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What is **Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)**?

Uniform Crime Reporting is a collective effort on the part of city, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies to present a nationwide view of crime.





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What is **U**niform **C**rime **R**eporting (**UCR**)?

Agencies throughout the country participating in the **U**niform **C**rime **R**eporting Program provide summarized reports on eight Part I offenses known to law enforcement and reports on persons arrested.





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What is the Purpose of UCR?

- Produce a nationwide view of crime based upon statistics
 - Provide a ***common language*** for the states' criminal statutes
 - Allow for publication of the collected statistics
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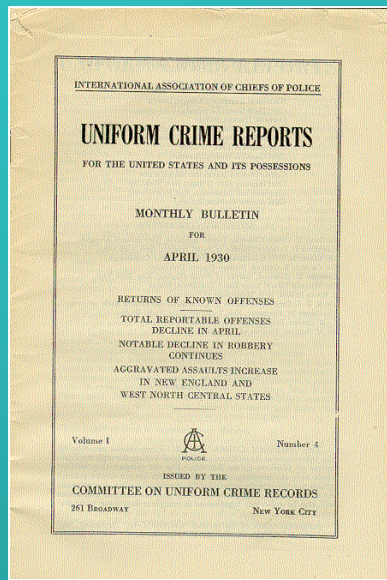
1927 - International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), developed a system for collecting uniform police statistics. To avoid problems and provide nationwide uniformity in crime reporting, standardized offense definitions by which law enforcement agencies were to submit data without regard for local statutes was formulated.



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1930 - IACP developed and instituted a voluntary national data collection effort using the method which today we call the Summary Reporting System (SRS).





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1930 – At the urging of the IACP, Congress enacted legislation authorizing the Attorney General to gather crime information. The Attorney General, in turn, designated the FBI to serve as the national clearinghouse for the data collected, and the FBI assumed responsibility for managing the UCR Program in September 1930.



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1966 - **National Sheriff's Association (NSA)** established a UCR committee to assist Sheriff's throughout the U.S. to fully participate in the UCR Summary Reporting System.



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1985 - Abt

Associates
publishes

*“Blueprint for the
Future of the
Uniform Crime
Reporting System.”*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE
OF THE UNIFORM CRIME
REPORTING PROGRAM

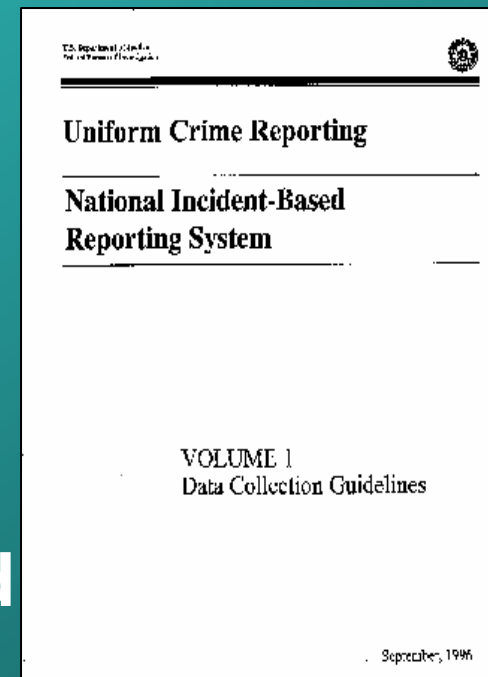
Final Report
of the UCR Study



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1980s – Law enforcement called for a complete overhaul and modernization of the UCR Program. The result was a national data collection system that would gather information about each crime incident.





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1988 - FBI received overwhelming consensus to implement the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

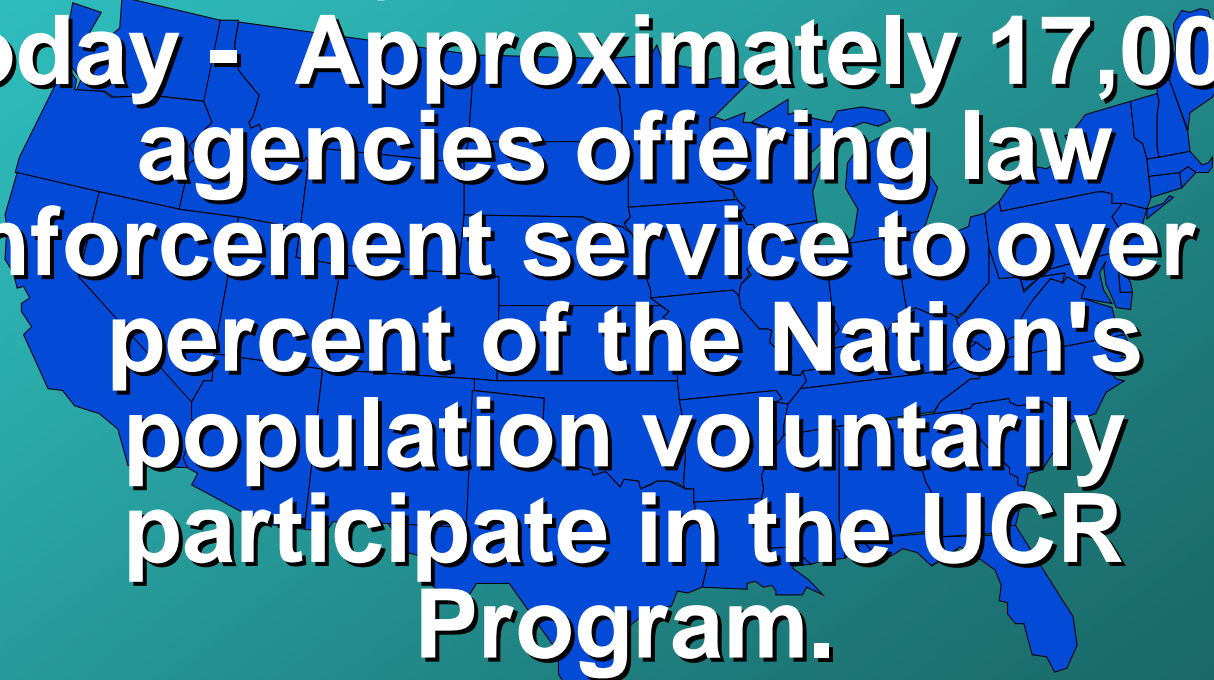




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Today - Approximately 17,000 agencies offering law enforcement service to over 94 percent of the Nation's population voluntarily participate in the UCR Program.

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Crime Data Collection

Crime data is reported to the National UCR Program by State UCR programs or directly to the FBI by law enforcement agencies on a monthly basis.





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FBI's UCR Section

State UCR Programs

Crime in the U.S., Law Enforcement Officers Killed & Assaulted, Hate Crimes, Trend Releases, and archiving of all data

Public

Judiciary

Academic Community

LAW ENFORCEMENT

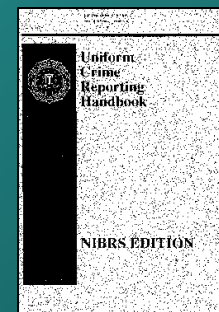
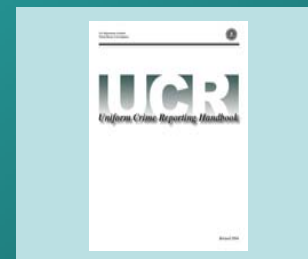
Legislators



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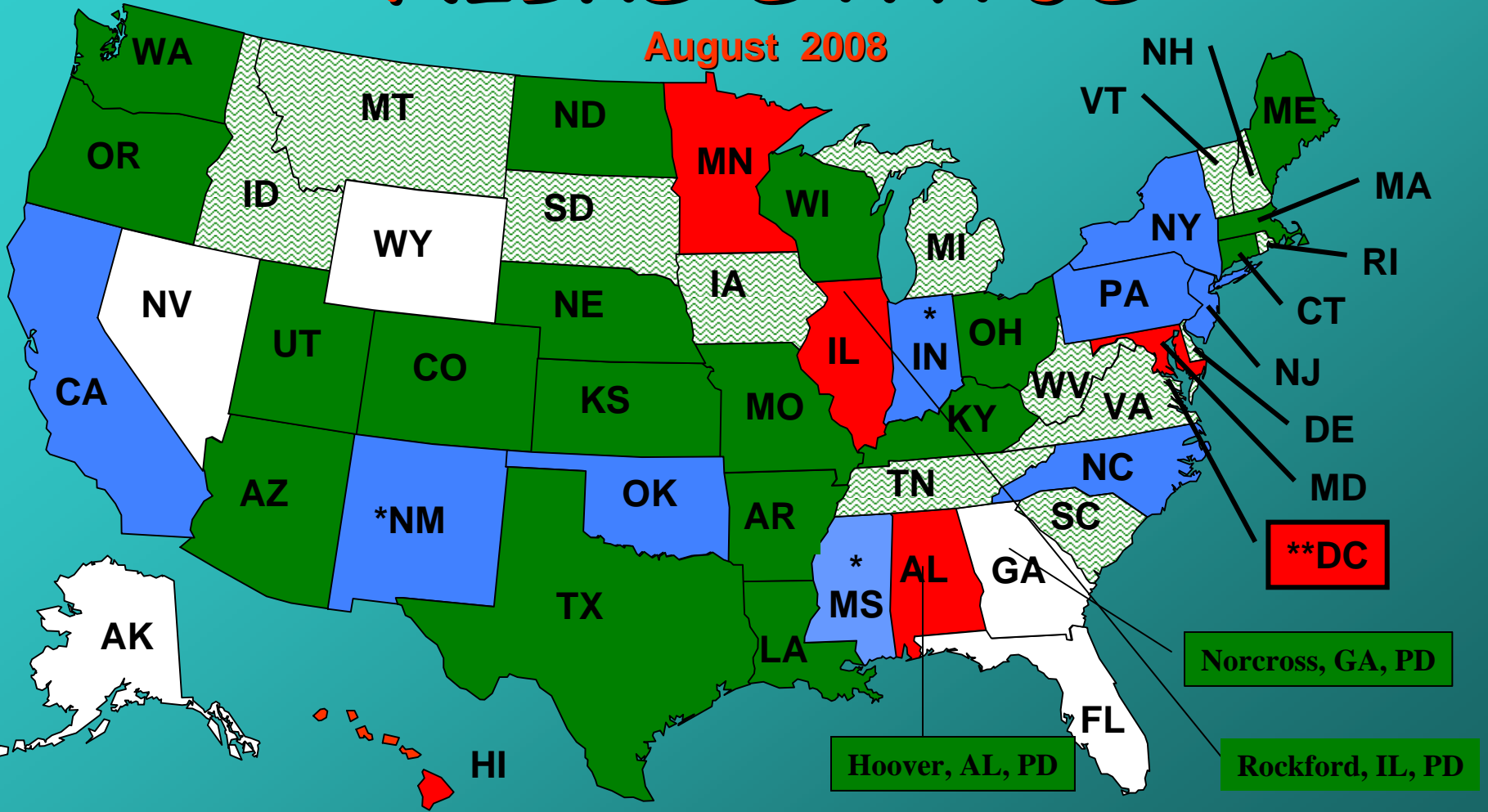
Agencies Use 1 of 2 Types of UCR Data Collection Systems

- **Summary Reporting System (SRS)**
- **National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)**



NIBRS STATUS

August 2008



31 NIBRS Certified

9 Testing NIBRS

13 100% NIBRS

6 Developing NIBRS

5 No Formal Plans

*Non-program States (3)

**DC Metro Transit Police (Certified)



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A screenshot of a web browser window displaying the FBI's "Crime in the United States 2005" report page. The browser's address bar shows the URL "V:\SHARED\COMUNIT\05CIUShtmlsite\index.html". The page header includes the text "Uniform Crime Reporting Program 75 YEARS OF PROVIDING CRIME DATA TO THE NATION" and "CRIME in the United States 2005". The main content area is divided into several sections: "About Crime In the United States", "About the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program", "A summary of crime in the Nation in 2005", and "Offenses Known to the Police". The "Offenses Known to the Police" section is further divided into "Violent Crime", "Property Crime", and "Expanded Offense Data". The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, several open applications, and the system clock displaying "2:13 PM".

Crime in the United States 2005 - U.S. Department of Justice - FBI

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A summary of crime in the Nation in 2005
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Offenses Known to the Police
Browse by offense, by region, by state, by local agency, etc

Violent Crime	Property Crime	Expanded Offense Data
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Murder▶ Forcible Rape▶ Robbery▶ Aggravated Assault	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Burglary▶ Larceny-theft▶ Motor Vehicle Theft▶ Arson	<p>Analyses of offenses (e.g. weapons use)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Expanded Homicide Data

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Uniform Crime Reporting Publications

Hate Crime Statistics 2006

**Law Enforcement Officers
Killed and Assaulted 2006**





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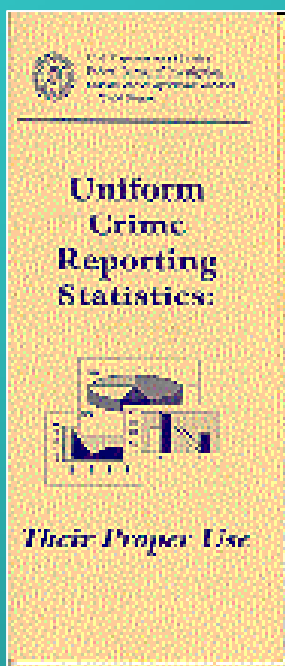
Trend Releases





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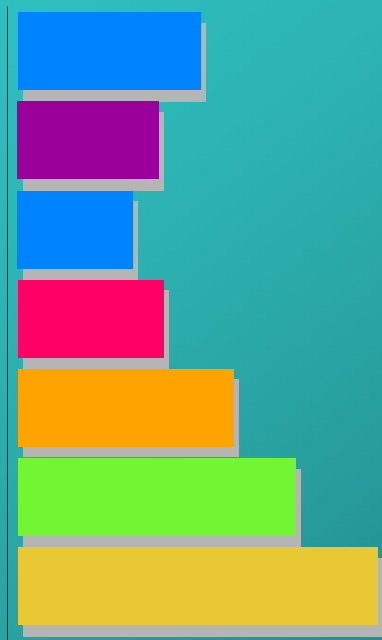
There are a variety of statistics which could be used in the portrayal of crime in the United States e.g. penal, prosecutorial, arrest, victim, etc.



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Types of Crime Statistics

To best depict total crime and provide meaningful data to police administrators, it was determined SRS would collect data on **Known Offenses** and **Persons Arrested**.





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Offenses Known to Law Enforcement

Seriousness and **Frequency** of occurrence resulted in the following offenses being selected to portray crime in the United States (Offenses Known to Law Enforcement):

Part I Offenses

- Criminal homicide
 - Robbery
 - Burglary
 - Motor vehicle theft
 - Forcible rape
 - Aggravated assault
 - Larceny-theft
 - Arson (1982)
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Offenses Known to Law Enforcement
“Return A” collects the following information on these 8 acts which became **known to law enforcement** during the monthly reporting period:

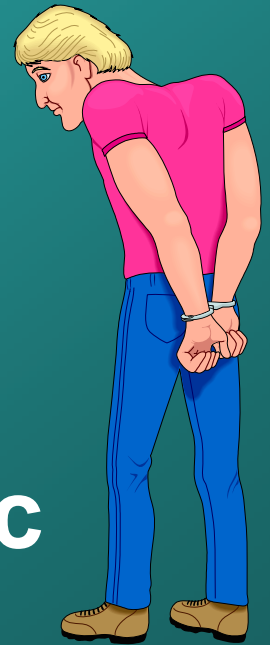
- Offenses Reported
 - Number of Actual Offenses
 - Number of Clearances Involving only persons under 18
 - Unfounded Complaints
 - Total Offenses Cleared by **Arrest** or **Exceptional Means** - Adult
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Persons Arrested

The number of persons arrested (as well as their specific age range, sex, and race) are collected for all violations including DUI and Vehicular Manslaughter (all other traffic violations excluded)





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Persons Arrested

Age, Sex and Race Forms

Adult

This is a detailed data collection form for adult arrested persons. It contains a grid with multiple columns and rows for recording information such as name, date of birth, sex, race, and other identifying details. The form is titled "ADULT ARRESTED PERSONS - HEALTH" and includes various checkboxes and fields for data entry.

Juvenile

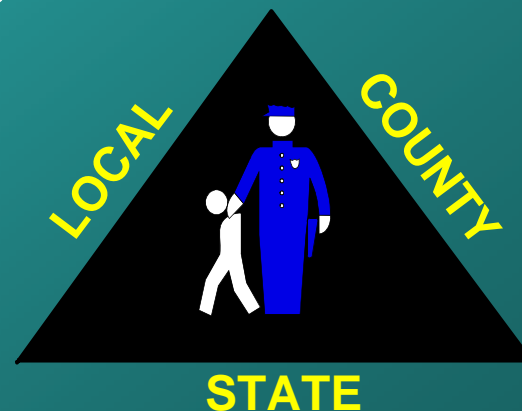
This is a detailed data collection form for juvenile arrested persons. It contains a grid with multiple columns and rows for recording information such as name, date of birth, sex, race, and other identifying details. The form is titled "JUVENILE ARRESTED PERSONS - HEALTH" and includes various checkboxes and fields for data entry.



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To make certain that an offense or arrest is not counted more than once by overlapping jurisdictions, the following guidelines have been established:

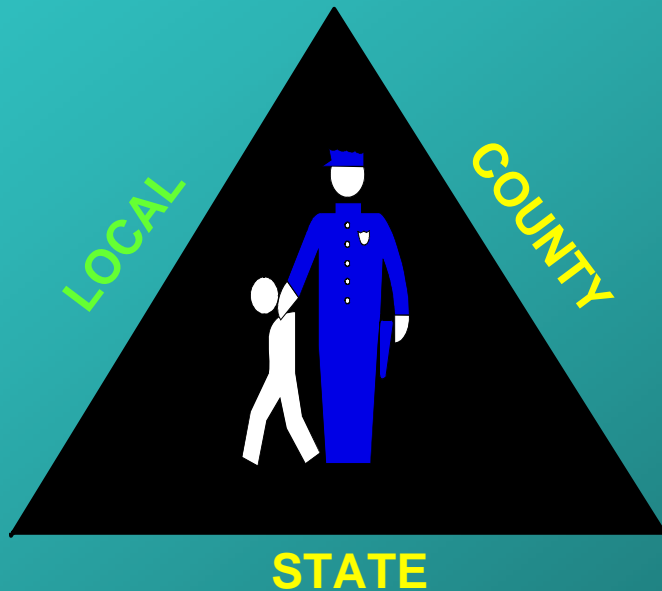




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City law enforcement agencies should report offenses that occur within their city.



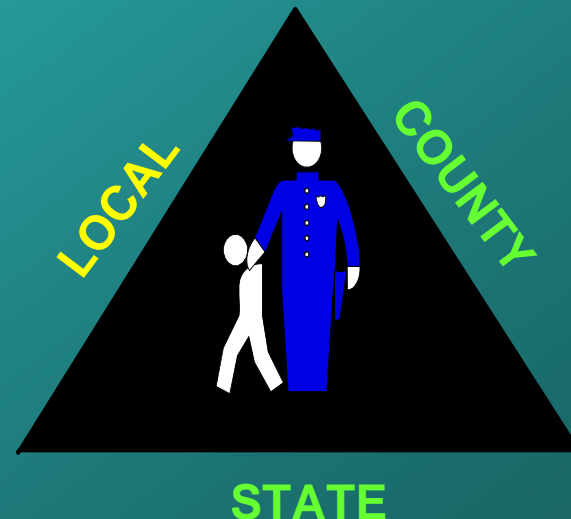


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County or state law enforcement agencies should report offenses that take

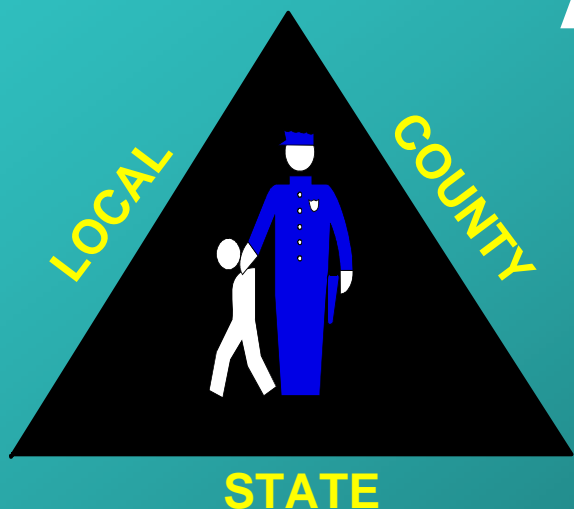
place in the county outside the limits of the city.





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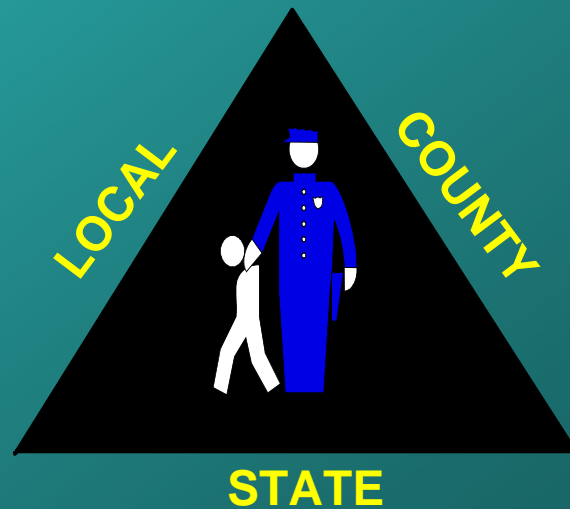
Agencies must report only those arrests made for offenses committed within their own jurisdictions.



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The recovery of property should be reported only by the agency from whose jurisdiction it was stolen, regardless of who or which agency recovered it.





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The purpose of establishing appropriate jurisdiction is to depict the nature and volume of crime in a particular community, not for an agency to claim or take credit for the number of investigations, arrests, etc., or to serve as a measurement of agency workload.

