



Data Declaration

Table 18

Rate: Number of Crimes per 100,000 Inhabitants, by Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Counties, by Population Group, 2006

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

General comments

- This table provides the rate per 100,000 inhabitants and the number of offenses known to law enforcement for violent crime (murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and property crime (burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft) for metropolitan and nonmetropolitan counties. In addition, the table provides the number of agencies that provided 12 months of complete data (except arson) to the UCR Program as well as the estimated population for each population group.
- Metropolitan counties include sheriffs' offices and county law enforcement agencies associated with a Metropolitan Statistical Area.
- Nonmetropolitan counties include sheriffs' offices and county law enforcement agencies that are not associated with a Metropolitan Statistical Area.
- Offenses from state police agencies are not included in this presentation.
- The UCR Program does not have sufficient data to publish arson offenses in this table; therefore, arson figures are not included.
- The FBI publishes only data that conform to UCR data collection guidelines. The data collection methodology for the offense of forcible rape used by the state UCR Programs administered by the Illinois State Police and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety do not comply with these guidelines, so the FBI does not use these data in computing the rates for this table. Instead, the FBI computes the rates by estimating forcible rape offenses for each population group for Illinois and

Minnesota. The figures are obtained by applying the national rates for each population group, which include only the agencies that supplied 12 months of complete data, to each population group in these two states.

Methodology

- The data used in creating this table were from all law enforcement agencies submitting 12 months of complete data (except arson) for 2006.
- The FBI derived the offense rates by first dividing the total aggregated offense estimates by the aggregated populations covered by contributing agencies and then multiplying the resulting figure by 100,000.

Population groups

The UCR Program uses the following population group designations:

Population Group	Political Label	Population Range
I	City	250,000 and more
II	City	100,000 to 249,999
III	City	50,000 to 99,999
IV	City	25,000 to 49,999
V	City	10,000 to 24,999
VI	City ¹	Less than 10,000
VIII (Nonmetropolitan County)	County ²	N/A
IX (Metropolitan County)	County ²	N/A

¹Includes universities and colleges to which no population is attributed.

²Includes state police to which no population is attributed.

Population estimation

The FBI calculated 2006 state growth rates using revised 2005 state/national population estimates and 2006 provisional state/national population estimates provided by the U.S. Census Bureau. The FBI then estimated population figures for city and county jurisdictions by applying the 2006 state growth rate to the updated 2005 U.S. Census Bureau data.

If you have questions about this table

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