



Data Declaration

Table 18

Rate: Number of Crimes per 100,000 Inhabitants by Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Counties by Population Group, 2019

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

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.

General comments

- This table provides the rate per 100,000 inhabitants and the number of offenses known to law enforcement for violent crimes (murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and property crimes (burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft) for metropolitan and nonmetropolitan county law enforcement agencies submitting 12 months of publishable data for 2019. Metropolitan counties include sheriffs' offices and county law enforcement agencies associated with a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).
- Nonmetropolitan counties include sheriffs' offices and county law enforcement agencies that are not associated with an MSA.

- The UCR Program does not have sufficient data to publish arson offenses in this table. Information about arson can be found in Arson Tables 1 and 2.

Methodology

- Rape data reported by agencies using the UCR legacy definition are not included in this table.
- Due to a system upgrade in 2019, the FBI calculates rates for each offense based on the individual offenses and population that were published for each agency in tables 8-11. (Previous to 2019, when agencies were published in tables 8-11, but they had one or two offenses removed from publication due to not meeting UCR publication guidelines, the agency’s data was not used to calculate rates for this table.)
- The FBI derived the offense rates by first dividing the individual offense counts by the individual populations covered by contributing agencies for which 12 months of publishable data were supplied and then multiplying the resulting figure by 100,000.

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Population Group	Population range	Violent Total		Violent							
		Number of agencies	Population	Murder and Nonnegligent Homicide		Rape		Robbery		Assault	
				Number of agencies	Population	Number of agencies	Population	Number of agencies	Population	Number of agencies	Population
METROPOLITAN COUNTIES	MSA counties 100,000 or over	153	42,098,747	153	42,098,747	153	42,098,747	153	42,098,747	153	42,098,747
	MSA counties from 25,000 thru 99,999	358	18,731,819	358	18,731,819	355	18,520,528	358	18,731,819	358	18,731,819
	MSA counties under 25,000	1,097	4,326,223	1,093	4,303,442	1,096	4,316,421	1,097	4,326,223	1,097	4,326,223

NONMETROPOLITAN COUNTIES	Non-MSA counties 25,000 and over	211	8,639,487	211	8,639,487	211	8,639,487	211	8,639,487	211	8,639,487
	Non-MSA counties from 10,000 thru 24,999	479	7,677,048	478	7,654,503	477	7,639,878	479	7,677,048	479	7,677,048
	Non-MSA counties under 10,000	1,237	3,550,706	1,236	3,550,706	1,237	3,550,706	1,237	3,550,706	1,237	3,550,706

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Population Group	Population range	Property Crime Total		Property Crimes					
		Number of agencies	Population	Burglary		Larceny		Motor Vehicle Theft	
				Number of agencies	Population	Number of agencies	Population	Number of agencies	Population
METROPOLITAN COUNTIES	MSA counties 100,000 or over	153	42,098,747	153	42,098,747	153	42,098,747	153	42,098,747
	MSA counties from 25,000 thru 99,999	358	18,731,819	352	18,398,141	357	18,687,241	358	18,731,819
	MSA counties under 25,000	1,097	4,326,223	1,091	4,306,509	1,097	4,326,223	1,097	4,326,223
NONMETROPOLITAN COUNTIES	Non-MSA counties 25,000 and over	211	8,639,487	211	8,639,487	211	8,639,487	211	8,639,487
	Non-MSA counties from 10,000 thru 24,999	479	7,677,048	479	7,677,048	478	7,663,294	479	7,677,048
	Non-MSA counties under 10,000	1,237	3,550,706	1,236	3,540,879	1,237	3,550,706	1,237	3,550,706

Population groups

The UCR Program uses the following population group designations:

Population Group	Political Label	Population Range
I	City	250,000 and more
II	City	100,000 to 249,999
III	City	50,000 to 99,999
IV	City	25,000 to 49,999
V	City	10,000 to 24,999
VI ^{1, 2}	City	Less than 10,000
VIII (Nonmetropolitan County) ²	County	N/A
IX (Metropolitan County) ²	County	N/A

¹Includes universities and colleges to which no population is attributed.

²Includes state police to which no population is attributed.

Population estimation

For the 2019 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 2018 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 2018 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2019 population estimate.