Data Declaration

Drugs/Narcotics and Alcohol Involvement by Offense Category, 2012

The FBI collects these data through the FBI UCR Program’s NIBRS.

General Comment

This table shows the offender’s suspected use of drugs/narcotics and/or alcohol during or shortly before perpetrating the crime by the number of offenses per offense category.

Methodology

This table uses the following rules and then distributes the data by whether law enforcement suspected that the offender used drugs/narcotics and/or alcohol during or shortly before perpetrating the crime by the number of offenses per offense category:

- Offenses columns – count as indicated for each offense type in Data Element 6 (UCR Offense Code) and then combine the figures into offense categories (in a multiple-offense incident, count one for each offense type in the incident):
  - Crime Against Person: count one for each victim, i.e., Victim Segment.
  - Crime Against Property: count one for each unique offense type.
  - Crime Against Society: count one for each unique offense type.

- Drugs/Narcotics and Alcohol Involvement – count one in each involvement category for each offense type where Data Element 8 (Offender Suspected of Using) contains the applicable data value, i.e., D = Drugs/Narcotics or A = Alcohol, respectively.

- Percentage – represents the percentage of offenses associated with an offense category by the offender’s use of Drugs/Narcotics and/or Alcohol Involvement in the incident. For example, if the percentage is 3.5 percent in the Assault Offenses row for Drugs/Narcotics, this represents that 3.5 percent of the Assault Offenses were committed in an incident where the offender(s) was suspected of using drugs/narcotics and/or alcohol shortly before or during the commission of the crime(s).

  Percentage = Type of Involvement/Total Offenses (round to tenths/round up)

Note: Drugs/Narcotics and Alcohol Involvement will not add to Total Offenses because the offender may have used both in the incident.