Incidents and Offenses

Through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), law enforcement agencies may report up to ten offenses within an incident, offering a more complete picture of crime occurrences than traditional reporting. In NIBRS, an "incident" is defined as one or more offenses committed by the same offender, or group of offenders acting in concert, at the same time and place.

"Acting in concert" means that these individuals actually commit or assist in the commission of the crime(s). Therefore, all of the offenders must be aware of, and consent to, the commission of the crime(s); or, even if nonconsenting, their actions assist in the commission of the offense(s). This is important because all of the offenders in an incident are considered to have committed all of the offenses in the incident. If one or more of the offenders did not act in concert, then there is more than one incident involved.

"Same time and place" means that the time interval between the offenses and the distance between the locations where they occurred was insignificant. Normally, the offenses must have occurred during unbroken time durations and at the same or adjoining location(s). However, incidents can also be comprised of offenses that, by their nature, involve continuing criminal activity by the same offender(s) at different times and places, as long as the activity is deemed to constitute a single criminal transaction.

NIBRS data submissions address crime incidents and all the elements associated with them for 52 Group A offenses in 23 offense categories. (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.) The Group A Incident Report captures information about these Group A offenses (up to ten per incident) within six data segments: administrative, offense, property, victim, offender, and arrestee. Using a prescribed set of data elements and data values, law enforcement agencies report detailed information regarding individual crime incidents, including location, weapon use, bias motivation, other types of criminal activity, and the offender's use of drugs, alcohol, and/or computers.

Incidents may also have property segments associated with them for certain types of offenses. Property information includes type and value of property stolen or damaged, the number of premises entered, and the method of entry. The property segment also captures any drug information, including type and quantity that may be associated with the incident. With

incidents involving a motor vehicle theft offense, this segment also includes the number of stolen and recovered motor vehicles.

In addition to Group A offenses, there are 10 Group B offenses for which only Group B Arrest Reports are made. For a complete listing of Group A and Group B offenses, see Offense Definitions in this publication. Components of the Group A Incident Report and the Group B Arrest Report follow.

Group A Incident Report

Administrative Segment
- ORI
- Incident Number
- Cargo Theft
- Incident Date/Report Date Indicator/Hour
- Cleared Exceptionally
- Exceptional Clearance Date
- Exceptional Clearance Offense Code

Offense Segment
- UCR Offense Code
- Offense Attempted/Completed
- Offender Suspected of Using
- Bias Motivation
- Location Type
- Number of Premises Entered
- Method of Entry
- Type Criminal Activity/Gang Information
- Type Weapon/Force Involved
- Automatic Weapon Indicator

Property Segment
- Type Property Loss/Etc.
- Property Description
- Value of Property
- Date Recovered
- Number of Stolen Motor Vehicles
- Number of Recovered Motor Vehicles
- Suspected Drug Type
- Estimated Drug Quantity
- Type Drug Measurement

Victim Segment
- Victim Sequence Number
- Victim Connected to UCR Offense Code
- Type of Victim
- Type of Officer Activity/Circumstance
- Officer Assignment Type
- Officer–ORI Other Jurisdiction
- Age, Sex, Race, and Ethnicity of Victim
- Resident Status of Victim
- Aggravated Assault/Homicide Circumstances
- Additional Justifiable Homicide Circumstances
- Type Injury
- Offender Number to be Related
- Relationship of Victim to Offender

Offender Segment
- Offender Sequence Number
- Age, Sex, Race, and Ethnicity of Offender

Arrestee Segment
- Arrestee Sequence Number
- Arrestee Transition Number
- Arrest Date
- Type of Arrest
- Multiple Arrestee Segments Indicator
- UCR Arrest Offense Code
- Arrestee Was Armed with Automatic Weapon Indicator
- Age, Sex, Race, and Ethnicity of Arrestee
- Resident Status of Arrestee
- Disposition of Arrestee Under 18
- Clearance Indicator
- Clearance Offense Code

Group B Arrest Report

ORI
Arrestee Sequence Number
Arrestee Transition Number
Arrest Date
Type of Arrest
Multiple Arrestee Segments Indicator
UCR Arrest Offense Code
Arrestee Was Armed with Automatic
   Weapon Indicator
Age, Sex, Race, and Ethnicity of Arrestee
Resident Status of Arrestee
Disposition of Arrestee Under 18