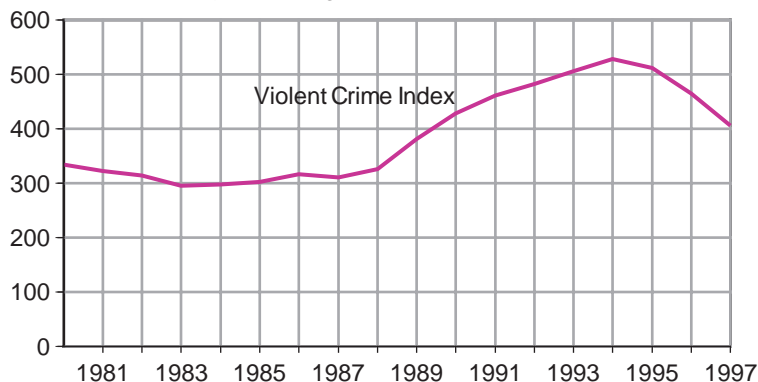


## The juvenile violent crime arrest rate increased dramatically in the late 1980's and early 1990's

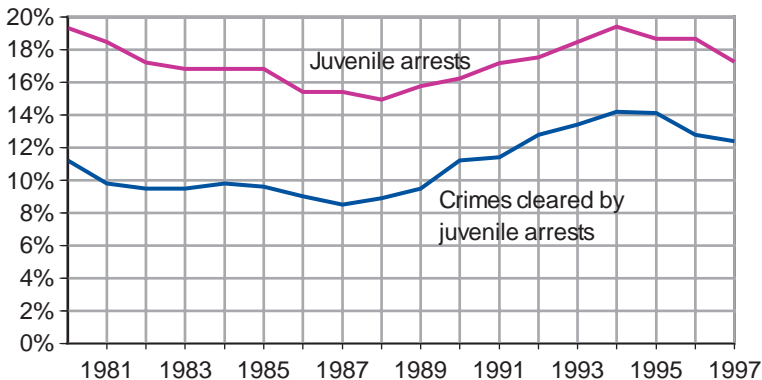
Arrests per 100,000 juveniles ages 10–17



- After years of relative stability, the juvenile violent crime arrest rate began to increase in the late 1980's. After 1994, however, the rate declined; by 1997, it had returned to a level near that of 1989.

## As the juvenile Violent Crime Index arrest rate increased, so did the juvenile proportions of arrests and crimes cleared

Percent of total



- In 1997, 17% of persons entering the justice system via arrest for an alleged violent crime were under age 18.
- Clearance statistics show that, between 1980 and 1997, adults (persons age 18 and over) were responsible each year for between 86% and 91% of all violent crime in the U.S.

Source: Authors' analysis of arrest data from unpublished FBI reports for 1980 through 1994 and the FBI's *Crime in the United States* reports for 1995, 1996, and 1997 and population data from the Bureau of the Census for 1980 through 1989 from *Current Population Reports*, P25–1095, and for 1990 through 1997 from *Estimates of the population of States by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin: 1990–1997* [machine-readable data files].