



Data Declaration

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Arrest Trends, Metropolitan Counties, 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.

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 2-year trend table provides the number of persons arrested in metropolitan counties in 2012 and 2013 and the percent change when the data for these 2 years are compared. The table also furnishes a breakdown of these data by juveniles (persons under age 18) and adults.

- The Metropolitan Counties classification encompasses jurisdictions covered by noncity law enforcement agencies located within currently designated Metropolitan Statistical Areas. (See [Area Definitions](#).)
- 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 metropolitan county law enforcement agencies submitting 12 months of arrest data for both 2012 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.

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.