



## **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 2017 and 2018.

### **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 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.

### **Methodology**

The data used in creating this table were from law enforcement agencies submitting 3 to 6 common months of offense reports for 2017 and 2018. If the FBI determines certain variables have created unusual fluctuations in the data, those data are excluded from the tabulations.

The rape data reported using the UCR legacy definition for either 2017, 2018, or both years are not included in the rape percent change.

### **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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