



## Data Declaration

### Table 4

#### **Crime in the United States, by Region, Geographic Division, and State, 2011–2012**

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 (per 100,000 inhabitants) of crime in each region, geographic division, and state in 2011 and 2012, and the 2-year percent change in each.
- For both 2011 and 2012, the data collection methodology for forcible rape used by Minnesota (with the exceptions of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota) did not comply with national UCR Program guidelines. Consequently, the state's figures for forcible rape were estimated for inclusion in this table.
- The UCR Program does not have sufficient data to estimate for arson.

#### **Caution against ranking**

Any comparisons of crime among different locales should take into consideration relevant factors in addition to the area's crime statistics. Variables Affecting Crime provides more details concerning the proper use of UCR statistics.

#### **Methodology**

- The data used in creating this table were from all law enforcement agencies in the UCR Program (including those submitting less than 12 months of data).
- Crime statistics include estimated offense totals (except arson) for agencies submitting less than 12 months of offense reports for each year.

- The FBI derives state totals by estimating for non-reporting and partially reporting agencies within each state. Using the state's individual agency estimates, the UCR Program aggregates a state total.

### **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.