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FIXED-LENGTH, UNPACKED DATA FORMAT

= 7385LRECL

BLOCKSIZE = 29540 (default)

POSITION DESCRIPTION TYPE

1 Al 1 = Identifier code for RETURN-A master file.

3 **A2** Numeric State Code. Range is 01-62. Data records are in order by ORI code within numeric state code. The values are:

50 = AK-Alaska

01 = AL-Alabama

03 = AR-Arkansas

54 = AS-American Samoa

02 = AZ-Arizona

04 = CA-California

05 = ∞-Colorado

06 = CT-Connecticut

52 = CZ-Canal Zone

08 = DC-District of Columbia

07 = DE-Delaware

09 = FL-Florida

10 = GA-Georgia

55 = GM-Guam

51 = HI-Hawaii

14 = IA-Iowa

11 = ID-Idaho

12 = IL-Illinois

13 = IN-Indiana

15 = KS-Kansas

16 = KY-Kentucky

17 = LA-Louisiana

20 = MA-Massachusetts

19 = MD-Maryland

18 = ME-Maine

21 = MI-Michigan

22 = MN-Minnesota

24 = MO-Missouri

23 = MS-Mississippi

25 = MT-Montana

26 = NB-Nebraska

32 = NC-North Carolina

33 = ND-North Dakota

28 = NH-New Hampshire

29 = NJ-New Jersey

30 = NM-New Mexico

27 = NV-Nevada

31 = NY-New York

34 = OH-Ohio

35 = OK-Oklahoma

POSITION TYPE DESCRIPTION

2 - 3 A2 Numeric State Code (continued):

36 = OR-Oregon

37 = PA-Pennsylvania

53 = PR-Puerto Rico

38 = RI-Rhode Island

39 = SC-South Carolina

40 = SD-South Dakota

41 = TN-Tennessee

42 = TX-Texas

43 = **UT-**Utah

62 = VI-Virgin Islands

45 = VA-Virginia

44 = VT-Vermont

46 = WA-Washington

48 = WI-Wisconsin

47 = WV-West Virginia

49 = WY-Wyoming

4 - 10 A7 ORI Code. Originating Agency Identifier.

11 - 12 A2 <u>Group</u>. Group 0 is possessions; 1-7 are cities; 8-9 are counties. Sub-Group (position 12) is blank when not used. All populations are inclusive. Values are:

1 = All cities 250,000 or over:

1A = Cities 1,000,000 or over

1B = Cities from 500,000 thru 999,999

1C = Cities from 250,000 thru 499,999

2 = Cities from 100,000 thru 249,999

3 = Cities from 50,000 thru 99,999

4 = Cities from 25,000 thru 49,999

5 = Cities from 10,000 thru 24,999

6 = Cities from 2,500 thru 9,999

7 = Cities under 2,500

8 = Non-MSA Counties:

8A = Non-MSA counties 100,000 or over

8B = Non-MSA counties from 25,000 thru 99,999

8C = Non-MSA counties from 10,000 thru 24,999

8D = Non-MSA counties under 10,000

8E = Non-MSA State Police

9 = MSA Counties:

9A = MSA counties 100,000 or over

9B = MSA counties from 25,000 thru 99,999

9C = MSA counties from 10,000 thru 24,999

9D = MSA counties under 10,000

9E = MSA State Police

POSITION TYPE DESCRIPTION

Division. Geographic division in which the state is located (from 1 thru 9). Possessions are coded "0." The states comprising each division are as follows. The divisions are listed within region:

0 = Possessions

Div 0: 54 American Samoa

52 Canal Zone

55 Guam

53 Puerto Rico 62 Virgin Islands

REGION I - NORTHEAST

1 = New England

Div 1: 06 Connecticut

18 Maine

20 Massachusetts

28 New Hamphire

38 Rhode Island

44 Vermont

2 = Middle Atlantic

Div 2: 29 New Jersey

31 New York

37 Pennsylvania

REGION II -- NORTH CENTRAL

3 = East North Central

Div 3: 12 Illinois

13 Indiana

21 Michigan

34 Ohio

48 Wisconsin

4 = West North Central

Div 4: 14 Iowa

15 Kansas

22 Minnesota

24 Missouri

26 Nebraska

33 North Dakota

40 South Dakota

POSITION TYPE DESCRIPTION

13 Al <u>Division</u> (continued):

REGION III -- SOUTH

5 = South Atlantic

Div 5: 07 Delaware

08 District of Columbia

09 Florida

10 Georgia

19 Maryland

32 North Carolina

39 South Carolina

45 Virginia

47 West Virginia

6 = East South Central

Div 6: 01 Alabama

16 Kentucky

23 Mississippi

41 Tennessee

7 = West South Central

Div 7: 03 Arkansas

17 Louisiana

35 Oklahoma

42 Texas

REGION IV - WEST

8 = Mountain

Div 8: 02 Arizona

05 Colorado

11 Idaho

25 Montana

27 Nevada

30 New Mexico

43 Utah

49 Wyoming

9 = Pacific

Div 9: 50 Alaska

04 California

51 Hawaii

36 Oregon

46 Washington

POSITION	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
14 - 15	A2	<u>Year</u> . Last two digits of the year the data reflects, e.g., "85" = 1985, "90" = 1990, etc.
16 - 20	A 5	<u>Sequence Number</u> . A five-digit number which places all cities in alphabetic order, regardless of state. This field is blank for groups 0, 8, and 9.
21 - 22	A2	Juvenile Age. The juvenile age limit in the state in which the agency is located.
23	Al	Core City Indication.
		Y = core city of MSA N = not core city of MSA
, 24 - 30	A 7	Covered By. The ORI of the agency that submits crime data for the agency represented by the header. For example, a county will often submit a return which includes the crime data for a city within that county. This field is blank if the agency is not a "covered-by."
.31	Al	Covered By Group. This is the group of the "Covered By" ORI above.
32 - 37	A6	<u>last Update</u> . The date the heading or mailing list information was last updated (MMDDYY).
38 - 41	A4	Field Office. The four-digit numeric code for the FBI field office whose territory covers the agency.
42 - 43	A2	Number of Months Reported. The highest "valued" month that was reported for the year by the submitting agency. For example, if October was the last month submitted or is the only month submitted, "10" would be the value. This value also can be used to stop processing once October ("10") has been processed.
	•	Again, the value does not mean that there are necessarily 10 full months reported. It does mean that the tenth month is the last month reported on the return for the year.

POSITION TYPE DESCRIPTION

44 Al Agency Count. Used to accumulate "agencies used" totals in various tabulations. This field is normally "1" but will be "0" for the U.S. Park Police and all State Police agencies whose ORI code ends in "SP" (or "99" in California).

Population Data Group (45-59) occurs 3 times.

- 45 53 N9 <u>Population Data-1 -- Population</u>. This is the population of the City in the County below.
- 54 56 A3 <u>Population Data-1 County</u>. This is the county in which the city is in.
- 57 59 A3 <u>Population Data-1 -- MSA</u>. If present, it is the code of the MSA in which it is located.
- 60 74 15 <u>Population Data-2 Group</u>. If city resides in two counties, this is the second largest county population.
- 75 89 15 <u>Population Data-3 Group</u>. If city resides in three counties, this is the third largest county population.

NOTE: Adding the three populations provides the total population of the city.

90 - 98 N9 <u>Population 1 - Last Census</u>. 99 -107 N9 <u>Population 2 - Last Census</u>. 108-116 N9 <u>Population 3 - Last Census</u>.

These are the populations taken from the previous census. The fields correspond to the meaning of the previous three Population Data Groups.

Population Source. No documentation exists that reflects the year to year code changes. This was the source for the current population. This can be from certain commercial publications, from a special census or extra population based on the data from prior years or from the census. If unused, it should be blank. The code values are 1-9, but meanings of the codes are not available.

POSITION TYPE DESCRIPTION

118 Al <u>Follow-Up Indication</u>. Periodically all agencies submitting RETURN-A's are checked to see if they have submitted a return for the preceding months. If not they are sent a "Follow-Up" return. This indication is used to show if this particular agency should be sent a "Follow-Up."

Y = Send a Follow-Up.

N = Do Not Send a Follow-Up.

- 119 Al Special Mailing Group. When addressing RETURN-A's, the tape is sorted by Zip Code so that the forms can be mailed by geographic area. Special Mailing Group agencies are excluded from this arrangement and are handled separately. The field contains:
 - 0 = If not a special mailing group agency.
 - 1 = If the return is to be sent to another
 agency.
 - 2 = Small city (groups 5-7) to be sent a large city (groups 1-4) form.
 - 7 = If the agency is a "Non-Contributor," it is not sent forms.
 - 9 = If the agency is a Contributor but not on the mailing list, they are not sent forms.
- 120 Al <u>Special Mailing Address</u>. This indication is used when the first line of the mailing address is other than "Chief of Police" or "Sheriff."

Y = Special mailing address.

N = Not a special mailing address.

- 121 144 A24 Agency Name.
- 145 150 A6 Agency State Name.
- 151 180 A30 First Line of Mailing Address.
- 181 210 A30 Second Line of Mailing Address.

POSITION TYPE DESCRIPTION

211 - 240 A30 Third Line of Mailing Address.

241 - 270 A30 Fourth Line of Mailing Address.

271 - 275 A5 Zip Code.

276 Al <u>Old Population Group</u>. The population group the agency was in the previous year.

277 - 305 A29 <u>UNUSED -- BLANKS</u>.

DETAIL

The area represented by positions 306-895 occurs once for each month for which a return has been received. If there are any missing months, the corresponding area will be zeros and blanks, depending on field type. For example, a return for October will always be in the tenth position, July will always be in the seventh, etc. The number of months received is located in Number of Months Reported in positions 42-43.

Month data in 306-895 occurs 12 times.

306 - 895 590 <u>01-January</u>.

Month

Month Included In. Used only if an agency does not submit a return, say for January, but indicates on the February return that it includes the January data. In this case, the January area would have "02" in this field with the remainder of the month data initialized to field defaults of zeros and blanks, as applicable.

308 - 313 A6 <u>Date of Last Update</u>. The date this month area was updated, in the form of MMDDYY.

POSITION	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
314	Al .	Card O Type. The type of data in column 3 of the RETURN-A. The types are:
		<pre>0 = Not Updated. 2 = Adjustment. 4 = Not Available. 5 = Normal Return.</pre>
315	Al	Card 1 Type. Same codes as Card 0, except it is for column 4.
316	Al	<pre>Card 2 Type. Same codes as Card 0, except it is for column 5.</pre>
317	Al	<u>Card 3 Type</u> . Same codes as Card 0, except it is for column 6.
318	Al	<u>Card 4 Type</u> . Same codes as Card 0, except it is for Police Assault information on the RETURN-A. If value is "8," the information is included but is unusable.
319	Al	Card 0 P/T. Shows whether the data for column 3 includes the "breakdown" offenses (P), or shows only the totals (T). Field is blank if no return has been received.
320	Al	Card 1 P/T. As noted above but for column 4.
321	Al	Card 2 P/T. As noted above but for column 5.
322	Al	Card 3 P/T. As noted above but for column 6.

POSITION TYPE DESCRIPTION

CARD 0

323 - 462 N140 <u>Card 0</u>. The next 28 fields contain the "number of unfounded offenses" information entered from column 3 (Card 0). All fields will be zeros for records prior to 1983.

323 - 327 N5 1-Murder

328 - 332 N5 2-Manslaughter

333 - 337 N5 3-Rape Total

338 - 342 N5 4-Rape by Force

343 - 347 N5 5-Attempted Rape

348 - 352 N5 6-Robbery Total

353 - 357 N5 7-Robbery With a Gun

358 - 362 N5 8-Robbery With a Knife

363 - 367 N5 9-Robbery - Other Weapon

368 - 372 N5 10-Strong-Arm Robbery

373 - 377 N5 11-Assault Total

378 - 382 N5 12-Assault With a Gun

383 - 387 N5 13-Assault With a Knife

388 - 392 N5 14-Assault - Other Weapon

393 - 397 N5 15-Assault With Hands, Feet, etc.

398 - 402 N5 16-Simple Assault

403 - 407 N5 17-Burglary Total

408 - 412 N5 18-Burglary - Forcible Entry

413 - 417 N5 19-Burglary - No Forcible Entry

418 - 422 N5 20-Attempted Burglary

423 - 427 N5 21-Larceny Total

428 - 432 N5 22-Motor Vehicle Theft Total

POSITION TYPE DESCRIPTION 433 - 437 N5 23-Auto Theft 438 - 442 N5 24-Truck, Bus Theft 443 - 447 N5 25-Other Vehicle Theft 448 - 452 N5 26-Grand Total of All Fields 453 - 457 N5 27-Larceny Under \$50.00 458 - 462 N5 28-UNUSED

CARD 1

\delta - 602 N140 Card 1. The next 28 fields contain the "Number of Actual Offenses" information entered from column 4 (Card 1). Field 27 will contain data only if the tape is for a year prior to 1974.

Same field definitions as Card 0.

CARD 2

Offenses Cleared by Arrest" information entered from column 5 (Card 2). Field 27 will contain data only if the tape is for a year prior to 1974.

Same field definitions as Card 0.

CARD 3

√743 - 882 N140 <u>Card 3</u>. The next 28 fields contain the "Number of Clearances Under 18" information entered from column 6 (Card 3). Field 27 will contain data only if the tape is for a year prior to 1974.

Same field definitions as Card 0.

CARD 4

883 - 885 N3 <u>Number of Officers Killed by Felonious Acts</u>. Information entered from Card 4, Police Assault data.

886 - 888 N3 Number of Officers Killed by Accidental or Negligent Acts. Information entered from Card 4, Police Assault data.

POSITION TYPE DESCRIPTION

889 - 895 N7 <u>Number of Officers Assaulted.</u> Information entered from Card 4, Police Assault data.

END OF MONTH

896 -1485 590	02-February.	Same format as January.
1486-2075 590	03-March.	Same format as January.
2076-2665 590	04-April.	Same format as January.
2666-3255 590	05-May.	Same format as January.
3256-3845 590	<u>06-June</u> .	Same format as January.
3846-4435 590	07-July.	Same format as January.
4436-5025 590	08-August.	Same format as January.
5026-5615 590	09-September.	Same format as January.
5616-6205 590	10-October.	Same format as January.
6206-6795 590	11-November.	Same format as January.
6796-7385 590	12-December.	Same format as January.
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Negative Entries in data fields

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P = -7

1M = -14

J = -1

Q = -8

1N = -15

K = -2

R = -9

L = -3

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1J = -11

N = -5

1K = -12

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1L = -13