

Uniform Crime Reporting Methodology

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program is a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of more than 18,000 city, university and college, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies (LEAs) voluntarily reporting data on offenses reported or known.

The Oregon Uniform Crime Reporting (OUCR) program was established by authority of ORS 181A.225, enacted by the 1973 Oregon legislature. This statute requires all law enforcement agencies to report crime statistics.

Oregon State Police Uniform Crime Reporting Unit serves as and maintains the Oregon Uniform Crime Reporting Repository. The data processed through the repository, and represented here, consists of all validated incident-based reports generated by law enforcement agencies throughout Oregon. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the law enforcement agency directly for more specific details related to jurisdiction-related matters and statistics.

The Oregon Uniform Crime Reporting (OUCR) Program presents information in offense and arrest groupings of **Crimes Against Persons**, **Crimes Against Property**, and **Crimes Against Society**.

- **Crimes Against Persons:** Criminal offenses where the victim is present and the act is violent, threatening, or has the potential of being physically harmful.
- **Crimes Against Property:** Criminal offenses that involve taking something of value by theft, deception, or the destruction of property.
- **Crimes Against Society:** Crimes that represent society's prohibitions on engaging in certain types of activity, such as criminal offenses that violate laws relating to personal conduct, responsibility, and public order. Although not necessarily violent offenses or property offenses in themselves, they may often contribute to other criminal acts.

In addition to presenting information in offense and arrest groupings, the OUCR Program presents additional data for **Traffic Crime**, **Fish and Game**, **Marine Violations**, as well as providing supplemental report information to include the **Domestic Violence, Bias, and Index Crimes**.

The National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) do not prohibit Oregon from gathering other statistical data beyond the national collection requirements. Therefore, law enforcement agencies within Oregon can choose to report incidents according to NIBRS standards or via Oregon-NIBRS (ONIBRS) which is an expanded version of the federally collected NIBRS.

When reporting data to the FBI's UCR Program via NIBRS, law enforcement agencies must classify the offenses within an incident as Group A offenses or Group B offenses; which requires differing levels of detail. The Group A offenses are the more serious crimes such as Murder, Rape, Robbery, etc. Group B offenses tend to be minor in nature, such as Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations, Disorderly Conduct, Driving Under the Influence, etc. Group C crimes are Oregon only crimes. These include arrests for warrants, as well as fish, game, and marine violations.

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The primary objective of Oregon-NIBRS (ONIBRS) is to meet the expanding reporting, analysis, and query requirements of the state and the law enforcement agencies within it. The ONIBRS system is designed to gather information to produce statistical reports beyond those collected by the FBI. It also provides an extendible framework for building an extensive statewide database of persons and vehicles.

Data from ONIBRS, NIBRS, and Summary Reporting Standards (SRS) are not a one-to-one comparison because of the different nature in their methodologies. Agencies submitting data utilizing the incident-based formats, ONIBRS and NIBRS, are providing a more comprehensive depiction than those that are reporting in the SRS format and categories (which will no longer be accepted by the FBI as of 01/01/2021). It's important to note that some of the more granular ONIBRS collected data is not federally required. Therefore, depending upon the offense category, not all incident elements will be collected by all Oregon agencies. Additionally, it's important to remember that like reporting formats, data elements such as incidents, offenses, victims, and arrests are not always equal to a one-to-one relationship. Often a single incident can consist of multiple offenses, multiple victims, multiple offenders, and or any combination thereof.

Agencies that do not have any reportable incidents within a single month are expected to submit a "Zero Entry" report. Those submitted "Zero Entry" reports will be reflected on the Agency Reporting tab of this program in green (as reported) and show "0" noted incidents.

Unless otherwise notated, data values represented via this platform consists of the combined number of law enforcement agency-reported incidents, offenses, victims, LEOKA (Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted), and arrests from all reporting formats (NIBRS, ONIBRS, SRS) reflected in incident-based reporting.

For more information on Oregon's Uniform Crime Reporting program, please contact the OSP UCR Program Coordinator or by email to OUOCR@osp.oregon.gov