



## Data Declaration

### Forcible Sex Offenses Offense Type by Gang Involvement, 2011

The FBI collects these data through the FBI UCR Program's NIBRS.

#### General Comment

This table shows the number of offenses per sex offense type by the offender's gang involvement.

#### Methodology

This table uses the following rules and then aggregates the data by whether the offender was involved in a gang:

- Sex Offenses columns – count one for each victim, i.e., Victim Segment, connected to each sex offense type in the incident (in a multiple-offense incident, count a victim for each connected sex offense type).
- Gang Involvement – count one in each gang involvement category for each sex offense type where Data Element 12 (Type Criminal Activity/Gang Information) contains the applicable data value, i.e., J = Juvenile Gang, G = Other Gang, N = None/Unknown, respectively.

Notes: Since offenders may be associated with more than one type of gang, this table counts each applicable type of gang involvement.

Type Criminal Activity/Gang Information is collected for only 11 NIBRS offense types, with only these sex offense types used in this table:

- 11A = Forcible Rape
- 11B = Forcible Sodomy
- 11C = Sexual Assault with an Object
- 11D = Forcible Fondling

Juvenile Gang refers to a group of persons, the majority of whom are under 18 years of age, who act in concert, especially for antisocial or criminal purposes; members typically have common identifying signs and symbols, such as hand signals and distinctive colors; they are also known as street gangs.



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Other Gang refers to persons associated with the world of criminal gangs and organized crime commonly related to widespread criminal activities that are coordinated and controlled through a central syndicate and who rely on their unlawful activities for income; they traditionally extort money from businesses by intimidation, violence, or other illegal methods.

Data Element 12 (Type Criminal Activity/Gang Information) cannot contain N = None/Unknown along with any other data value.

Gang Involvement will not add to Total Forcible Sex Offenses because this data element is not mandatory and NIBRS-reporting agencies do not all submit this type of information.