



## Data Declaration

### Table 14

#### **Crime Trends by Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Counties, by Population Group, 2006-2007**

The FBI collects these data through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

#### **General comments**

- This 2-year trend table provides the number of offenses for 2006 and 2007 and the percent change between these 2 years for metropolitan counties and nonmetropolitan counties.
- Metropolitan counties include sheriffs and county law enforcement agencies associated with a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).
- Nonmetropolitan counties include sheriffs and county law enforcement agencies that are not associated with an MSA.
- Offenses from state police agencies are not included in this table.

#### **Methodology**

- The data used in creating this table were from all law enforcement agencies submitting at least 6 common months of complete offense reports for 2006 and 2007.
- In calculating trends, the UCR Program includes only common reported months for individual agencies.

#### **Population estimation**

For the 2007 population estimates used in this table, the FBI computed individual rates of growth from one year to the next for every city/town and county using 2000 decennial

population counts and 2001 through 2006 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. Each agency's rates of growth were averaged; that average was then applied and added to its 2006 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2007 population estimate.

**If you have questions about this table**

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