



## Data Declaration

### Table 13

#### **Crime Trends, by Suburban and Nonsuburban Cities by Population Group, 2007-2008**

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

#### **General comments**

- This 2-year trend table provides the number of offenses for 2007 and 2008 and the percent change between these 2 years for suburban and nonsuburban cities.
- Suburban cities include law enforcement agencies in cities with less than 50,000 inhabitants that are within a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) but exclude all metropolitan agencies associated with a principal city.
- Nonsuburban cities include law enforcement agencies in cities with less than 50,000 in population that are not associated with an MSA.

#### **Methodology**

- The data used in creating this table were from all law enforcement agencies submitting at least 6 common months of complete offense reports for 2007 and 2008.
- A crime trend represents the percentage change in crime based on data reported in a prior equivalent period. In calculating trends, the UCR Program includes only common reported months for individual agencies.

#### **Population groups**

The UCR Program uses the following population group designations:

<b>Population Group</b>	<b>Political Label</b>	<b>Population Range</b>
I	City	250,000 and more
II	City	100,000 to 249,999
III	City	50,000 to 99,999
IV	City	25,000 to 49,999
V	City	10,000 to 24,999
VI <sup>1, 2</sup>	City	Less than 10,000
VIII (Nonmetropolitan County) <sup>2</sup>	County	N/A
IX (Metropolitan County) <sup>2</sup>	County	N/A

<sup>1</sup>Includes universities and colleges to which no population is attributed.

<sup>2</sup>Includes state police to which no population is attributed.

### **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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