



Data Declaration

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Five-Year Arrest Trends, Totals, 2009–2013

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.

The figures and percent changes for rape in this table are based solely on the legacy UCR definition because the UCR Program has only 1 year of data based on the newly implemented definition. The figures for rape include data converted from the National Incident-Based Reporting System and data from those states/agencies that reported the legacy definition of rape for both years.

General comments

- This 5-year trend table provides the number of persons arrested in 2009 and 2013 and the percent change when the data for these 2 years are compared. The table furnishes a breakdown of these data by juveniles (persons under age 18) and adults.

- These data represent the number of persons arrested; however, some persons may be arrested more than once during a year. Therefore, the statistics in this table could, in some cases, represent multiple arrests of the same person.

Methodology

The data used in creating this table were from all law enforcement agencies submitting 12 months of arrest data for both 2009 and 2013.

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.

For the 2009 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 2000 decennial population counts and 2001 through 2008 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 2008 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2009 population estimate.