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strongarmed others	1	3	1	2	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strongarmed anyone	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Felony theft</b>												
Stole motor vehicle	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Stole something over \$50	3	3	3	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2
Broke into building or vehicle	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Bought stolen goods	7	4	6	6	6	7	3	7	3	5	2	7
<b>Minor theft</b>												
Stole something under \$5	10	5	10	6	9	3	8	4	5	2	6	4
Stole something \$5 to \$50	5	4	4	4	3	0	3	2	1	1	3	2
Joyriding	5	4	6	6	2	5	1	3	0	3	1	4
<b>Damaged property</b>												
Damaged family property	6	8	NA	NA	2	3	0	3	1	0	NA	NA
Damaged school property	8	4	NA	NA	2	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Damaged employer's property	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	1	1	1	NA	NA
Damaged other property	10	7	NA	NA	4	3	3	3	2	3	NA	NA
Damaged property	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	3
<b>Illegal services</b>												
Sold marijuana	11	7	NA	NA	8	6	6	4	3	3	4	4
Sold hard drugs	2	1	NA	NA	2	1	2	4	1	5	1	4
<b>White collar crime</b>												
Credit card fraud	0	1	NA	NA	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Used checks illegally	1	0	NA	NA	1	1	1	2	1	3	2	3
Fraud	3	4	NA	NA	2	3	1	3	1	2	1	1
Forgery	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	2
Income tax evasion	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	9	4
Insurance fraud	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	1
Embezzlement	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	1	1	1
<b>Other delinquency</b>												
Stole at school	4	0	3	3	2	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Stole from employer	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	9	1	6	4	5	1
Stole from family	6	3	5	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	NA	NA
Carried hidden weapon	6	8	NA	NA	8	10	8	13	8	13	8	14
Arson	NA	NA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Drug use</b>												
Marijuana	43	32	45	41	45	41	38	34	27	26	24	21
Hallucinogens	7	1	9	1	7	1	5	2	3	1	2	1
Amphetamines	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	8	3	4	1	3	2
Barbiturates	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	0	1	0	1	0
Tranquilizers	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3	2	2	1	3	1
Inhalants	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Angel dust	4	3	2	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1
Heroin	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Crack	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	4	1	7	1	8
Cocaine	8	4	11	6	15	7	16	9	8	9	6	7

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

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<sup>a</sup>Estimates have been adjusted to remove inappropriate and trivial responses and therefore will differ from previous presentations.