



The Expansion of NIBRS

On December 2, 2015, the Criminal Justice Information Services Division's Advisory Policy Board (APB) approved the recommendation to sunset the traditional Summary Reporting System and replace it with the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) by January 1, 2021. The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's transition from summary to incident-based data will establish NIBRS as the national standard for crime reporting.

FBI Director James B. Comey signed the recommendation on February 9, 2016. A few months before (when speaking to the International Association of Chiefs of Police), he had remarked *"NIBRS is a way in which we can all collect data in a way that we can identify patterns, trends, and help us prevent crime and have thoughtful informed conversations at the national level."*

The path to better, more comprehensive data is clear, and the FBI has worked diligently in 2016 to expand NIBRS participation and move toward making that more complete data a reality. In 2016:

- Fifty-six agencies began reporting NIBRS in response to the APB recommendation to retire the Summary Reporting System.
- Funding was awarded to 7 state programs and 17 agencies via the FBI and Bureau of Justice Statistics' joint National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X) initiative. The NCS-X is the springboard for the FBI's broader NIBRS transition.
- The Department of Defense (DOD) was certified as NIBRS compliant. The DOD is the first federal agency to transition to NIBRS.
- The NIBRS Modernization Study began assessing whether improvements to NIBRS are needed to meet the intent of the Director's Priority Initiative and for maintaining relevance to today's policing operations. The study will also identify challenges that might hamper agencies from reporting their crime data via NIBRS.

Learn more about the future of NIBRS and access technical specifications and manuals at <https://ucr.fbi.gov/nibrs-overview>.