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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 181.550, enacted by the 1973 Oregon legislature (Renumbered to 181A.225 in 2019). This statute requires all law enforcement agencies to report crime statistics to the state program, which facilitates data submission to the FBI's UCR Program.

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.

In addition to presenting information in offense and arrest groupings, the OUCR Program presents additional data for Traffic Crime, Marine Violations, as well as providing supplemental report information to include Domestic Violence and bias motivated Hate Crime.

The Oregon State Police UCR Unit administers and maintains the Oregon UCR 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.

As a participant in the nationwide collection of crime statistics, the Oregon UCR program must conform to the rules and standards set by the FBI National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). This does 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 crime data to the UCR Program, law enforcement agencies must classify crimes in accordance with the FBI's offense definitions. Crimes are reported by standardized offense definitions rather than each state's criminal statutes to ensure crime data are comparable across the nation. Offenses within an incident are also categorized into Group A offenses or Group B offenses, which require differing levels of detail in the NIBRS format.

Agencies that do not have any reportable incidents within a single month are expected to submit a "Zero Entry" report. The "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 consist 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.

Oregon-NIBRS (ONIBRS) Objective

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. ONIBRS is designed to gather information to produce statistical reports beyond those collected by the FBI. Crime data collected via the ONIBRS format are transitioned to the NIBRS format once received by the state repository and are included in data submissions to the FBI's UCR Program.

It's important to note that some of the more granular ONIBRS collected data are not federally required. Therefore, depending upon the offense category, not all incident elements will be collected by all Oregon agencies.

Contact Information

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