Table 1, Data Declaration

Percent Change, by Population Group

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

General comment

This table provides the percent change in offenses known to law enforcement, by population group, for the first 6 months of 2016 and 2017.

Important note about rape data

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

In 2016, the FBI Director approved the recommendation to discontinue the reporting of rape data using the UCR legacy definition beginning in 2017. Therefore, the rape data reported by those agencies using the UCR legacy definition for either 2016, 2017, or both years are not included in the rape percent change.

Methodology

The data used in creating this table were from law enforcement agencies submitting 3 to 6 common months of offense reports for 2016 and 2017. If the FBI determines certain variables have created unusual fluctuations in the data, those data are excluded from the tabulations.

The rape data reported by those agencies using the UCR legacy definition for either 2016, 2017, or both years are not included in the rape percent change. This includes 1,522 agencies with a total population of 27,683,803.

The percent changes shown for the offense of rape are based only on those agencies that submitted rape data based on the revised definition as well as converted data from agencies that reported data for rape, sodomy, and sexual assault with an object via the NIBRS for both years. The agency count and population of those agencies can be found in the chart below.

Population Group	Agencies using revised UCR rape definition and NIBRS	
	Agency Count	Population
Total all agencies	11,511	229,613,075
1,000,000 and over	9	23,737,818
500,000 to 999,999	18	13,083,594
250,000 to 499,000	39	13,485,245
100,000 to 249,999	179	26,419,459
50,000 to 99,999	389	27,056,738
25,000 to 49,999	664	22,958,073
10,000 to 24,999	1,387	22,231,342
Under 10,000	5,719	17,484,562
Metropolitan County	1,401	46,048,711
Nonmetropolitan County[1]	1,706	17,107,533

[1] Includes state police agencies that report aggregately for the entire state.

Population estimation

For the 2016 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 2015 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 2015 census population estimate to derive the agency's 2016 population estimate.

If you have questions about this table

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