Data Declaration

Forcible Sex Offenses
Offense Type
by Gang Involvement, 2012

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

General Comment

This table shows the number of offenses per sex offense type by the offender's gang involvement.

Methodology

This table uses the following rules and then aggregates the data by whether the offender was involved in a gang:

- Sex Offenses columns – count one for each victim, i.e., Victim Segment, connected to each sex offense type in the incident (in a multiple-offense incident, count a victim for each connected sex offense type).

- Gang Involvement – count one in each gang involvement category for each sex offense type where Data Element 12 (Type Criminal Activity/Gang Information) contains the applicable data value, i.e., J = Juvenile Gang, G = Other Gang, N = None/Unknown, respectively.

Notes: Since offenders may be associated with more than one type of gang, this table counts each applicable type of gang involvement.

Type Criminal Activity/Gang Information is collected for 11 NIBRS offense types, with only these sex offense types used in this table:
11A = Forcible Rape
11B = Forcible Sodomy
11C = Sexual Assault With An Object
11D = Forcible Fondling

Juvenile Gang refers to a group of persons, the majority of whom are under 18 years of age, who act in concert, especially for antisocial or criminal purposes; members typically have common identifying signs and symbols, such as hand signals and distinctive colors; they are also known as street gangs.

Other Gang refers to persons associated with the world of criminal gangs and organized crime commonly related to widespread criminal activities that are coordinated and controlled

through a central syndicate and who rely on their unlawful activities for income; they traditionally extort money from businesses by intimidation, violence, or other illegal methods.

Data Element 12 (Type Criminal Activity/Gang Information) cannot contain N = None/Unknown along with any other data value.

Gang Involvement will not add to the Forcible Sex Offenses total because this data element is not mandatory and not all NIBRS-reporting agencies submit this type of information.