Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation

The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) is the principal investigative arm of the U.S. Department of Justice. The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program was conceived in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to meet a need for reliable, uniform crime statistics for the nation. In 1930, the FBI was tasked with collecting, publishing, and archiving those statistics. A 5-year redesign effort to provide more comprehensive and detailed crime statistics resulted in the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) which collects data on each reported crime incident. The UCR Program is currently being expanded to NIBRS.

Dataset: Arrests by Age and Gender from the Arrests Database

Shows arrests (total and per 100,000 people) by age and sex of arrestee, offense, state, county, and jurisdiction. Because a person may be arrested multiple times during the year, the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) arrest figures do not reflect the number of individuals who have been arrested. Rather, the arrest data show the number of times that persons are arrested, as reported by law enforcement agencies to the UCR Program.

Several factors must be recognized in analyzing the UCR arrests data: The FBI uses a code for...
UCR originating agency identifier (ORI) that is mapped here to Census FIPS codes in order to report at the county level, which can impact roll-ups to the state level in particular. For example, some jurisdictions, such as state parks and some state police, provide data only on a statewide basis. In these cases, data are allocated to counties proportionate to their share of the total state population. In other cases, data may be allocated to the state only, with the result that state and county totals may not match. Arrests data will also vary from that reported in the print publication Crime in the United States publication and website; the tables presented there are a snapshot at the point of publication. The data here are provided in a subsequent update. The number of agencies submitting arrest data varies from year to year, so caution should be made in making direct comparisons between yearly totals. For example, limited arrest data were received from Illinois and Alabama. Florida has no agencies reporting. No 2013 arrest data were received from the New York City Police Department or the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, DC. Arrest figures may vary widely from state to state because some Part II crimes are not considered crimes in some states. Manual changes to the data have been made in the case of Washington, DC, because ORI was not specified for a major agency. Alaska has no ORIs in the raw data. Population figures reported here are those provided by the FBI, which vary from Census counts. For more detail, see the technical documentation. Also see Data-Planet’s Guide to Criminal Justice Statistics at http://data-planet.libguides.com/criminaljustice.

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