



Data Declaration

Table 8

Offenses Known to Law Enforcement, by State by City, 2009

The FBI collects these data through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

General comment

This table provides the volume of violent crime (murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and property crime (burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft) as reported by city and town law enforcement agencies (listed alphabetically by state) that contributed data to the UCR Program. (Note: Arson is not included in the property crime total in this table; however, if complete arson data were provided, they will appear in the arson column.)

Caution against ranking

Readers should take into consideration relevant factors in addition to an area's crime statistics when making any valid comparisons of crime among different locales.

Variables Affecting Crime provides more details concerning the proper use of UCR statistics.

Methodology

- The data used in creating this table were from all city and town law enforcement agencies submitting 12 months of complete offense data for 2009.
- The FBI does not publish arson data unless it receives data from either the agency or the state for all 12 months of the calendar year.
- When the FBI determines that an agency's data collection methodology does not comply with national UCR guidelines, the figure(s) for that agency's offense(s) will not be included in the table, and the discrepancy will be explained in a footnote.

Population estimation

For the 2009 population estimates used in this table, the FBI computed individual rates of growth from one year to the next for every city/town and county using 2000 decennial population counts and 2001 through 2008 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. Each agency's rates of growth were averaged; that average was then applied and added to its 2008 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2009 population estimate.