



## Data Declaration

### Table 14

#### **Crime Trends, by Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Counties by Population Group, 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 2-year trend table provides the number of offenses for 2012 and 2013 and the percent change between these 2 years for metropolitan counties and nonmetropolitan counties.
- Metropolitan counties include sheriffs’ offices and county law enforcement agencies associated with a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).
- Nonmetropolitan counties include sheriffs’ offices and county law enforcement agencies that are not associated with an MSA.
- Offenses from state police agencies are not included in this table.

## **Methodology**

- The data used in creating this table were from all law enforcement agencies submitting at least 6 common months of complete offense reports for 2012 and 2013.
- A crime trend represents the percentage change in crime based on data reported in a prior equivalent period. In calculating trends, the UCR Program includes only common reported months for individual agencies.
- The percent changes shown for the offense of rape are based on data collected under the legacy definition of rape. Because the UCR Program has received only 1 year of rape data based on the newly implemented definition, a 2-year comparison could not be provided. The percent changes shown include converted National Incident-Based Reporting System rape data and data from those states/agencies that reported the legacy definition of forcible rape for both years.

## **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.