



Data Declaration

Incidents Cleared by Offense Category, 2012

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

General Comment

This table shows the number of incidents law enforcement agencies cleared by arrest or exceptional means by offense category.

Methodology

This table uses the following rules and then aggregates the data by the number of incidents law enforcement agencies cleared by arrest or exceptional means:

- Incidents columns – count one for each offense type identified in Data Element 6 (UCR Offense Code) within each NIBRS incident and then combine the figures into offense categories.
- In a multiple-offense incident, count one for each offense type in the incident.
- Cleared by Arrest – count one for each offense type in Data Element 6 (UCR Offense Code) in an incident where at least one Arrestee Segment is on file. In the NIBRS, the submission of arrestee data in connection with an incident automatically clears all offenses within the incident.
- Cleared by Exceptional Means – count one for each offense type in Data Element 6 (UCR Offense Code) in an incident where Data Element 4 (Cleared Exceptionally) contains either data value A or B or C or D or E.

Notes: There is no direct relationship between Total Incidents and Total Incidents Cleared. Total Incidents is included only for informational purposes.

A figure in the Cleared by Exceptional Means column represents the number of incidents for that particular offense category that were cleared in ways other than by arrest, i.e., the death of the offender, prosecution was declined for other than lack of probable cause, the offender was already in custody in another jurisdiction, the victim refused to cooperate in the prosecution, or the offender was a juvenile and the crime was handled without taking him/her into custody.