



Recent Changes to the NIBRS

The FBI UCR Program, as part of the UCR Redevelopment Project (UCRRP), released the *NIBRS Technical Specification, Version 1.0*, which is now available on the web at <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr>. The *NIBRS Technical Specification* captures the procedural requirements of a legacy NIBRS position-based flat-file submission and includes updated technical requirements based on the New UCR system the UCRRP is developing for January 2014. FBI UCR Program policy and training information captured in the documents referenced below have not been included in this specification but will be forthcoming.

The UCRRP is the vehicle by which the FBI is modernizing its legacy mainframe-based UCR system to improve its ability to collect, analyze, and report on national crime statistics. The New UCR system will include the ability to process NIBRS data in Extensible Markup Language or XML format. However, in order to minimize impacts to law enforcement agencies (LEAs) that participate in the FBI UCR Program, the New UCR system will also continue to accept data submissions in the legacy NIBRS flat-file format used today. The *NIBRS Technical Specification* is based on the following legacy documentation:

- NIBRS Volume 1: *Data Collection Guidelines*, August 2000
- NIBRS Volume 2: *Data Submission Specifications*, November 2001
- NIBRS Volume 4: *Error Message Manual*, December 1999
- *NIBRS Addendum for Submitting LEOKA Data*, October 2002
- *NIBRS Addendum for Submitting Cargo Theft Data*, January 2010
- *NIBRS Addendum for Submitting Additional Location and Property Data Values*, March 2010
- *UCR State Program Bulletins*, 1999 –2012

The specification includes recent Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Advisory Policy Board (APB) and the Office of Management and Budget policy mandates to the FBI UCR Program related to Human Trafficking, Hate Crime Statistics, and Race and Ethnicity information in addition to changes needed for the New UCR system. Some of the changes include:

- Forcible Rape, Forcible Sodomy, and Forcible Fondling have been renamed to 11A = Rape, 11B = Sodomy, and 11D = Fondling
- Human Trafficking
 - Addition of offense codes 64A = Commercial Sex Acts, 64B = Involuntary Servitude, and 40C = Purchasing Prostitution



- Hate Crime Statistics
 - Addition of location code 57 = Community Center
 - Modification of bias motivation code 43 = Anti-Homosexual (Gay & Lesbian) to 43 = Anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender, Mixed Group (LGBT)
 - Addition of bias motivation codes 61 = Anti-Male, 62 = Anti-Female, 71 = Anti-Transgender, and 72 = Anti-Gender Non-Conforming
 - Addition of four additional bias motivations allowed per offense type
- Race and Ethnicity
 - Addition of race code P = Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 - Modification of other race codes to B = Black or African American, I = American Indian or Alaska Native, and A = Asian
 - Modification of ethnicity codes to H = Hispanic or Latino and N = Not Hispanic or Latino
 - Addition of racial bias motivation code 16 = Anti-Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 - Modification of other racial bias motivation codes to 12 = Anti-Black or African American, 13 = Anti-American Indian or Alaska Native, and 14 = Anti-Asian
 - Modification of ethnicity bias motivation codes to 32 = Anti-Hispanic or Latino and 33 = Anti-Not Hispanic or Latino
 - Addition of Data Element 39A (Offender Ethnicity)
- Time-Window Submissions—Data storage will no longer be an issue in the New UCR system; therefore, Time-Window submissions are no longer required. Since many LEAs will continue to submit these data until their records management systems are updated, the FBI UCR Program will continue to accept Time-Window submissions; however, these submissions will simply replace the existing data with the updated data. To allow LEAs latitude in submitting non-Time-Window Submissions, Segment Action Types M = Modify, A = Add, and D = Delete will be allowed for adding exceptional clearance, recovered property, and additional arrest data to previously-submitted incidents. For more information, refer to “Time-Window and Pre-NIBRS Segments (a.k.a. Orphan Segments)” in the specification.