Data Declaration

Offenses Involving Offender's Suspected Use Drugs/Narcotics and Alcohol by Offense Category, 2018

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

General Comments

- This table shows the number of offenses in which offenders were suspected of using drugs/narcotics and/or alcohol during or shortly before perpetrating the crime by the number of offenses per offense category. 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 the offense categories shown, see Crimes Against Persons, Property, and Society in this publication.)

- In NIBRS, law enforcement must indicate whether any of the offenders related to an offense were suspected of consuming alcohol or using drugs/narcotics during or shortly before the incident, or of using computer equipment to perpetrate a crime. Law enforcement agencies may report up to three types of usage (alcohol, computer equipment [handheld devices], drugs/narcotics, or not applicable) for each reported offense in an incident.

Methodology

This table uses the following rules and then distributes the data by whether law enforcement suspected that the offender used drugs/narcotics and/or alcohol during or shortly before perpetrating the crime by the number of offenses per offense category:

- Offense Categories:

    o Crime Against Persons—one for each victim.

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

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

- Offenses Involving Offender's Suspected Use—one in each involvement category for each offense type where the Offender Suspected of Using contains Drugs/Narcotics or Alcohol, respectively.

- Percent—percentage of offenses associated with the offender's use of Drugs/Narcotics and/or Alcohol Involvement in an offense by offense category.

  Percentage = Type of Involvement/Total Offenses (round to tenths/round up)

Note: Drugs/Narcotics and Alcohol Involvement will not add to Total Offenses because the offender may have used both in the incident and/or this table only shows two aspects of the Offender Suspected of Using.