



## Data Declaration

### Table 2

#### Crime in the United States, by Community Type, 2012

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

#### General comments

- This table provides the estimated number of offenses and the rate of crime per 100,000 inhabitants for the nation.
- This table provides the estimated number of offenses and the actual number of offenses reported in Metropolitan Statistical Areas, cities outside metropolitan areas, and nonmetropolitan counties, and the rate (per 100,000 inhabitants) for each community type, and their estimated populations.
- The UCR Program does not have sufficient data to estimate for arson.

#### Methodology

- The data used in creating this table were from all law enforcement agencies participating in the UCR Program (including those submitting less than 12 months of data).
- Crime statistics for the nation and for community types include estimated offense totals (except arson) for agencies submitting less than 12 months of offense reports for each year.
- The statistics under the heading “Area actually reporting” represent offense totals for agencies submitting 12 months of data and estimated totals for agencies submitting less than 12 but more than 2 months of data.

- The statistics under the heading “Estimated total” represent the above “Area actually reporting” totals plus estimated totals for agencies submitting 2 months or less of data.
- The FBI derives national statistics for community types by using the community type estimates for individual states as shown in Table 5.

### **Population estimation**

The FBI calculated 2012 state growth rates using the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2011 and 2012 provisional state/national population estimates. The FBI then estimated population figures for city and county jurisdictions by applying the 2012 state growth rate to the updated 2011 U.S. Census Bureau data.