

# Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program Summary Reporting System (Summary) New Rape Definition is Effective January 1, 2013



“The new, more inclusive definition will provide us with a more accurate understanding of the scope and volume of these crimes.”

-Attorney General Eric Holder

## New Summary Rape 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*

The revised definition:

- Includes either Male or Female Victims or Offenders.
- Includes instances in which the victim is incapable of giving consent because of temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity, (e.g., due to the influence of drugs or alcohol or because of age).
- Reflects the various forms of sexual penetration understood to be Rape.

## Who Decided to Change the Rape Definition?

In December 2011, former FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, III approved the revision to the FBI UCR Program definition of Rape for Summary data submissions. The revised definition is the collaborative effort of the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Advisory Policy Board, which is made up of representatives from all facets of law enforcement, and staff from the FBI UCR Program with input from the Department of Justice’s Office of Violence Against Women, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Major County Sheriff’s Association, the Major City Chiefs, the National Sheriff’s Association, the Police Executive Research Forum, and victim advocacy groups, such as the Women’s Law Project.

## Reporting Summary Rape

Law enforcement agencies can report new rape and historical rape to the FBI UCR Program in two ways:

- Traditional Flat File
- FBI-provided Excel Workbook and Tally Book

Beginning in January 2014, the FBI UCR Program will be able to process Rape submissions reported via a web portal and Extensible Markup Language or XML.

Reporting guidelines are located in the *Summary Technical Specification* located on the FBI UCR Program web site.

For more information, please contact the FBI’s CJIS Division’s Crime Statistics Management Unit via e-mail at <crimestatsinfo@ic.fbi.gov>.