

ICPSR 35019

Uniform Crime Reporting Program Data: County-Level Detailed Arrest and Offense Data, 2012

Description

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Bibliographic Description

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Scope of Study

Summary: This data collection contains county-level counts of arrests and offenses for Part I offenses (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, auto theft, and arson) and counts of arrests for Part II offenses (forgery, fraud, embezzlement, vandalism, weapons violations, sex offenses, drug and alcohol abuse violations, gambling, vagrancy, curfew violations, and runaways).

Subject Term(s): aggravated assault, alcohol, arrests, arson, assault, auto theft, burglary, counties, crime rates, crime reporting, crime statistics, drug abuse, embezzlement, fraud, illegal gambling, larceny, law enforcement, murder, offenses, rape, robbery, sex offenses, Uniform Crime Reports, vandalism, weapons offenses

Smallest Geographic Unit: county

Geographic Coverage: United States

Time Period: • 2012

Date(s) of Collection: • 2012

Unit of Observation: county

Universe: County law enforcement agencies in the United States.

Data Type: aggregate data

Data Collection Notes: Two major changes to the Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) county-level files were implemented beginning with the 1994 data. A new imputation algorithm to adjust for incomplete reporting by individual law enforcement jurisdictions was adopted. Within each county, data from agencies reporting 3 to 11 months of information were weighted to yield 12-month equivalents. Data for agencies reporting less than three months of data were replaced with data estimated by rates calculated from agencies reporting 12 months of data located in the agency's geographic stratum within its state. Secondly, a new Coverage Indicator was created to provide users with a diagnostic measure of aggregated data quality in a particular county. Data from agencies reporting only statewide figures were allocated to the counties in the state in proportion to each county's share of the state population.

In the arrest files (Parts 1-3 and 5-7), data were estimated for agencies reporting zero months based on the procedures mentioned above. However, due to the structure of the data received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), estimations could not be produced for agencies reporting zero months in the crimes reported files (Parts 4 and 8). Offense data for agencies reporting one or two months are estimated using the above procedures. Users are encouraged to refer to the codebook for more information.

No arrest data were provided for Alabama and Florida. Limited arrest data were provided for Illinois and South Dakota. Limited crimes reported data were available for Alaska, Illinois, Mississippi, and South Dakota.

UCR program staff at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) were consulted in developing the new adjustment procedures. However, these UCR county-level files are not official FBI UCR releases and are being provided for research purposes only. Users with questions regarding these UCR county-level data files can contact the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data at ICPSR.

Methodology

Mode of Data Collection: self-enumerated questionnaire

Access and Availability

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Note: A list of the data formats available for this study can be found in the [summary of holdings](#). Detailed file-level information (such as record length, case count, and variable count) is listed in the [file manifest](#).

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Dataset(s):

- DS1: Arrests, All Ages
- DS2: Arrests, Adult
- DS3: Arrests, Juveniles
- DS4: Crimes Reported
- DS5: Allocated Statewide Data for Arrests, All Ages
- DS6: Allocated Statewide Data for Arrests, Adults
- DS7: Allocated Statewide Data for Arrests, Juveniles
- DS8: Allocated Statewide Data for Crimes Reported