



## Data Declaration

### Offenders

#### Age

#### by Offense Category, 2018

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

### General Comments

- This table shows the number of offenders in each age group by the offense category to which they are connected. The term known offender does not imply the identity of the suspect is known, but only that an attribute of the suspect has been identified which distinguishes him/her from an unknown offender.
- 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

- The UCR Program counted one offender for each offense type to which they were connected, with the exception of unknown offenders. In a multiple-offense incident, each offender (for which data was submitted) was counted more than once.
- The offender data were aggregated by the age groupings presented and broken down by their associated offense categories. Figures in the Unknown Age column represent the number of offenders whose age was unknown.

**Note:** Data for the 1,735,468 incidents reported with unknown offenders are not included in this table because nothing is known about the offender(s). For example, a murder victim was found, but no information about the person who committed the crime was known. Consequently, neither the offender data nor the associated offense data were used in constructing this table.