



### Understanding Changes in *Crime in the United States, 2016*

#### UCR Tables

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program has been working on what has become the [UCR-Technical Refresh](#) since 2010. Throughout the planning of this project, it has been the intention of the UCR Program to streamline the publications, including *Crime in the United States (CIUS)*, and to reduce the number of data tables in the reports. To ensure accessibility of UCR data, part of the project was the creation of an online Crime Data Explorer (CDE), a portal for public access. The goal of the CDE is to make nationwide crime statistics available to the American public in a flexible and timelier manner through a web interface. The CDE was launched on June 30, 2017, and is part of the UCR Program's [Crime Data Modernization Initiative](#).

As part of the process to streamline its publications, the UCR Program reviewed web analytics to determine how often tables were viewed online. That review, along with the delivery of the CDE, was the catalyst in the reduction of data tables in the 2016 publication of *CIUS*. Most of the tables removed from the publication provide alternate views of the same data. For example, there were originally four rate tables. Three of those four tables were removed; the table kept was:

- Rate: Number of Crimes per 100,000 Inhabitants by Population Group.

The tables removed were:

- Rate: Number of Crimes per 100,000 Inhabitants by Suburban and Nonsuburban Cities by Population Group;
- Rate: Number of Crimes per 100,000 Inhabitants by Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Counties by Population Group; and
- Rate: Number of Crimes per 100,000 Inhabitants Additional Information About Selected Offenses by Population Group.

summary of the changes made in *CIUS, 2016* follow:

- Previously, 127 tables comprised *CIUS*—including Federal Crime Data, Cargo Theft, and Human Trafficking.
- Overall, 74 tables were discontinued; this represents a 58.3% reduction in the number of data tables (not data presented).
- Of the 74 discontinued tables, 36 were arrest tables, which is 48.6% of the eliminated tables. Many of these presentations were designed to look at the same data in different ways much in the same manner the rate tables did.

#### Looking Forward

The new CDE is being implemented in several phases. Planned enhancements to the CDE include adding more data types, as well as increasing the data available for downloading and use via the Application Program Interface.



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The UCR Program was fully aware some of the deleted data tables might be requested. The UCR Program is tracking those data requests to determine which, if any, of the deleted tables should be included in future publications or made available through the CDE.

Data no longer presented in the publication may be requested by contacting UCR customer service via e-mail at [crimestatsinfo@fbi.gov](mailto:crimestatsinfo@fbi.gov).