



## Data Declaration

### Offenders

#### Age Category by Offense Category, 2012

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

#### General Comment

This table shows the age category of the offender by offense category.

#### Methodology

This table uses the following rules and then aggregates the data by the age category of the offenders and offense category:

- Offenders – count one for each offender, i.e., Offender Segment, that does not contain an unknown offender, i.e., Data Element 36 (Offender Sequence Number) is 00 = Unknown Offender per offense type.
- Age Category – determine age category by the data value in Data Element 37 (Age of Offender). For this table, an Adult is an offender who is age 18 or older and a Juvenile is an offender who is under 18 years of age. The Unknown column represents the number of offender's where the offender's age was unknown.
- Number of Unknown Offenders – count the number of incidents where Data Element 36 (Offender Sequence Number) is 00 = Unknown Offender.

Note: This table does not include unknown offenders. Unknown Offender is the term used when nothing is known about the offender, i.e., Data Element 36 (Offender Sequence Number) contains 00 = Unknown Offender. For example, when a corpse is found in a ditch and there are no eyewitnesses or other information that would provide law enforcement with leads about possible offenders.