



## Incidents and Offenses

Through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), law enforcement agencies may report up to ten offenses within an incident, offering a more complete picture of crime occurrences than traditional reporting. In NIBRS, an "incident" is defined as one or more offenses committed by the same offender, or group of offenders acting in concert, at the same time and place.

"Acting in concert" means that these individuals actually commit or assist in the commission of the crime(s). Therefore, all of the offenders must be aware of, and consent to, the commission of the crime(s); or, even if nonconsenting, their actions assist in the commission of the offense(s). This is important because all of the offenders in an incident are considered to have committed all of the offenses in the incident. If one or more of the offenders did not act in concert, then there is more than one incident involved.

"Same time and place" means that the time interval between the offenses and the distance between the locations where they occurred was insignificant. Normally, the offenses must have occurred during unbroken time durations and at the same or adjoining location(s). However, incidents can also be comprised of offenses that, by their nature, involve continuing criminal activity by the same offender(s) at different times and places, as long as the activity is deemed to constitute a single criminal transaction.

NIBRS data submissions address crime incidents and all the elements associated with them for 49 Group A offenses in 23 offense categories. The Group A Incident Report captures information about these Group A offenses (up to ten per incident) within six categories: administrative, offense, property, victim, offender, and arrestee. Using a prescribed set of data elements and data values, law enforcement agencies report detailed data regarding individual crime incidents, including location, weapon use, bias motivation, other types of criminal activity, and offender use of drugs, alcohol, and computers.

Incidents may also have property segments associated with them for certain types of offenses. Property information includes type and value of property stolen or damaged, the number of premises entered, and the method of entry. The property segment also captures any drug information, including type and quantity that may be associated with the incident. With incidents involving a motor vehicle theft offense, this segment also includes the number of stolen and recovered motor vehicles.

In addition to Group A offenses, there are 10 Group B offenses for which only Group B Arrest Reports are made. For a complete listing of Group A and Group B offenses, see [Offense](#)



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Definitions in this publication. Listings of the components of the Group A Incident Report and the Group B Arrest Report follow.



## Group A Incident Report

### *Administrative Segment*

ORI  
Incident Number  
Cargo Theft  
Incident Date/Report Date Indicator/Hour  
Cleared Exceptionally  
Exceptional Clearance Date  
Exceptional Clearance Offense Code

### *Offense Segment*

UCR Offense Code  
Offense Attempted/Completed  
Offender Suspected of Using  
Bias Motivation  
Location Type  
Number of Premises Entered  
Method of Entry  
Type Criminal Activity/Gang Information  
Type Weapon/Force Involved  
Automatic Weapon Indicator

### *Property Segment*

Type Property Loss/Etc.  
Property Description  
Value of Property  
Date Recovered  
Number of Stolen Motor Vehicles  
Number of Recovered Motor Vehicles  
Suspected Drug Type  
Estimated Drug Quantity  
Type Drug Measurement

### *Victim Segment*

Victim Sequence Number  
Victim Connected to UCR Offense Code  
Type of Victim  
Type of Officer Activity/Circumstance  
Officer Assignment Type  
Officer-ORI Other Jurisdiction  
Age, Sex, Race, and Ethnicity of Victim  
Resident Status of Victim  
Aggravated Assault/Homicide Circumstances  
Additional Justifiable Homicide Circumstances  
Type Injury  
Offender Number to be Related  
Relationship of Victim to Offender

### *Offender Segment*

Offender Sequence Number  
Age, Sex, Race, and Ethnicity of Offender

### *Arrestee Segment*

Arrestee Sequence Number  
Arrestee Transition Number  
Arrest Date  
Type of Arrest  
Multiple Arrestee Segments Indicator  
UCR Arrest Offense Code  
Arrestee Was Armed With Automatic Weapon  
Indicator  
Age, Sex, Race, and Ethnicity of Arrestee  
Resident Status of Arrestee  
Disposition of Arrestee Under 18  
Clearance Indicator  
Clearance Offense Code



## Group B Arrest Report

ORI  
Arrestee Sequence Number  
Arrestee Transition Number  
Arrest Date  
Type of Arrest  
Multiple Arrestee Segments Indicator  
UCR Arrest Offense Code  
Arrestee Was Armed With Automatic  
    Weapon Indicator  
Age, Sex, Race, and Ethnicity of Arrestee  
Resident Status of Arrestee  
Disposition of Arrestee Under 18