Table 4, Data Declaration

Offenses Reported to Law Enforcement, by State by City 100,000 and over in population

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

General comments

This table provides the number of offenses known to law enforcement in cities with populations of 100,000 and over for 2007 and 2008.

Methodology

- The data used in creating this table were from city law enforcement agencies submitting 12 months of complete offense data for 2007 and 2008. Consequently, when arson does not appear in this table, it indicates the FBI did not receive 12 complete months of data.

- Data from law enforcement agencies whose resident population falls below 100,000 are published in this table for 2 consecutive years. After which, if the population remains below 100,000, the agency's data are no longer published in this table.

- When the FBI determines that an agency's data collection methodology does not comply with the national UCR Program's guidelines, the number of offenses is not included in the table, and the discrepancy will be explained in a footnote.

Population estimation

For the 2008 population estimates used in this table, the FBI computed individual rates of growth from one year to the next for every city/town and county using 2000 decennial population counts and 2001 through 2007 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. Each agency's rates of growth were averaged; that average was then applied and added to its 2007 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2008 population estimate.

If you have questions about this table

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