



Data Declaration

Table 4

Crime in the United States, by Region, Geographic Division, and State, 2012–2013

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

Important note about rape data

In 2013, the FBI UCR Program initiated the collection of rape data within the Summary Reporting System under a revised definition. The term “forcible” was removed from the offense name, and the definition changed to the revised UCR definition below.

Legacy UCR definition of rape: The carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will.

Revised UCR definition of rape: Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.

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 2012 and 2013, and the 2-year percent change in each.
- The 2012 data collection methodology for 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 rape were estimated for inclusion in this table.
- Violent crime includes the offenses of murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, rape (legacy definition), robbery, and aggravated assault. Property crime includes the offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft.

- In order to continue the timeline presented, Tables 4 is based on data provided under the legacy definition of rape.
- 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 nonreporting and partially reporting agencies within each state. Using the state's individual agency estimates, the UCR Program aggregates a state total.
- Estimates with the legacy definition of rape and the revised definition of rape are shown in two separate columns. Both definitions are used for presenting violent crime rates by geographic region and division. Estimates using the revised definition of rape for states reporting rape under the legacy definition were derived by adding to those states' rape values the percentage of male rape victims, sodomy victims, and victims of sexual assault with an object that were reported in 2013 NIBRS incidents involving sex offenses. The violent crime column in Table 4 includes only rape data reported with the legacy definition because it is a 2-year trend table, and only 1 year of data reported with the revised definition of rape has been collected. (Note: The violent crime column in Table 5 includes one year of data reported with the revised definition of rape. Therefore, two violent crime rates can be calculated from these two tables, and the data will vary depending on the definition of rape used in the calculations.)

- States that had some agencies reporting rape using the legacy definition and some agencies reporting rape using the revised definition submitted a combined rape total for the state. However, for publication in Table 4, the rape totals for these states were adjusted and presented according to the rape definition used by the majority of agencies within the state. For states with a majority of agencies reporting rape using the legacy definition, the rape counts for agencies using the revised definition were reduced proportionally by the percentage of male rape victims, sodomy victims, and victims of sexual assault with an object that were reported in 2013 NIBRS incidents involving sex offenses. That percentage represents the number of offenses that would not have been submitted as rape offenses had all of the agencies within the state reported via the legacy rape definition. For states with a majority of agencies reporting rape using the revised definition, the legacy rape total was increased proportionally by the percentage of male rape victims, sodomy victims, and victims of sexual assault with an object that were reported in 2013 NIBRS incidents involving sex offenses. In this case, that percentage represents the number of additional offenses that would have been submitted as rape offenses had all of the agencies within the state reported via the revised rape definition.

Population estimation

For the 2013 population estimates used in this table, the FBI computed individual rates of growth from one year to the next for every city/town and county using 2010 decennial population counts and 2011 through 2012 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. Each agency's rates of growth were averaged; that average was then applied and added to its 2012 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2013 population estimate.