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Table 3.104

Reported prevalence of delinquent behavior^a

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

(Percent reporting one or more offenses)

	1979							1980						
	Age 14 (N=230)	Age 15 (N=237)	Age 16 (N=249)	Age 17 (N=222)	Age 18 (N=219)	Age 19 (N=210)	Age 20 (N=176)	Age 15 (N=231)	Age 16 (N=231)	Age 17 (N=245)	Age 18 (N=212)	Age 19 (N=207)	Age 20 (N=204)	Age 21 (N=167)
Felony assault														
Aggravated assault	3%	3%	4%	7%	6%	3%	3%	3%	3%	5%	5%	5%	3%	4%
Sexual assault	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Gang fights	6	8	6	6	5	5	2	6	4	7	5	5	3	2
Battery	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Minor assault														
Hit teacher	2	3	4	4	3	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hit parent	3	1	4	3	2	1	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hit student	26	22	25	20	17	9	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hit someone at work	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hit anyone else	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Robbery														
Strongarmed students	0	2	1	2	1	1	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Strongarmed others	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	0	1	1	0
Strongarmed anyone	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Felony theft														
Stole motor vehicle	1	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	0
Stole something over \$50	2	4	3	5	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	3	3	1
Broke into building or vehicle	4	3	4	4	4	1	1	4	3	1	2	2	2	0
Bought stolen goods	3	4	8	6	10	6	7	5	6	5	9	8	3	8
Minor theft														
Stole something under \$5	10	12	11	9	9	9	7	12	13	9	9	7	9	6
Stole something \$5 to \$50	5	5	4	6	5	7	3	5	5	5	4	2	4	1
Joyriding	3	6	10	5	5	4	3	6	6	11	6	4	2	2
Damaged property														
Damaged family property	10	7	8	7	8	3	3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Damaged school property	14	10	10	5	7	4	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Damaged employer's property	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Damaged other property	13	8	10	10	11	10	5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Damaged property	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Illegal services														
Sold marijuana	6	8	9	14	11	11	11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sold hard drugs	1	1	3	3	3	1	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
White collar crime														
Credit card fraud	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Used checks illegally	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fraud	4	3	2	5	4	3	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Forgery	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Income tax evasion	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Insurance fraud	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Embezzlement	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other delinquency														
Stole at school	4	6	4	3	2	2	3	4	3	4	3	3	2	1
Stole from employer	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Stole from family	8	9	8	5	5	2	1	10	6	5	3	3	2	2
Carried hidden weapon	3	5	7	9	6	6	9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Arson	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Drug use														
Marijuana	22	31	35	46	50	52	56	30	35	42	53	51	49	52
Hallucinogens	2	3	7	7	10	8	9	5	6	7	9	9	9	8
Amphetamines	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Barbiturates	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tranquilizers	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Inhalants	2	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Angel dust	2	4	4	4	3	5	5	2	1	2	2	4	3	2
Heroin	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Crack	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cocaine	3	3	4	10	11	11	14	3	6	7	13	13	14	15

See notes at end of table.

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(Percent reporting one or more offenses)

	1983							1986						
	Age 18 (N=229)	Age 19 (N=230)	Age 20 (N=239)	Age 21 (N=218)	Age 22 (N=210)	Age 23 (N=208)	Age 24 (N=163)	Age 21 (N=210)	Age 22 (N=218)	Age 23 (N=215)	Age 24 (N=195)	Age 25 (N=195)	Age 26 (N=190)	Age 27 (N=160)
Felony assault														
Aggravated assault	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	2%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	2%	3%
Sexual assault	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
Gang fights	4	2	4	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	2	1	0	0
Battery	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Minor assault														
Hit teacher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hit parent	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hit student	12	6	3	2	1	0	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hit someone at work	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3	2	4	3	1	2	1
Hit anyone else	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	11	17	10	13	10	8	9
Robbery														
Strongarmed students	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strongarmed others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strongarmed anyone	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Felony theft														
Stole motor vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Stole something over \$50	2	1	3	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	1
Broke into building or vehicle	3	2	3	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	0
Bought stolen goods	9	7	6	7	7	4	3	7	2	6	4	3	5	2
Minor theft														
Stole something under \$5	12	8	8	7	8	5	7	10	9	7	10	6	6	3
Stole something \$5 to \$50	6	2	4	2	4	3	1	5	2	5	3	2	2	2
Joyriding	6	3	4	2	0	1	0	3	2	0	2	1	1	2
Damaged property														
Damaged family property	3	3	2	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
Damaged school property	6	3	3	1	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Damaged employer's property	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4	2	2	2	1	1	0
Damaged other property	7	5	5	3	1	4	0	5	1	3	4	2	4	1
Damaged property	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Illegal services														
Sold marijuana	9	8	8	10	6	6	6	7	5	8	6	5	3	6
Sold hard drugs	1	2	2	2	3	2	1	3	1	1	2	3	3	1
White collar crime														
Credit card fraud	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Used checks illegally	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	3
Fraud	4	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	3	1	1
Forgery	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Income tax evasion	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Insurance fraud	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Embezzlement	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Other delinquency														
Stole at school	4	3	2	2	1	0	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Stole from employer	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	7	7	8	10	7	8	7
Stole from family	4	3	3	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	1	1
Carried hidden weapon	10	8	10	10	6	7	9	9	7	6	11	11	9	12
Arson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Drug use														
Marijuana	41	44	46	47	40	44	40	37	41	40	42	32	28	36
Hallucinogens	8	6	7	7	6	6	3	7	6	7	4	4	4	1
Amphetamines	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	8	8	10	5	8	6	4
Barbiturates	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	2	1	1	1	1	1
Tranquilizers	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4	3	4	3	2	2	1
Inhalants	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Angel dust	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
Heroin	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Crack	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	1	0	2	4	3	1
Cocaine	9	13	14	15	16	15	18	16	15	17	14	16	13	14

See notes at end of table.

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(Percent reporting one or more offenses)

	1989							1992						
	Age 24 (N=216)	Age 25 (N=221)	Age 26 (N=227)	Age 27 (N=205)	Age 28 (N=204)	Age 29 (N=198)	Age 30 (N=165)	Age 27 (N=201)	Age 28 (N=209)	Age 29 (N=213)	Age 30 (N=184)	Age 31 (N=194)	Age 32 (N=188)	Age 33 (N=149)
Felony assault														
Aggravated assault	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%
Sexual assault	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gang fights	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Battery	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	2	2	1	2	1	3
Minor assault														
Hit teacher	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hit parent	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Hit student	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hit someone at work	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
Hit anyone else	8	6	11	5	8	5	9	9	4	5	6	4	4	7
Robbery														
Strongarmed students	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strongarmed others	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strongarmed anyone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Felony theft														
Stole motor vehicle	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Stole something over \$50	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	2	1
Broke into building or vehicle	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bought stolen goods	3	3	3	3	4	3	2	2	4	3	2	2	3	1
Minor theft														
Stole something under \$5	7	3	4	5	5	5	3	9	5	6	3	5	5	5
Stole something \$5 to \$50	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	2	3	3	1	3	2
Joyriding	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Damaged property														
Damaged family property	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Damaged school property	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Damaged employer's property	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Damaged other property	3	1	2	1	3	1	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Damaged property	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	3	3	3	2	2	3
Illegal services														
Sold marijuana	3	2	4	4	3	3	3	2	4	7	4	3	3	3
Sold hard drugs	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	2
White collar crime														
Credit card fraud	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Used checks illegally	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	2	3	2	2	2	1	3
Fraud	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Forgery	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	1	1	1	3	0	1
Income tax evasion	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	9	7	8	9	9	8	9
Insurance fraud	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Embezzlement	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
Other delinquency														
Stole at school	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Stole from employer	9	4	4	5	7	5	5	4	5	6	2	5	3	4
Stole from family	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Carried hidden weapon	7	7	7	11	9	10	10	10	9	6	11	11	7	9
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Drug use														
Marijuana	30	29	34	28	22	21	18	26	26	27	28	18	17	18
Hallucinogens	2	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Amphetamines	4	3	3	4	5	3	3	2	4	3	1	5	3	4
Barbiturates	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
Tranquilizers	1	1	2	1	4	1	0	2	1	1	3	3	2	2
Inhalants	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	1
Angel dust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Heroin	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1
Crack	3	1	2	5	3	1	2	1	0	2	2	3	1	3
Cocaine	12	5	11	10	7	10	7	6	6	7	4	7	5	7

Note: See Note, table 3.96. 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.