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Table 3.102

Reported prevalence of delinquent behavior^a

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

(Percent reporting one or more offenses)

	Urban						Suburban		
	1979 Ages 14 to 20 (N=407)	1980 Ages 15 to 21 (N=391)	1983 Ages 18 to 24 (N=408)	1986 Ages 21 to 27 (N=451)	1989 Ages 24 to 30 (N=439)	1992 Ages 27 to 33 (N=394)	1979 Ages 14 to 20 (N=682)	1980 Ages 15 to 21 (N=651)	1983 Ages 18 to 24 (N=675)
Felony assault									
Aggravated assault	5%	5%	3%	4%	2%	3%	5%	4%	3%
Sexual assault	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Gang fights	6	6	2	1	1	NA	6	5	3
Battery	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3	NA	NA	NA
Minor assault									
Hit teacher	3	NA	0	NA	NA	NA	3	NA	0
Hit parent	2	NA	1	0	0	0	2	NA	2
Hit student	19	NA	3	NA	NA	NA	18	NA	5
Hit someone at work	NA	NA	NA	3	1	1	NA	NA	NA
Hit anyone else	NA	NA	NA	12	6	8	NA	NA	NA
Robbery									
Strongarmed students	1	1	0	NA	NA	NA	1	1	0
Strongarmed others	2	1	0	NA	NA	NA	1	1	0
Strongarmed anyone	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA
Felony theft									
Stole motor vehicle	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Stole something over \$50	3	3	3	2	1	2	3	4	2
Broke into building or vehicle	2	2	2	1	0	0	4	3	2
Bought stolen goods	8	7	8	6	5	5	6	7	8
Minor theft									
Stole something under \$5	10	10	9	8	6	7	10	12	8
Stole something \$5 to \$50	6	6	4	3	2	3	6	4	4
Joyriding	6	7	4	1	1	2	6	7	2
Damaged property									
Damaged family property	7	NA	3	1	0	NA	8	NA	1
Damaged school property	8	NA	1	NA	NA	NA	8	NA	3
Damaged employer's property	NA	NA	NA	2	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Damaged other property	10	NA	4	4	3	NA	11	NA	5
Damaged property	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3	NA	NA	NA
Illegal services									
Sold marijuana	12	NA	8	7	3	5	10	NA	8
Sold hard drugs	3	NA	2	3	2	2	2	NA	2
White collar crime									
Credit card fraud	1	NA	1	0	1	1	0	NA	1
Used checks illegally	0	NA	2	2	2	3	1	NA	1
Fraud	4	NA	2	2	1	1	3	NA	2
Forgery	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	NA	NA
Income tax evasion	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	11	NA	NA	NA
Insurance fraud	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	NA	NA
Embezzlement	NA	NA	NA	0	1	1	NA	NA	NA
Other delinquency									
Stole at school	4	4	1	NA	NA	NA	4	3	2
Stole from employer	NA	NA	NA	8	6	4	NA	NA	NA
Stole from family	6	5	3	2	1	NA	6	5	3
Carried hidden weapon	8	NA	10	10	10	11	5	NA	8
Arson	NA	1	0	0	0	0	NA	1	1
Drug use									
Marijuana	44	49	50	40	32	28	44	48	46
Hallucinogens	8	11	6	7	4	3	6	7	8
Amphetamines	NA	NA	NA	7	4	4	NA	NA	NA
Barbiturates	NA	NA	NA	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA
Tranquilizers	NA	NA	NA	4	3	3	NA	NA	NA
Inhalants	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	1
Angel dust	4	3	1	1	0	0	5	3	1
Heroin	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Crack	NA	NA	NA	2	3	3	NA	NA	NA
Cocaine	9	13	17	18	11	10	8	10	16

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.

Rural								
1986 Ages 21 to 27 (N=678)	1989 Ages 24 to 30 (N=726)	1992 Ages 27 to 33 (N=694)	1979 Ages 14 to 20 (N=453)	1980 Ages 15 to 21 (N=445)	1983 Ages 18 to 24 (N=413)	1986 Ages 21 to 27 (N=226)	1989 Ages 24 to 30 (N=246)	1992 Ages 27 to 33 (N=228)
2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	7%	3%	2%
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	NA	5	3	2	0	0	NA
NA	NA	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2
NA	NA	NA	1	NA	0	NA	NA	NA
0	0	0	2	NA	0	0	1	0
NA	NA	NA	16	NA	3	NA	NA	NA
2	2	1	NA	NA	NA	3	1	1
10	8	4	NA	NA	NA	16	9	6
NA	NA	NA	1	1	0	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	1	1	0	NA	NA	NA
0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	0	1	1
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
1	1		2	2	1	2	0	1
1	0	0	3	2	1	1	0	0
3	3	1	6	4	2	2	1	2
7	5	5	8	7	7	5	1	3
3	1	2	3	2	2	3	0	2
1	1	0	3	3	2	1	0	1
0	1	NA	4	NA	1	0	1	NA
NA	NA	NA	6	NA	1	NA	NA	NA
1	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	0	NA
2	1	NA	7	NA	2	2	1	NA
NA	NA	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3
5	3	3	8	NA	6	5	2	4
2	1	1	1	NA	2	2	2	1
0	0	0	0	NA	0	0	0	0
2	1	2	0	NA	2	1	1	2
1	1	0	2	NA	2	1	1	1
NA	NA	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
NA	NA	7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	7
NA	NA	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0
0	1	0	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0
NA	NA	NA	2	2	1	NA	NA	NA
8	6	5	NA	NA	NA	5	2	2
1	1	NA	5	3	1	0	0	NA
7	8	7	6	NA	8	13	8	11
0	0	0	NA	0	0	0	0	1
38	28	21	33	33	33	28	14	19
4	2	2	5	6	4	4	1	2
7	4	3	NA	NA	NA	8	2	4
0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	1	0	1
3	1	1	NA	NA	NA	3	0	1
0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	0	2	2
16	9	5	6	6	9	8	4	3