



A Word About NIBRS

August 2013—As the national UCR Program moves forward with our redevelopment project and effort to accept only paperless submissions, equally important is addressing the need of our law enforcement contributors and criminal justice partners to see the richness of NIBRS data in an annual publication. The NIBRS data provides a new publication that shows a more detailed picture of crime than has been previously available for crimes against persons, crimes against property, and crimes against society. The national UCR Program staff is grateful to the local, county, and state agencies that have invested in incident-based reporting; without their commitment this rich data could not be presented.

NIBRS 2011

This publication presents 32 tables that show the diversity and complexity of incident-based data collected. It provides:

- Data for 22 offense categories
- Victim data for most offenses
- Offender data for most offenses
- Location data for most offenses
- Time of day for most incidents
- Weapon data for select offenses
- Drug and alcohol involvement in offenses
- Gang involvement in offenses
- Attempted vs completed offenses
- Clearances by incidents
- Relationship of victims to offenders for most offenses

NIBRS Spotlight

In addition, this first NIBRS publication features 24 tables about forcible sex offenses and nonforcible sex offenses, shedding light on details of these crimes not collected elsewhere in the UCR Program, e.g., victim, offender, and victim-to-offender relationship data. This special section, NIBRS Spotlight, will be featured in each publication to focus on crime problems that NIBRS can help address.

If you are new to NIBRS, we offer resources to help you get to know the data collection. If you are familiar with NIBRS, we hope you will find the data helpful in resource planning and administration, as a model in which your jurisdiction will want to participate, or in studying a specific aspect of crime. As we publish our annual UCR publications this fall—Crime in the United States, 2012; Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2012; and Hate Crime Statistics, 2012—be sure to watch for our next edition about incident-based data, NIBRS 2012.

~National UCR Program