# **Data Declaration**

#### Table 8

## Offenses Known to Law Enforcement, by State by City, 2011

The FBI collects these data through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

#### **General comment**

This table provides the volume of violent crime (murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and property crime (burglary, larcenytheft, and motor vehicle theft) as reported by city and town law enforcement agencies (listed alphabetically by state) that contributed data to the UCR Program. (Note: Arson is not included in the property crime total in this table; however, if complete arson data were provided, they will appear in the arson column.)

### **Caution against ranking**

Readers should take into consideration relevant factors in addition to an area's crime statistics when making any valid comparisons of crime among different locales. Caution Against Ranking provides more details concerning the proper use of UCR statistics.

### Methodology

- The data used in creating this table were from all city and town law enforcement agencies submitting 12 months of complete offense data for 2011.
- The FBI does not publish arson data unless it receives data from either the agency or the state for all 12 months of the calendar year.
- When the FBI determines that an agency's data collection methodology does not comply with national UCR guidelines, the figure(s) for that agency's offense(s) will not be included in the table, and the discrepancy will be explained in a footnote.

## **Population estimation**

The FBI calculated 2011 state growth rates using the U.S. Census Bureau's 2010 decennial state/national population figures and 2011 provisional state/national population estimates. The FBI then estimated population figures for city jurisdictions by applying the 2011 state growth rate to the 2010 U.S. Census Bureau data.