



Burglary

Definition

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program defines burglary as the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. To classify an offense as a burglary, the use of force to gain entry need not have occurred. The UCR Program has three subclassifications for burglary: forcible entry, unlawful entry where no force is used, and attempted forcible entry. The UCR definition of "structure" includes an apartment, barn, house trailer or houseboat when used as a permanent dwelling, office, railroad car (but not automobile), stable, and vessel (i.e., ship).

Overview

- In 2012, there were an estimated 2,103,787 burglaries, a decrease of 3.7 percent when compared with 2011 data.
- The number of burglaries decreased 5.6 percent when compared with 2008 and was down 2.4 percent when compared with the 2003 estimate. (See Tables 1 and 1A.)
- The estimated number of burglaries accounted for 23.4 percent of the estimated number of property crimes. (Based on Table 1.)
- By subcategory, 59.7 percent of burglaries involved forcible entry, 33.9 percent were unlawful entries, and 6.3 percent were attempted forcible entry. (See Table 19.)
- Victims of burglary offenses suffered an estimated \$4.7 billion in property losses in 2012; overall the average dollar loss per burglary offense was \$2,230. (Based on Tables 1 and 23.)
- Burglaries of residential properties accounted for 74.5 percent of all burglary offenses. (See Table 23.)

Expanded burglary data

Expanded offense data are the details of the various offenses that the UCR Program collects beyond the count of how many crimes law enforcement agencies report. These details may include the type of weapon used in a crime, the type or value of items stolen, and so forth. In addition, expanded data include trends (for example, 2-year comparisons) and rates per 100,000 inhabitants.

Expanded information regarding burglary is available in the following tables:

Trends (2-year): Tables 12, 13, 14, and 15

Rates (per 100,000 inhabitants): Tables 16, 17, 18, and 19

Offense Analysis: Tables 7 and 23

What you won't find on this page

- Larceny-theft and robbery data.
- Clearance and arrest data for burglary.