



Data Declaration

Incidents Cleared by Offense Category, 2014

The FBI collected these data through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

General Comments

- This table shows the number of incidents that law enforcement agencies cleared by arrest or exceptional means. It also provides the number of incidents cleared for each associated offense category. The 23 offense categories shown are comprised of 49 offense types.
- In NIBRS, the submission of arrestee data in connection with an incident automatically clears all offenses within the incident.
- When an incident is cleared by exceptional means, it was cleared in some other way 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.

Methodology

To arrive at the totals provided for each column of data, the UCR Program used the following counting rules:

- Incidents—one for each offense type identified within each incident, aggregated by the offenses' associated offense categories. (In multiple-offense incidents, one incident was counted for each offense type in the incident.)
- Cleared by Arrest—one for each offense type in an incident containing at least one arrestee.
- Cleared by Exceptional Means—one for each offense type in an incident reported as cleared exceptionally.

Note: There is no direct relationship between the numbers in the Total Incidents column and those in the Total Incidents Cleared column. The numbers in the Total Incidents column are included only for informational purposes.