



## A Word About NIBRS

Created to improve the quantity and quality of crime data collected by law enforcement, the FBI UCR Program's NIBRS captures more detailed information for each single crime occurrence than the traditional Summary Reporting System (SRS). When used to its full potential at the agency level, the NIBRS identifies with precision when and where crime takes place, what form it takes, and the characteristics of its victims and perpetrators. As more law enforcement agencies (LEAs) submit their crime data via the NIBRS, they—along with legislators, municipal planners and administrators, academicians, researchers, and the general public—will be better able to assess the scope of the nation's crime problem.

*NIBRS 2012* shows the rich details captured through incident-based reporting. This second compilation of annual NIBRS data represents crime reported for calendar year 2012 by 6,115 LEAs around the nation, approximately 33 percent of all agencies that submit data to the FBI UCR Program. The data include information on incidents, offenses, victims, and known offenders for 46 specific crimes in 22 major offense categories. The report details the age, sex, and race of victims, offenders, and arrestees; crime locations and times of day; and the type of weapons and force involved. Comprised of 97 tables, *NIBRS 2012* features 32 offense tables about crimes against persons, crimes against property, and crimes against society; 24 tables on sex offenses; 36 tables that list offenses by state by individual law enforcement agency; and 5 tables focusing on the demographics of the arrestees connected to NIBRS incidents.

### *NIBRS 2012*

This publication presents 97 tables that show the diversity and complexity of incident-based data collected. It provides:

- 36 tables with individual agency data
- 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
- Arrestee demographic
- 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

The FBI UCR Program encourages LEAs currently submitting data using the SRS to consider a change to NIBRS. Through national coordinators, new submission specifications and user manuals available online, and other outreach initiatives, the FBI UCR Program stands ready to support law enforcement with the technical and educational aspects of submitting NIBRS data.



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National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)**

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The FBI's UCR Program staff is committed to helping the NIBRS reach its full potential as a nationally representative picture of crime in our nation. Ultimately, with that information, law enforcement can better define the resources it needs to fight crime, as well as use those resources in the most efficient and effective manner.

*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.*

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