Data Declaration

Incidents, Offenses, Victims, and Known Offenders by Offense Category, 2018

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

General Comment

This table shows the number of incidents, offenses, victims, and known offenders by their associated offense categories. The 23 offense categories shown are comprised of 52 offense types. (At the recommendation of the Criminal Justice Information Services Advisory Policy Board, the UCR Program combined the offense categories of Sex Offenses [formerly Forcible] and Sex Offenses, Nonforcible. Beginning with the 2018 data, all offense types previously published in those two categories are now published in one category as Sex Offenses. For a breakdown of the offense types included in each category, see Crimes Against Persons, Property, and Society in this publication.)

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 offense category. In multiple-offense incidents, incidents were counted two or more times when there were two or more offense types in the incident. (For example, if an incident involved both a rape and a robbery, the incident was counted only once in the total. However, the incident is reflected twice in the breakdown because it was counted in both the sex offenses category [rape] and the robbery offense category.)

- Offenses:

  o Crime Against Person—one for each victim.

  o Crime Against Property—one for each unique offense type.

  o Crime Against Society—one for each unique offense type.

- Victims–one for each victim connected to each offense type in an incident. (In multiple-offense incidents, a victim was counted for each connected offense type.)

- Known Offenders–one for each offender connected to each offense type in an incident except for unknown offenders, who were not counted.