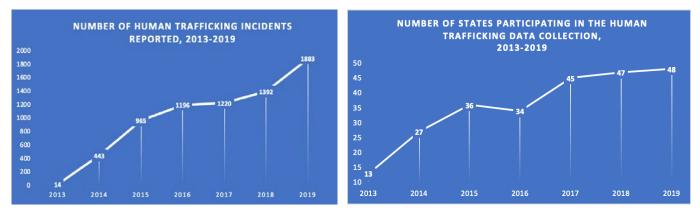# Human Trafficking, 2019

Human Trafficking, 2019, is the seventh report from the national Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's Human Trafficking data collection. Forty-eight (48) states and the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico participated. The 2019 report shows a total of 1,883 incidents of human trafficking were reported: 1,607 were in the category of commercial sex acts, and 274 were instances of involuntary servitude. (Puerto Rico submitted two incidents in the Total column and did not specify whether those incidents were under the category of commercial sex acts or involuntary servitude.) Agencies arrested 708 offenders in correlation with these incidents. Of these, 684 were adults and 24 were juveniles.

Participation

Since its inception in 2013, the FBI's Human Trafficking data collection has, for the most part, seen a steady increase in state participation as well as an increase in the number of incidents reported. The program will continue efforts to expand, gather, and make available information regarding human trafficking incidents.

NUMBER OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING INCIDENTS REPORTED, 2013-2019

NUMBER OF STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING DATA COLLECTION, 2013-2019

*Guam participated in the data collection in 2014, 2015, and 2017.
*Puerto Rico participated in the data collection from 2015 to 2019.
*The U.S. Virgin Islands participated in the data collection from 2014 to 2016.

Trafficking Victims Protection Act

In January 2013, the national UCR Program began collecting offense and arrest data regarding human trafficking as authorized by the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008. The act requires the FBI to collect human trafficking offense data and to make distinctions between prostitution, assisting or promoting prostitution, and purchasing prostitution.

To comply with the Wilberforce Act, the national UCR Program created two additional offenses in the Summary Reporting System (SRS) and the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) through which the UCR Program collects both offense and arrest data. The definitions for these offenses are:

Human Trafficking/Commercial Sex Acts: inducing a person by force, fraud, or coercion to participate in commercial sex acts, or in which the person induced to perform such act(s) has not attained 18 years of age.

Human Trafficking/Involuntary Servitude: obtaining of a person(s) through recruitment, harboring, transportation, or provision, and subjecting such persons by force, fraud, or coercion into involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery (not to include commercial sex acts).

The data in the tables included in this report reflect the offenses and arrests recorded by state and local law enforcement agencies that currently have the ability to report the data to the national UCR Program. As such, they should not be interpreted as a definitive statement of the level or characteristics of human trafficking as a whole. The data declaration pages, which will help the user better understand the data, and the methodology used for the four following tables are located in the Data Declarations and Methodology section of this report. In addition, a Questions and Answers section about human trafficking data is provided as a supplement to this report.

Note: Regarding the data reported to the UCR Program, it is important to note that these data represent only one view of a complex issue—the law enforcement perspective. However, due to the nature of human trafficking, many of these crimes are never reported to the local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies that investigate them. In addition to the law enforcement facet in fighting these crimes, there are victim service organizations whose mission it is to serve the needs of the victims of human trafficking. In order to have the complete picture of human trafficking, it would be necessary to gather information from all these sources.

Table 1

Human Trafficking

Offenses and Clearances by State, 2019

State	Commercial sex acts			Involuntary servitude			Total		
	Offenses	Total cleared	Clearances under 18	Offenses	Total cleared	Clearances under 18	Offenses	Total cleared	Clearances under 18
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	7	2	0	0	0	0	7	2	0
Arizona	52	9	0	1	1	0	53	10	0
Arkansas	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
California*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colorado	44	13	0	4	2	0	48	15	0
Connecticut	5	1	0	3	1	0	8	2	0
Delaware	15	4	0	10	2	0	25	6	0
Florida	106	64	0	11	8	0	117	72	0
Georgia	48	6	2	6	0	0	54	6	2
Hawaii	5	2	0	0	0	0	5	2	0
Idaho	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Illinois	29	0	0	8	1	0	37	1	0
Indiana	6	1	0	4	0	0	10	1	0
Kansas	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Kentucky	21	5	0	7	0	0	28	5	0
Louisiana	7	6	0	3	3	0	10	9	0
Maine	4	1	0	1	0	0	5	1	0
Maryland	29	15	0	8	3	1	37	18	1
Massachusetts	23	8	0	12	4	0	35	12	0
Michigan	4	3	0	0	0	0	4	3	0
Minnesota	175	134	1	13	0	0	188	134	1
Mississippi	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Missouri	21	9	0	6	2	0	27	11	0
Montana	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Nebraska*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	182	64	1	0	0	0	182	64	1
New Hampshire	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
New Jersey	2	0	0	2	2	0	4	2	0
New Mexico	3	0	0	3	1	0	6	1	0
New York*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Carolina	33	12	0	23	8	0	56	20	0
North Dakota	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Ohio	7	1	0	1	0	0	8	1	0
Oklahoma	5	2	0	0	0	0	5	2	0
Oregon	28	10	0	9	9	0	37	19	0
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Rhode Island	8	7	0	4	4	0	12	11	0
South Carolina	19	8	0	3	1	0	22	9	0
South Dakota	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Tennessee	42	20	0	4	1	0	46	21	0
Texas	337	124	5	113	89	5	450	213	10
Utah	75	64	0	0	0	0	75	64	0
Vermont	6	1	0	0	0	0	6	1	0
Virginia	37	28	1	4	1	0	41	29	1
Washington	53	26	0	3	0	0	56	26	0
West Virginia	49	19	0	1	0	0	50	19	0
Wisconsin	99	53	2	7	7	0	106	60	2
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* Data submitted through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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Table 2

Human Trafficking Arrests

by Age by State, 2019

State	Offense	Juvenile		Adult	
		Juvenile male	Juvenile female	Adult male	Adult female
Arizona	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	1	0
Colorado	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	1
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0
Connecticut	Commercial sex acts	0	0	2	0
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0
Delaware	Commercial sex acts	0	0	1	0
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0
Georgia	Commercial sex acts	0	0	5	1
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	Commercial sex acts	0	0	1	0
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0
Indiana	Commercial sex acts	1	0	1	0
	Involuntary servitude	2	0	0	0
Kentucky	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	1	0
Louisiana	Commercial sex acts	1	0	5	1
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	2	1
Maryland	Commercial sex acts	0	0	9	1
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	2	0
Massachusetts	Commercial sex acts	0	0	3	1
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	2	1
Michigan	Commercial sex acts	0	0	36	0
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	Commercial sex acts	1	0	106	14
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0
Mississippi	Commercial sex acts	0	0	1	1
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0
Missouri	Commercial sex acts	0	0	6	1
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	1	0
Nevada	Commercial sex acts	0	0	17	5
	Involuntary servitude	1	0	4	5
New Jersey	Commercial sex acts	0	0	3	2
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	9	10
New Mexico	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	1	0
Ohio	Commercial sex acts	0	0	3	0
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0
Oklahoma	Commercial sex acts	2	2	20	16
	Involuntary servitude	1	0	0	3
Oregon	Commercial sex acts	0	0	3	0
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	2	2
Rhode Island	Commercial sex acts	0	0	2	4
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	1
South Carolina	Commercial sex acts	0	0	2	2
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	1	0
Tennessee	Commercial sex acts	0	0	13	4
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	4	1
Texas	Commercial sex acts	0	0	40	11
	Involuntary servitude	5	1	13	6
Utah	Commercial sex acts	0	0	38	0
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0
Vermont	Commercial sex acts	0	0	1	0
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0
Virginia	Commercial sex acts	0	1	4	1
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0
Washington	Commercial sex acts	0	0	28	0
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	16	7
West Virginia	Commercial sex acts	0	0	10	0
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	Commercial sex acts	1	4	88	35
	Involuntary servitude	0	1	28	11
		15	9	535	149

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Table 3

Human Trafficking Arrests

by Race by State, 2019

State	Offense	Juvenile						Adult					
		White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Total	White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Total
Colorado	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Connecticut	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	6
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indiana	Commercial sex acts	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Involuntary servitude	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kentucky	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Louisiana	Commercial sex acts	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	6
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
Maryland	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	0	1	0	10
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Massachusetts	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
Michigan	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	7	0	0	0	35
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	Commercial sex acts	1	0	0	0	0	1	66	39	3	12	0	120
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mississippi	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	9
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Nevada	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	16	0	0	0	22
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	0	9
New Jersey	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	5
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	5	0	0	0	19
New Mexico	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Ohio	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oklahoma	Commercial sex acts	2	1	1	0	0	4	28	5	3	0	0	36
	Involuntary servitude	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Oregon	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
Rhode Island	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	6
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
South Carolina	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Tennessee	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	5	0	2	0	17
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	4
Texas	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	19	0	0	0	50
	Involuntary servitude	6	0	0	0	0	6	13	5	0	0	0	18
Utah	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	1	0	2	0	33
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	Commercial sex acts	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	5
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	3	0	2	0	19
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	3	9	4	0	23
West Virginia	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	10
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	Commercial sex acts	3	2	0	0	0	5	82	35	5	0	0	122
	Involuntary servitude	1	0	0	0	0	1	32	6	1	0	0	39

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Table 4

Human Trafficking Arrests

by Ethnicity by State, 2019

State	Offense	Juvenile			Adult		
		Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino	Total	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino	Total
Arizona	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	1	0	1
Colorado	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Connecticut	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	5	5
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indiana	Commercial sex acts	0	1	1	0	0	0
	Involuntary servitude	0	3	3	0	0	0
Kentucky	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	1	0	1
Maryland	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	10	10
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	2	2
Massachusetts	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	1	3	4
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	1	2	3
Michigan	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	1	1	2
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	Commercial sex acts	0	1	1	35	85	120
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mississippi	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	2	2
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	9	9
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	1	1	2
Nevada	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	22	22
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	2	7	9
New Jersey	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	5	5
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	3	16	19
New Mexico	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	1	1
Ohio	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	3	3
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oklahoma	Commercial sex acts	0	4	4	1	35	36
	Involuntary servitude	0	1	1	0	3	3
Oregon	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	1	1	2
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	4	4
Rhode Island	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	6	6
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	1	0	1
South Carolina	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	4	4
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	1	1
Tennessee	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	2	15	17
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	2	3	5
Texas	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	13	38	51
	Involuntary servitude	6	0	6	10	9	19
Utah	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	1	3	4
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	5	5
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	2	3	5
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Virginia	Commercial sex acts	0	0	0	0	10	10
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	Commercial sex acts	0	2	2	1	24	25
	Involuntary servitude	0	0	0	0	1	1

NOTE: Not all agencies provide ethnicity data; therefore, the race and ethnicity totals will not equal.

Data Declarations and Methodology

Human Trafficking Table 1
Offenses and Clearances by State, 2019

The FBI collects these data through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's Summary Reporting System and National Incident-Based Reporting System.

General Comment
This table includes the states that have added human trafficking offenses to their data collection. Even though a state program included human trafficking, the individual agencies in that state may or may not have added it to their collections. Portions of Mississippi and Ohio do not have a state UCR program to manage the collection of UCR data within the state. Each law enforcement agency is responsible for reporting its crime data directly to the FBI.

This table provides the volume of human trafficking offenses as reported by state. For UCR purposes, juveniles are individuals under the age of 18 years. Adults are 18 years of age or older.

Methodology
The data used in creating this table were from law enforcement agencies submitting one or more human trafficking incidents for at least 1 month of the calendar year. Also included are zero incident data for states that have incorporated human trafficking offenses in their data collection where no 2019 human trafficking incidents were reported to the FBI's UCR Program.

The published data, therefore, do not necessarily represent reports from each participating agency for all 12 months of the calendar year. When the FBI determines an agency's data collection methodology does not comply with national UCR guidelines, the figure(s) for that agency's offense(s) will not be included in the table, and the discrepancy will be explained in a footnote.

Human Trafficking Table 2
by Age by State, 2019

The FBI collects these data through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's Summary Reporting System and National Incident-Based Reporting System.

General Comment
This table provides the number of juvenile and adult male and female persons arrested for human trafficking offenses by state in 2019. These data represent the number of persons arrested; however, some persons may be arrested more than once during a year. Therefore, the statistic in this table could, in some cases, represent multiple arrests of the same person. For UCR purposes, juveniles are individuals under the age of 18 years. Adults are 18 years of age and older.

Methodology
The data used in creating this table were from law enforcement agencies submitting one or more human trafficking arrests for at least 1 month of the calendar year. The published data, therefore, do not necessarily represent reports from each participating agency for all 12 months of the calendar year.

Human Trafficking Table 3
by Race by State, 2019

The FBI collects these data through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's Summary Reporting System and National Incident-Based Reporting System.

General Comment
This table provides the number of persons arrested for human trafficking offenses by state in 2019 broken down by race of the arrestee. These data represent the number of persons arrested; however, some persons may be arrested more than once during a year. Therefore, the statistics in this table could, in some cases, represent multiple arrests of the same person. For UCR purposes, juveniles are under the age of 18 years. Adults are 18 years of age and older.

Methodology
The data used in creating this table were from law enforcement agencies submitting one or more human trafficking arrests for at least 1 month of the calendar year. The published data, therefore, do not necessarily represent reports from each participating agency for all 12 months of the calendar year.

Human Trafficking Table 4
by Ethnicity by State, 2019

The FBI collects these data through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's Summary Reporting System and National Incident-Based Reporting System.

General Comment
This table provides the number of persons arrested for human trafficking offenses by state in 2019 broken down by ethnicity of the arrestee. These data represent the number of persons arrested; however, some persons may be arrested more than once during a year. Therefore, the statistics in this table could, in some cases, represent multiple arrests of the same person. For UCR purposes, juveniles are individuals under the age of 18 years. Adults are 18 years of age and older.

Methodology
The data used in creating this table were from law enforcement agencies submitting one or more human trafficking arrests for at least 1 month of the calendar year. The published data, therefore, do not necessarily represent reports from each participating agency for all 12 months of the calendar year.

Human Trafficking, 2019
Questions and Answers

Q: How long has human trafficking data been collected?
A: The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program began collecting human trafficking data in January 2013.

Q: What does it mean for an offense to be cleared?
A: An offense can be cleared by arrest or exceptional means.

An offense is cleared by arrest, or solved for crime reporting purposes, when at least one person is (1) arrested, (2) charged with the commission of the offense, and (3) turned over to the court for prosecution.

If an agency can answer all the following questions in the affirmative, it can clear the offense exceptionally.
1.   Has the investigation definitely established the identity of the offender?
2.   Is there enough information to support an arrest, charge, and turning over to the court for prosecution?
3.   Is the exact location of the offender known so that the subject could be taken into custody now?
4.   Is there some reason outside law enforcement control that precludes arresting, charging, and prosecuting the offender?

Generally, an offense can be exceptionally cleared when it falls into one of the following categories. (This list is not all-inclusive.)
1.   Death of the offender.
2.   Offender is prosecuted by state or local authorities in another city for a different offense or is prosecuted in another city or state by the federal government for an offense which may be the same.
3.   Extradition denied/In the custody of other jurisdiction.
4.   The handling of a juvenile offender—either orally or by written notice to parents—in instances involving minor offenses such as petty larceny.
5.   Prosecution denied (for other than the lack of probable cause).

Although agencies may administratively close a case, this does not necessarily mean that the agency can clear the offense for UCR purposes.

Q: Were agencies that submitted less than 12 months of data included in the human trafficking report?
A: Yes, all submissions were included.

Q: What is the cutoff age for juveniles and adults?
A: For UCR purposes, juveniles are individuals under the age of 18 years. Adults are 18 years of age and older.

Q: What is the difference between the Summary Reporting System (SRS) and the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) collections?

A: The FBI's UCR Program administers two data collections—the SRS and NIBRS. The general concepts for collecting, scoring, and reporting UCR data are applicable to both the SRS and NIBRS. Both systems collect information on crimes reported to law enforcement or crimes law enforcement have witnessed and include reports in which no one was arrested.

The SRS provides monthly reports on ten Part I offenses known to law enforcement and reports on persons arrested. The Part I offenses of murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, human trafficking—commercial sex acts, human trafficking—involuntary servitude, burglary, motor vehicle theft, larceny-theft, and arson are considered indicators of the level of crime occurring within the United States. Data are collected at the aggregate level and lack incident-level details for crimes other than homicide. Within the SRS, the Hierarchy Rule governs multiple offense reporting. When more than one crime was committed by the same person or group of persons and the time and space intervals separating the crimes were insignificant, then the crime highest in the hierarchy is the only offense reported.

NIBRS is a more detail-oriented crime data collection system that captures specific elements about crimes and offenders through incident-based reporting. These details include information such as the date, time, location, and circumstance of the criminal incident; the characteristics of the victim and offender (such as the age, sex, race, and ethnicity); victim/offender relationship; the involvement of weapons or drugs; property loss; whether the crime was motivated by bias; or if a computer was used to perpetuate certain types of crimes.

Q: What are the benefits of NIBRS?

A: NIBRS provides a more comprehensive view of crime in the United States and offers greater flexibility in data compilation and analysis. When used to its full potential, NIBRS provides greater detail about when and where a crime occurred, what form it took, and the characteristics of its victims and offenders. Because it provides a broader depiction of the data, NIBRS provides law enforcement agencies with more exact information with which to address the concerns of its constituency regarding crime in their communities and to allocate resources. Likewise, legislators, municipal planners/administrators, academicians, sociologists, advocacy groups, and the public are provided with access to more extensive crime information than the SRS can offer. The data allow a better opportunity to study crime and criminal behavior.

The FBI intends for NIBRS to become the law enforcement community's standard for quantifying crime. Efforts are underway to assist states not yet certified as NIBRS contributors and expand NIBRS' ability to provide national crime data management standards and services to inform, educate, and strengthen communities through the UCR Program.

On January 1, 2021, the FBI will retire the SRS, and the *Crime in the United States* publication will begin transitioning to feature only data submitted through NIBRS. However, some SRS data will still be included in tables that include data for multiple years.