



## ***NIBRS, 2016,***

marks the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's first publication of National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) data for the **two new fraud offenses of Identity Theft and Hacking/Computer Invasion, and the new offense of Animal Cruelty.**<sup>1</sup> At the recommendation of the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Advisory Policy Board (APB), the FBI Director approved the addition of these offenses in 2014. Although the amount of data is limited for these new offenses, this brief offers a glimpse of the kind of data being collected and the types of connections we will begin to see as participation continues to grow and the national UCR Program gathers more information about them.

### **IDENTITY THEFT and HACKING/COMPUTER INVASION**

The new fraud offenses were adopted to help the nation capture and better understand the increasing amount of computer-based crime. The definitions for these offenses follow:

**Identity Theft: Wrongfully obtaining and using another person's personal data (e.g., name, date of birth, Social Security number, driver's license number).<sup>2</sup>**

This offense includes opening a credit card, bank account, etc. using another person's information.

**Hacking/Computer Invasion: Wrongfully gaining access to another person's or institution's computer software, hardware, or networks without authorized permissions or security clearances.**

### **ANIMAL CRUELTY**

Through collaboration with the APB, the National Sheriffs' Association and advocacy groups such as the Animal Welfare Institute, the FBI added Animal Cruelty to NIBRS as a separate offense to measure that crime along with up to three types of criminal activity that occur with each offense. The definition for the offense follows:

**Animal Cruelty: Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly taking an action that mistreats or kills any animal without just cause, such as torturing, tormenting, mutilation, maiming, poisoning, or abandonment.**

Included are instances of neglect of duty to provide care, e.g., shelter, food, water, care if sick or injured. Other activities include transporting or confining an animal in a manner likely to cause injury or death; causing an animal to fight with another; or inflicting excessive or repeated unnecessary pain or suffering, e.g., uses objects to beat or injure an animal. This definition does not include proper maintenance of animals for show or sport, use of animals for food, lawful hunting, fishing, or trapping.

For Animal Cruelty offenses, reporting agencies must enter at least one but no more than three types of activity (simple/gross neglect, organized abuse, intentional abuse and torture, or animal sexual abuse).

The data in this report reflect the offenses recorded by state and local law enforcement agencies that had the capability to report the new offense data via NIBRS. As such, they should not be interpreted as a definitive statement of the level or characteristics of the above offenses as a whole. (See the data declaration page at the end of this report for an explanation of the data and the methodology used for this presentation.)

<sup>1</sup>For information about the data elements and data values used to capture these new offenses, see the latest versions of *NIBRS Technical Manual* and *NIBRS User Manual*, available at <https://ucr.fbi.gov/ucr-program-data-collections>.

<sup>2</sup>Instances of Identity Theft were previously captured in the fraud subcategory of Impersonation. However, agencies should now report Identify Theft offenses through the new fraud subcategory.

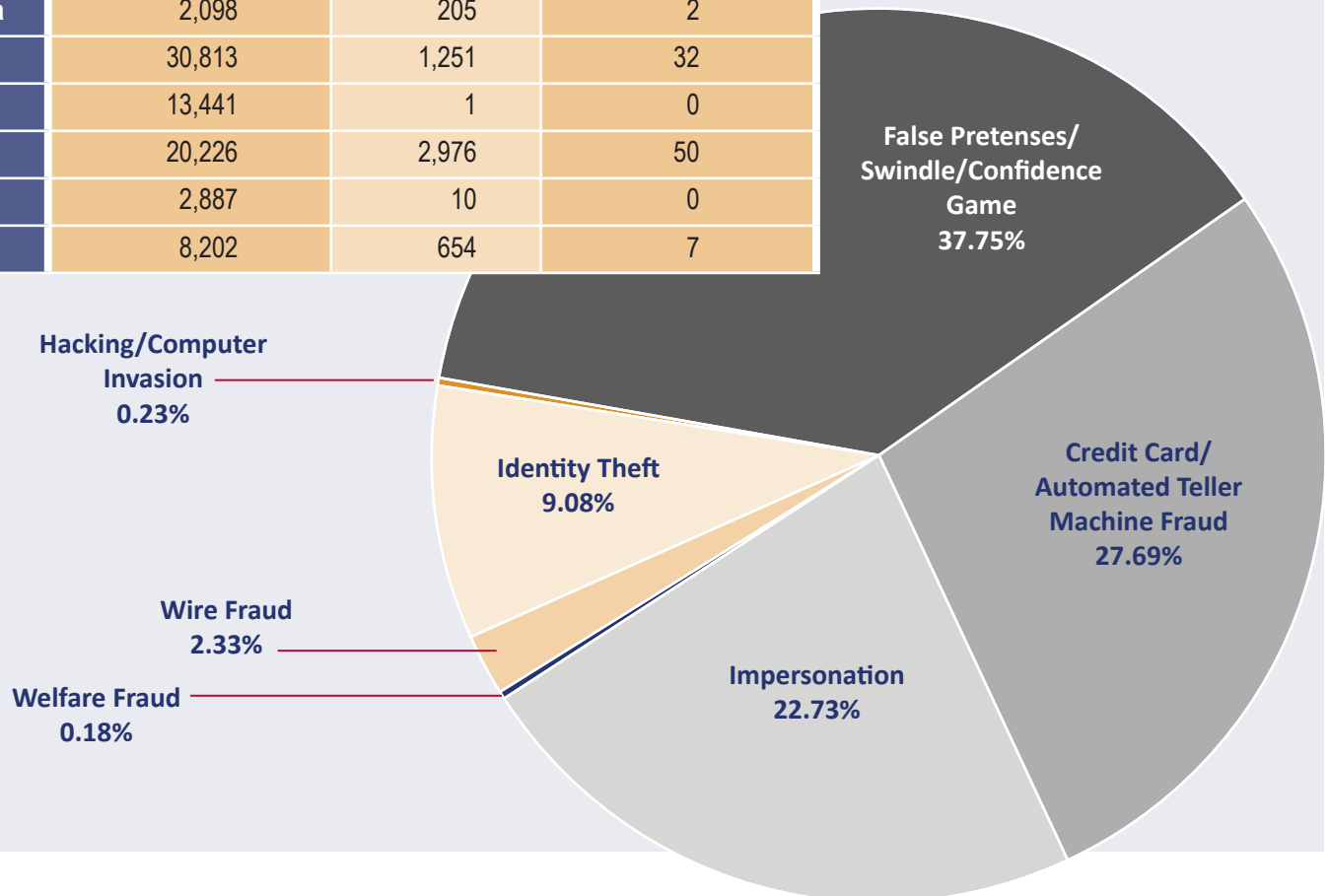
**TABLE 1****Identity Theft and Hacking/Computer Invasion**

Total Offenses by State, 2016

State	Total Fraud Offenses	Identity Theft	Hacking/Computer Invasion
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>252,092</b>	<b>22,894</b>	<b>581</b>
Arizona	1,339	158	3
Colorado	22,529	6	1
Connecticut	8,151	6	0
Delaware	7,212	1,481	4
Kentucky	8,363	1,237	149
Massachusetts	17,221	345	17
Michigan	48,722	7,552	112
Minnesota	152	67	1
Missouri	3,313	930	38
New Hampshire	6,315	2	1
North Dakota	2,195	192	1
Oklahoma	4,744	26	3
Oregon	17,987	5,772	158
Rhode Island	3,819	1	1
South Carolina	22,363	22	1
South Dakota	2,098	205	2
Tennessee	30,813	1,251	32
Texas	13,441	1	0
Washington	20,226	2,976	50
West Virginia	2,887	10	0
Wisconsin	8,202	654	7

**FIGURE 1****Fraud Offenses**

Percent Distribution by Fraud Subcategories 2016



**TABLE 2****Animal Cruelty Offenses**

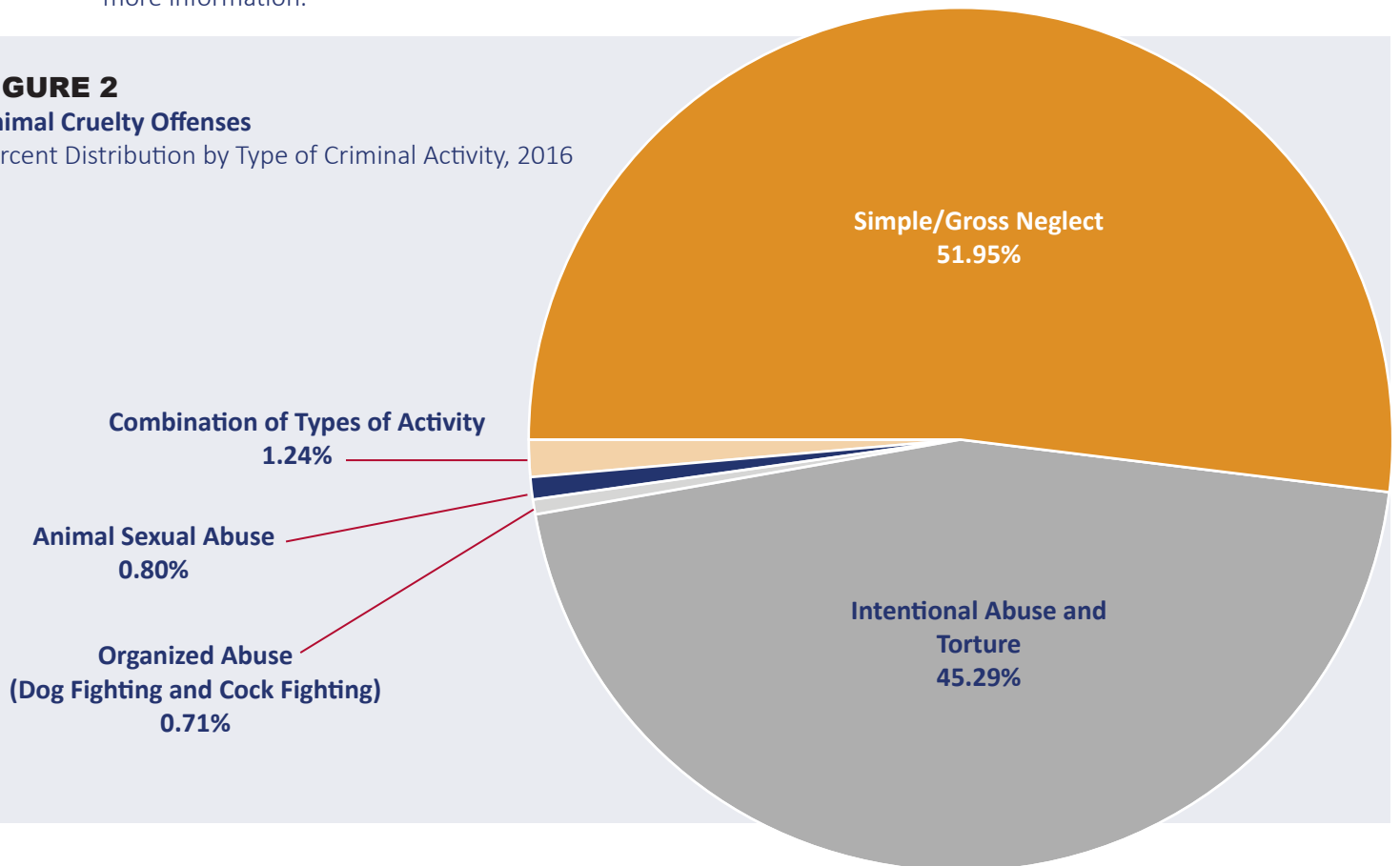
Distribution by Type of Criminal Activity, 2016\*

State	Total Offenses	Simple/ Gross Neglect	Intentional Abuse and Torture	Organized Abuse	Animal Sexual Abuse
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,126</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>
Colorado	8	7	1	0	0
Delaware	494	214	289	3	0
Massachusetts	2	1	1	0	0
Michigan	130	91	38	1	1
Minnesota	1	0	1	0	0
Missouri	15	8	6	1	0
North Dakota	7	5	3	0	0
Oregon	105	45	58	1	1
South Dakota	10	5	5	0	0
Tennessee	219	143	69	4	5
Washington	85	50	34	0	2
West Virginia	13	8	4	1	0
Wisconsin	37	22	14	1	0

\*Agencies can submit up to three types of criminal activity per offense. See the data declaration for more information.

**FIGURE 2****Animal Cruelty Offenses**

Percent Distribution by Type of Criminal Activity, 2016



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

These tables and figures include NIBRS data only from the states that had the capability to report new offenses as specified in the declarations that follow. In addition, even though a state UCR Program included specified offenses in their submissions, not necessarily all of the individual agencies in that state had added the offense(s) to their collections for 2016.

### **Table 1 Identity Theft and Hacking/Computer Invasion, Total Offenses by State, 2016**

- This table includes only data from the states that added the new fraud offenses of Identity Theft and Hacking/Computer Invasion to their data collections in 2016.
- This table provides the total number of fraud offenses as well as breakdowns for the fraud subcategories of Identity Theft and Hacking/Computer Invasion as reported by each state.

### **Figure 1: Fraud Offenses, Percent Distribution by Fraud Subcategories, 2016**

- This figure includes only data from the states that added the new fraud offenses of Identity Theft and Hacking/Computer Invasion to their data collections in 2016.
- This table provides the total number of fraud offenses as well as breakdowns for the fraud subcategories of False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game, Credit Card/Automated Teller Machine Fraud, Impersonation, Welfare Fraud, Wire Fraud, Identity Theft and Hacking/Computer Invasion as reported by each state.

### **Table 2 Animal Cruelty Offenses, Distribution by Type of Criminal Activity, 2016**

- This table includes only data from the states that added the new offense of Animal Cruelty to their data collections in 2016.
- This table provides the total number of Animal Cruelty offenses as well as the type(s) of criminal activity reported for those offenses. Agencies may report up to 3 types of activity per offense. Therefore, the total number of types of criminal activity may be greater than the total number of offenses.

### **Figure 2: Animal Cruelty, Percent Distribution by Type of Criminal Activity**

- This figure includes only data from the states that added the new offense of Animal Cruelty to their data collections.
- This chart includes a breakdown of Animal Cruelty offenses by the type of criminal activity. Agencies may report up to 3 types of activity per offense. However, with this chart, the offenses that had multiple types of criminal activity were totaled into the category Combination of Types of Activity.