



Table 2, Data Declaration

Percent Change, by Region

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 region, 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.

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.

Regions

The U.S. Census Bureau has established the four regions of the United States, which are used by the UCR Program in compiling the nation's crime data. The following table lists the 50 states and the District of Columbia arranged according to the regions of the United States.

NORTHEASTERN REGION

Connecticut

Maine

Massachusetts

New Hampshire

Rhode Island

Vermont

New Jersey

New York

Pennsylvania

MIDWESTERN REGION

Illinois

Indiana

Michigan

Ohio

Wisconsin

Iowa

Kansas

Minnesota

Missouri

Nebraska

North Dakota

South Dakota

SOUTHERN REGION

Delaware

District of Columbia

Florida

Georgia

Maryland

North Carolina

South Carolina

Virginia

West Virginia

Alabama

Kentucky

Mississippi

Tennessee

Arkansas

Louisiana

Oklahoma

Texas

WESTERN REGION

Arizona

Colorado

Idaho

Montana

Nevada

New Mexico

Utah

Wyoming

Alaska

California

Hawaii

Oregon

Washington

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