



Incidents and Offenses

Through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), law enforcement agencies may report up to ten offenses within an incident, offering a more complete picture of crime occurrences than traditional reporting. In NIBRS, an "incident" is defined as one or more offenses committed by the same offender, or group of offenders acting in concert, at the same time and place.

"Acting in concert" means that these individuals commit or assist in the commission of the crime(s). Therefore, all the offenders must be aware of, and consent to, the commission of the crime(s); or, even if nonconsenting, their actions assist in the commission of the offense(s). This is important because all the offenders in an incident are considered to have committed all the offenses in the incident. If one or more of the offenders did not act in concert, then there is more than one incident involved.

The concept of "same time and place" means that the time interval between the offenses and the distance between the locations where they occurred was insignificant. Normally, the offenses must have occurred during unbroken time durations and at the same or adjoining location(s). However, incidents can also be comprised of offenses that, by their nature, involve continuing criminal activity by the same offender(s) at different times and places, so long as the activity is deemed to constitute a single criminal transaction.

NIBRS data submissions address crime incidents and all the elements associated with them for 71 Group A offenses in 28 offense categories. Due to their specificity, 19 of the Group A offenses that comprise 5 Group A offense categories are only for use by federal and tribal law enforcement agencies. The tables associated with this release are based on 52 Group A offenses in 23 offense categories. The Group A Incident Report captures information about Group A offenses (up to ten per incident) within six data segments: administrative, offense, property, victim, offender, and arrestee. Using a prescribed set of data elements and data values, law enforcement agencies report detailed information regarding individual crime incidents, including location, weapon use, bias motivation, certain demographics, other types of criminal activity, and the offender's use of drugs, alcohol, and/or computers.

Property segments associated with certain types of offenses include information such as type and value of property stolen or damaged, the number of premises entered, and the method of entry. The property segment also captures the type and quantity of drugs that may be associated with the incident. With incidents involving a motor vehicle theft offense, this segment also includes the number of stolen and recovered motor vehicles.



In addition to Group A offenses, there are 10 Group B offenses for which only Group B Arrest Reports are made. For a complete listing of Group A and Group B offenses, see Offense Definitions. Components of the Group A Incident Report and the Group B Arrest Report follow.

Group A Incident Report

Administrative Segment

ORI
Incident Number
Cargo Theft
Incident Date/Report Date Indicator/Hour
Cleared Exceptionally
Exceptional Clearance Date
Exceptional Clearance Offense Code

Offense Segment

UCR Offense Code
Offense Attempted/Completed
Offender Suspected of Using
Bias Motivation
Location Type
Number of Premises Entered
Method of Entry
Type Criminal Activity/Gang Information
Type Weapon/Force Involved
Automatic Weapon Indicator

Property Segment

Type Property Loss/Etc.
Property Description
Value of Property
Date Recovered
Number of Stolen Motor Vehicles
Number of Recovered Motor Vehicles
Suspected Drug Type
Estimated Drug Quantity
Type Drug Measurement

Victim Segment

Victim Sequence Number
Victim Connected to UCR Offense Code
Type of Victim
Type of Officer Activity/Circumstance
Officer Assignment Type
Officer—ORI Other Jurisdiction
Age, Sex, Race, and Ethnicity of Victim
Resident Status of Victim
Aggravated Assault/Homicide Circumstances
Additional Justifiable Homicide Circumstances
Type Injury
Offender Number to be Related
Relationship of Victim to Offender

Offender Segment

Offender Sequence Number
Age, Sex, Race, and Ethnicity of Offender

Arrestee Segment

Arrestee Sequence Number
Arrestee Transition Number
Arrest Date
Type of Arrest
Multiple Arrestee Segments Indicator
UCR Arrest Offense Code
Arrestee Was Armed with/Automatic Weapon
Indicator
Age, Sex, Race, and Ethnicity of Arrestee
Resident Status of Arrestee
Disposition of Arrestee Under 18



Group B Arrest Report

ORI
Arrestee Sequence Number
Arrestee Transition Number
Arrest Date
Type of Arrest
Multiple Arrestee Segments Indicator
UCR Arrest Offense Code
Arrestee Was Armed with/Automatic
Weapon Indicator
Age, Sex, Race, and Ethnicity of Arrestee
Resident Status of Arrestee
Disposition of Arrestee Under 18