



Frequently Asked Questions About the NIBRS Data of Individual Agencies

Why isn't our town listed?

A total of 11,794 law enforcement agencies that were enrolled in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program in 2021 participated by submitting their data via the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Questions concerning a particular agency's participation through NIBRS should be referred to the agency's respective state UCR Program. Contact information for state UCR Programs is available on the FBI's website at

<https://le.fbi.gov/file-repository/state-ucr-program-contacts-100520.pdf/view>.

Our law enforcement agency reports crime data via NIBRS, but our data are not listed. Where are they?

To be published among the agency-level statistics in *NIBRS*, both of the following criteria must be met:

- The agency must have submitted 12 months of complete NIBRS data for the reporting year.
- The agency's NIBRS data must have been converted and published with the *Crime in the United States* release for the same reporting year.

With the exception of federal agencies, all agencies' NIBRS submissions—regardless of the number of months reported—are included in the general tabulations. The data of federal agencies that submitted their data via NIBRS are included in the U.S. table and provided in a separate federal table. (Other data for federal agencies is available in with the abridged release of *Crime in the United States, 2021*.)

How does NIBRS affect crime counts?

NIBRS is a more comprehensive accounting of the crime occurring in a law enforcement agency's jurisdiction than the traditional SRS, which is an aggregate monthly tally of crime occurrences. In addition to eliminating the SRS Hierarchy Rule, which collected only the most serious offense in an incident, NIBRS captures up to 10 offenses per incident and specifies more offense categories than SRS.