Incidents

An "incident" is defined for NIBRS reporting purposes as one or more offenses committed by the same offender, or group of offenders acting in concert, at the same time and place. "Acting in concert" requires offenders actually commit or assist in the commission of the crime(s). The offenders must be aware of, and consent to, the commission of the crime(s); or even if nonconsenting, their actions assist in the commission of the offense(s). This is important because all of the offenders in an incident are considered to have committed all of the offenses in the incident. If one or more of the offenders did not act in concert, then there is more than one incident involved.

"Same time and place" means that the time internal between the offenses and the distance between the locations where they occurred were insignificant. Normally, the offenses must have occurred during an unbroken time duration and at the same or adjoining location(s). However, incidents can also be comprised of offenses which by their nature involve continuing criminal activity by the same offender(s) at different times and places, as long as the activity is deemed to constitute a single criminal transaction.

NIBRS data submissions address crime incidents and all the elements associated with them, e.g., offenses, victims, offenders, property loss, clearances, and arrestees. The Group A Incident Report is used to report all information about Group A offenses within six categories: administrative, offense, property, victim, offender, and arrestee. Law enforcement agencies collect detailed data regarding individual crime incidents and arrests and use prescribed data elements and data values to describe each incident and arrest.

Property

Incidents may also have property segments associated with them for certain types of offenses. Property information includes type and value of property stolen or damaged. The property segment also includes any drug information, including type and quantity that may be associated with the incident. This segment also captures the number of stolen and recovered motor vehicles associated for incidents with a motor vehicle theft offense.

Group A Incident Report

Administrative Data

ORI Number Exceptional Clearance
Incident Number Exceptional Clearance Date
Incident Data/Hour

Offense Data

UCR Offense Codes Number of Premises Entered Offense

Attempted/Completed Method of Entry

Offender Suspected of Using Type of Criminal Activity/Gang Information

Bias Motivation Location Type

Type Weapon/Force Involved

Property Data

Type Property Loss/Etc. Number of Recovered Motor Vehicles

Property Description Suspected Drug Type

Value of Property Estimated Drug Quantity/Type Drug

Date Recovered Estimated Drug Quantity/Type Drug Measurement

Number of Stolen Motor Vehicles

Victim Data

Victim Sequence Number Resident Status of Victim

Victim Connected to UCR Offense Code Aggravated Assault/Homicide Circumstances

Type of Victim Additional Justifiable Homicide Circumstances

Age of Victim Type of Injury

Sex of Victim Offender Number to be Related
Race of Victim Relationship of Victim to Offender

Ethnicity of Victim

Offender Data

Offender Sequence Number Sex of Offender
Age of Offender Race of Offender

Arrestee Data

Arrestee Sequence Number Arrestee was Armed With

Arrest Transaction Number Age of Arrestee
Arrest Date Sex of Arrestee
Type of Arrest
Race of Arrestee

Multiple Arrestee Segments Indicator Ethnicity of Arrestee

Arrest Offense Code Resident Status of Arrestee

Disposition of Arrestee Under 18