



## Data Declaration

### Table 11

#### **Offenses Known to Law Enforcement, by State by State, Tribal, and Other Agencies, 2015**

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

#### **Important note about rape data**

In 2013, the UCR Program initiated the collection of rape data under a revised definition and removed the term “forcible” from the offense name. The UCR Program now defines rape as follows:

Rape (revised definition): 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. (This includes the offenses of rape, sodomy, and sexual assault with an object as converted from data submitted via the National Incident-Based Reporting System).

Rape (legacy definition): The carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will.

#### **General comment**

This table provides the volume of violent crime (murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and property crime (burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft) as reported by state, tribal, and other law enforcement agencies (listed alphabetically by state) that contributed data to the UCR Program. (Note: Arson is not included in the property crime total in this table; however, if complete arson data were provided, they will appear in the arson column.)

#### **Caution against ranking**

Readers should take into consideration relevant factors in addition to an area’s crime statistics when making any valid comparisons of crime among different locales. *UCR Statistics: Their Proper Use* provides more details.

## **Methodology**

- The data used in creating this table were from all state, tribal, and other law enforcement agencies submitting 12 months of complete offense data for 2015.
- The FBI does not publish arson data unless it receives data from either the agency or the state for all 12 months of the calendar year.
- When the FBI determines that an agency's data collection methodology does not comply with national UCR guidelines, the figure(s) for that agency's offense(s) will not be included in the table, and the discrepancy will be explained in a footnote.