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Table 3.41

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United States, 1984-96

Question: "During the last 12 months, how often have you . . ."

Delinquent activity	Class of 1984 (N=3,322)	Class of 1985 (N=3,327)	Class of 1986 (N=3,179)	Class of 1987 (N=3,361)	Class of 1988 (N=3,350)	Class of 1989 (N=2,879)	Class of 1990 (N=2,627)	Class of 1991 (N=2,569)	Class of 1992 (N=2,690)	Class of 1993 (N=2,770)	Class of 1994 (N=2,645)	Class of 1995 (N=2,656)	Class of 1996 (N=2,452)
Argued or had a fight with either of your parents?													
Not at all	12.5%	11.1%	11.1%	8.8%	9.7%	9.6%	9.3%	10.0%	9.3%	12.1%	10.1%	9.8%	11.0%
Once	9.9	9.4	8.7	8.5	8.2	8.7	8.8	8.9	8.7	9.4	10.3	9.4	9.6
Twice	11.6	12.1	11.6	12.1	11.0	10.2	12.8	12.7	11.7	12.4	12.1	15.1	13.3
3 or 4 times	24.3	23.6	24.2	23.1	23.7	23.6	23.2	24.7	24.7	20.2	24.9	23.2	24.0
5 or more times	41.7	43.8	44.3	47.5	47.5	47.9	45.9	43.6	45.5	45.9	42.7	42.5	42.2
Hit an instructor or supervisor?													
Not at all	96.6	96.9	96.9	97.6	97.3	96.7	97.4	97.0	96.7	96.2	97.0	96.9	96.3
Once	2.4	2.0	1.9	1.5	1.4	2.0	1.5	1.6	1.9	2.2	1.5	1.6	2.0
Twice	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.7
3 or 4 times	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4
5 or more times	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6
Gotten into a serious fight in school or at work?													
Not at all	82.6	81.8	82.8	82.1	81.8	80.3	81.1	82.1	81.1	82.3	83.8	85.2	83.3
Once	10.1	11.2	11.3	10.4	10.6	11.6	11.4	10.3	11.5	10.3	9.1	8.2	9.3
Twice	3.5	3.6	3.4	4.6	4.2	4.9	4.4	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.9	3.4	3.9
3 or 4 times	2.4	2.2	1.7	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.8	2.4	2.0	2.2	1.6
5 or more times	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.8
Taken part in a fight where a group of your friends were against another group?													
Not at all	82.1	79.4	80.5	80.4	80.5	79.7	78.8	79.6	78.7	77.8	80.7	81.4	79.8
Once	10.1	12.0	11.3	11.3	11.1	12.1	11.4	11.2	11.5	11.2	10.2	10.1	10.8
Twice	4.0	4.8	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.9	4.4	5.0	4.4	5.8	4.0	3.6	4.3
3 or 4 times	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.4	3.3	2.5	3.2	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.3
5 or more times	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.1	1.7	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.0	2.8
Hurt someone badly enough to need bandages or a doctor?													
Not at all	89.4	88.5	88.9	88.3	89.6	87.7	87.1	87.1	87.2	86.6	86.6	87.7	85.7
Once	6.3	6.9	7.0	7.6	6.2	8.0	7.6	8.2	7.3	7.1	7.5	6.5	8.4
Twice	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.6	1.8	1.8	3.0	2.3	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.9
3 or 4 times	1.1	1.4	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.0	1.7
5 or more times	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.4
Used a knife or gun or some other thing (like a club) to get something from a person?													
Not at all	96.8	96.5	96.6	96.7	97.2	96.3	96.5	96.6	95.7	95.4	95.2	96.5	96.3
Once	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.7	1.9	1.6	2.2	1.8	2.4	1.9	1.5
Twice	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7
3 or 4 times	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.2	0.7	0.4	0.6
5 or more times	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.6	1.0
Taken something not belonging to you worth under \$50?													
Not at all	69.7	69.9	68.0	66.1	66.6	68.4	67.7	68.1	67.4	67.9	69.3	68.6	67.6
Once	13.3	14.2	16.2	15.9	15.1	13.7	13.5	13.7	14.2	13.8	13.1	14.0	14.2
Twice	7.2	6.6	6.9	6.9	7.2	6.9	6.8	7.7	7.5	7.3	6.6	7.2	6.9
3 or 4 times	5.1	4.5	4.5	5.3	5.3	4.7	5.7	4.1	5.6	4.5	5.7	4.6	4.7
5 or more times	4.8	4.8	4.4	5.9	5.9	6.4	6.3	6.5	5.2	6.5	5.3	5.6	6.6
Taken something not belonging to you worth over \$50?													
Not at all	93.3	93.0	93.4	91.5	91.5	91.9	89.9	89.9	89.5	88.7	89.0	90.7	87.7
Once	4.0	3.4	3.5	4.0	4.1	3.7	4.8	4.6	5.5	5.0	5.1	3.7	5.3
Twice	0.9	1.3	1.2	1.7	2.0	1.5	1.9	2.1	1.7	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.6
3 or 4 times	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.5	0.9	1.3	1.2	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.8	1.8
5 or more times	1.0	1.4	0.9	1.3	1.5	1.6	2.1	1.8	1.7	2.8	2.3	1.9	2.6

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Taken something from a store without paying for it?													
Not at all	73.2%	73.5%	72.1%	70.3%	69.6%	70.8%	68.1%	68.9%	69.6%	69.3%	69.7%	70.1%	67.8%
Once	12.4	11.7	12.8	13.5	12.9	12.8	13.2	11.9	12.6	13.4	11.5	12.0	12.9
Twice	5.0	6.1	6.1	4.5	6.4	5.4	6.6	7.4	6.7	5.8	6.9	6.0	6.5
3 or 4 times	5.0	4.2	4.4	4.7	4.9	4.1	5.2	5.3	5.2	4.9	5.2	5.5	5.2
5 or more times	4.4	4.5	4.5	6.9	6.1	6.9	6.9	6.5	5.9	6.5	6.7	6.4	7.6
Taken a car that didn't belong to someone in your family without permission of the owner?													
Not at all	94.2	94.4	94.9	94.4	94.4	94.6	93.4	93.8	94.0	93.6	94.1	95.2	94.8
Once	3.5	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.6	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.4
Twice	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.6	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.3
3 or 4 times	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	1.0	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.8
5 or more times	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.8
Taken part of a car without permission of the owner?													
Not at all	93.6	93.3	94.4	93.3	94.1	93.2	93.1	93.7	93.9	92.7	94.3	94.9	94.7
Once	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.3	3.8	3.8	3.3	3.2	3.2	2.9	2.6	2.7
Twice	1.1	1.8	1.2	1.5	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.0	1.2	1.5
3 or 4 times	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.6	1.0	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.3
5 or more times	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.8
Gone into some house or building when you weren't supposed to be there?													
Not at all	74.8	73.8	75.5	73.0	72.7	74.4	74.4	75.7	74.0	73.7	75.2	76.5	76.0
Once	12.3	13.4	12.1	12.4	12.7	11.9	10.6	10.8	12.1	12.1	11.2	10.9	10.6
Twice	6.1	6.5	6.3	7.9	6.9	7.1	7.8	6.7	6.9	7.0	6.5	6.1	7.1
3 or 4 times	3.9	3.2	3.1	4.0	4.0	3.4	4.3	3.4	3.9	3.4	4.1	3.1	3.5
5 or more times	2.9	3.1	3.0	2.7	3.8	3.2	2.9	3.6	3.2	3.8	3.0	3.3	2.9
Set fire to someone's property on purpose?													
Not at all	98.1	98.1	98.0	98.4	98.3	97.5	97.8	97.9	97.2	96.6	96.8	97.5	97.0
Once	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.5
Twice	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.6
3 or 4 times	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2
5 or more times	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.7
Damaged school property on purpose?													
Not at all	85.9	86.2	86.8	84.9	85.8	86.8	86.6	87.2	85.3	85.3	86.2	86.0	85.7
Once	7.3	6.7	6.8	8.2	7.8	6.3	6.4	6.5	7.9	6.4	6.5	6.5	7.2
Twice	3.1	3.7	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.8	3.0	3.5	4.0	3.5	3.2	3.1
3 or 4 times	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.3	1.2	2.0	2.0	2.6	2.0
5 or more times	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.6	2.2	1.6	2.0	2.1	2.2	1.9	1.7	2.0
Damaged property at work on purpose?													
Not at all	95.0	94.5	94.8	94.7	94.0	93.6	93.4	93.4	94.0	93.6	94.4	93.8	93.7
Once	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.5	3.3	2.9	3.0	3.2	2.7	2.9	2.3	3.3	3.3
Twice	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.9	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.2	0.8
3 or 4 times	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.7
5 or more times	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.4
Been arrested and taken to a police station?													
Not at all	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	90.4	91.1	91.0	90.0
Once	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	5.9	5.5	5.9	5.5
Twice	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1.8	1.7	1.6	2.6
3 or 4 times	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.8
5 or more times	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0.6	0.8	0.7	1.0

Note: See Note, table 3.35. Readers interested in responses to this question for 1975 through 1983 should consult previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 7.

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