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Submissions Check-up

PUBLISHED DATA

Please monitor your IBR monthly files to be sure that each file contains the approximate number of incidents that should be reported each month. **The FBI will not publish an agency's figures in the *Crime In The United States* if any month is not reported or any month looks as if it has been underreported.**



MONTHLY SUBMISSIONS

Agencies are encouraged to submit their UCR/Summary or NIBRS statistics on a monthly basis, if possible. We encourage you to make these submissions by the 10th of each month. By turning in the previous month's data by the 10th of the following month

(i.e., January's data by February 10th) your agency assists us in compiling up to date and accurate statistics. It helps prevent a data backlog at the end of the year. We appreciate your hard work!

Bias Motivations

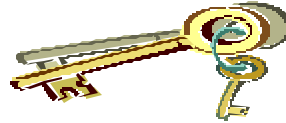


The national Program urges state and local agencies to be diligent when classifying and verifying incidents as bias motivated. In addition, the Program asks that agencies make appropriate corrections and submit them in a timely manner.

In NIBRS, incidents that do not involve any facts indicating biased motivation

on the part of the offender are to be reported as 88=None, whereas incidents involving ambiguous facts (some facts are present but are not conclusive) should be reported as 99=Unknown. (*National Incident-Based Reporting System, Volume 1: Data Collection Guidelines*).

Keynotes



- ◆ All law enforcement agencies that are currently testing NIBRS still need to submit UCR/Summary data until the respective law enforcement agency's NIBRS data meets error rate guidelines set forth by ACIC. Once the agency's NIBRS data falls under the error rate guidelines the appropriate agency contact will be notified and the agency can discontinue its data submission in the UCR/Summary format.
- ◆ The FBI's NIBRS error reports will be returned to each agency via e-mail. We ask

that you correct the noted errors. The corrections should automatically attach to the next monthly NIBRS submission your agency submits. If any of the errors listed within the error reports are "Time-Window" errors, then the agency can disregard those specific errors.

- ◆ If your agency is submitting in NIBRS format or UCR/Summary format, please do not forget to submit you data on a monthly basis. Thank you!

NIBRS Data Cycle



FBI's UCR Section

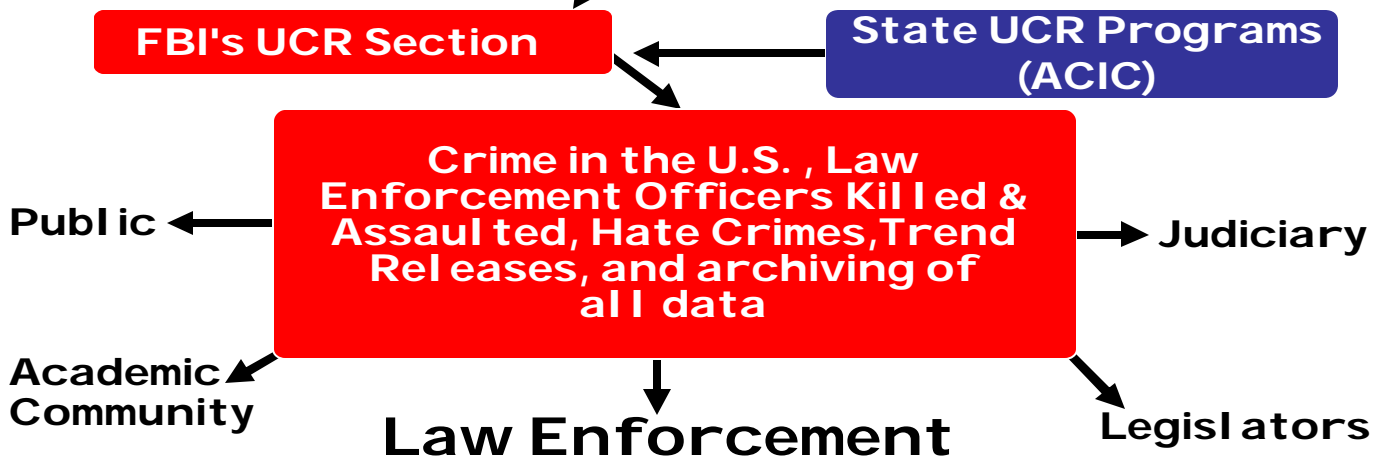
State UCR Programs (ACIC)

Crime in the U.S., Law Enforcement Officers Killed & Assaulted, Hate Crimes, Trend Releases, and archiving of all data

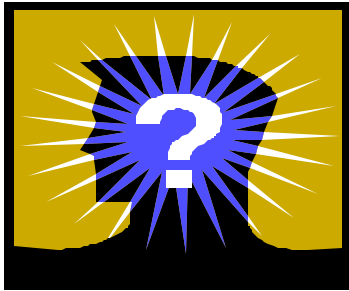
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Legislators

Law Enforcement



Frequently Asked Questions



How do you classify an incident when you have a murder and the subject commits sui-

cide? Both the victim and the subject are on medication for depression. The investigation could not determine if the victim had asked subject to kill her. Is this a “Mercy Killing” or “Other Circumstances?”

The classification is 09A Murder and Nonnegligent manslaughter, one victim. The UCR Program does not collect data on suicide victims. The Handbook states that “selections of

circumstances should be based on information known to law enforcement following their investigation, not decisions of a grand jury, coroner’s inquest, or other agency outside law enforcement” (*UCR Handbook, NIBRS Edition, p. 49.*) As the investigation did not determine that the victim had asked the subject to kill her, the agency should use “other circumstances” to best describe the situation.

NIBRS WORD SEARCH # 2

A K S I D E T A V A R G G A A	ADMINISTRATIVE	AGGRAVATED
E D X N K O O E D O C E B R F	ARRESTEE	ARSON
L H M T C R F D N S Q C R R C	ASSAULT	BRIBERY
P O F I I C F F G P E N I E O	BURGLARY	CLEARANCE
M U P M N S T U E X K A B S Y	CODE	COMPUTERS
I R E I N I R N C N Z R E T R	DATE	DRUGS
S P R D A D S E E S D A R E A	EXCEPTIONAL	FIREARMS
Z W R A R S P T T D L E Y E L	HOUR	INCIDENT
J R N T V T S N R U I L R Q G	INTIMIDATION	OFFENDER
T W G I I D E A I A P C F V R	OFFENSE	ORI
A R S O N M A I U R T M N A U	PROPERTY	SEGMENTS
W G N N G F C T N L O I O I B	SIMPLE	VICTIM
R A W E P R O P E R T Y V C Q		
L R S M R A E R I F H Y S E T		
O F F E N S E M I T C I V J B		



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