

GLOSSARY

Adult: A person 18 years of age or older.

Aggravated Assault: An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

Agnostic: A person who believes that the existence or nature of an ultimate reality, such as a deity, is unknown, and probably unknowable.

American Indian or Alaska Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment. This category includes persons from the following tribal affiliations: Navajo, Blackfeet, Inupiat, Yupik, or Central American Indian groups or South American Indian groups.

Ancestry Bias: A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of people based on their common lineage or descent.

Arab: A person having origins, and/or ancestry, in any of the Arabic speaking peoples of Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Comoros, Algeria, Morocco, Sudan, Djibouti, Mauritania, and Somalia.

Arrest: Taking into physical or other legal custody for committing an offense in the local reporting jurisdiction. Arrests for all criminal offenses are scored. Arrests for ordinance violations are included. Arrests for traffic offenses are not scored with the exception of driving under the influence of intoxicants and arrests in connection with negligent manslaughter in traffic crashes. Also, included are those persons arrested but released without formally being charged.

Arson: Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

Asian: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam. This category includes persons from the following nationalities: Asian Indian, Bangladeshi, Bhutanese, Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Nepalese, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, Thai, Vietnamese, Other Asian, specified; Other Asian, not specified.

Assault: An unlawful attack by one person upon another.

Assignment: These categories identify the specific assignment of an officer at the time of the assault. Two-Man Vehicle and One-Man Vehicle pertain to uniformed officers on patrol. Special assignment pertains to those non-uniformed officers functioning as detectives or on special assignment. Other assignment pertains to those officers assaulted while functioning in some other capacity, such as foot patrol, off-duty, etc. The term "assisted" refers to law enforcement assistance only.

Atheist: A person who does not believe in the existence of a deity.

Automobiles: Sedans, station wagons, coupes, convertibles, sport utility vehicles, minivans, and other similar motor vehicles that serve the primary purpose of transporting people from one place to another.

Bias: A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity.

Bias Crime: A committed criminal offense that is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias(es) against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity; also known as Hate Crime.

Bisexual: Of or relating to people who are physically, romantically, and/or emotionally attracted to both men and women.

Black or African American: A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa. This category includes persons from the following nationalities or groups: African American, Kenyan, Nigerian, or Haitian.

Buddhist: A person who follows the religion of eastern or central Asia that grew out of the teaching of Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha, or Enlightened One. People of this faith believe that suffering is inherent in life and that one can be liberated from it by mental and moral self-purification by following the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path in order to reach *nirvana*.

Burglary: The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft.

Catholic: A person who follows the monotheistic religion of Catholic Christianity, especially that of the Roman Catholic Church. Followers of this faith believe the teachings of the Bible, and place emphasis on church traditions, including the historical continuity of the church, the Pope as the head of the church, and the requirement of celibacy of those in the priesthood.

Clearance Rates (Assault on an Officer): The number of clearances divided by the total number of assaults, expressed as a percentage. The formula is: $\text{Number of Clearances} / \text{Number of Assaults} \times 100$.

Clearance Rates (Offenses): The number of clearances divided by the total number of offenses, expressed as a percentage. The formula is: $\text{Number of Clearances} / \text{Number of Offenses} \times 100$.

Cleared by Arrest: An offense is considered cleared when at least one person involved in the commission of the offense has been (1) arrested, (2) charged, and (3) turned over to the court for prosecution.

Cleared by Exceptional Means: A clearance in which some element beyond law enforcement control prevents filing of formal charges against the offender. Agencies can clear an offense exceptionally if they can answer all of the following in the affirmative. (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 (for example, suicide, deathbed confession, double murder, etc.)?

Crime Against Persons: Offenses in this category include criminal homicide, rape, aggravated assault, human trafficking—commercial sex acts, and human trafficking—involuntary servitude. One offense is scored for each victim.

Crime Against Property: Offenses in this category include robbery, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. One offense is counted for each distinct operation, except in the case of motor vehicle theft for which one offense is counted for each stolen vehicle.

Crime Index: The Crime Index is the sum of the eight major offenses used to indicate the occurrence of crime in the United States. They were selected because of their frequency of occurrence and because they are most likely to be reported to a law enforcement agency. The eight offenses are: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny / theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. The first four make up the Violent Crime Index and the last four make up the Property Crime Index.

Curfew and Loitering (Persons under age 18): Violations by juveniles of local curfew or loitering ordinances.

Disability Bias—A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their physical or mental impairments, whether such disability is temporary or permanent, congenital or acquired by heredity, accident, injury, advanced age, or illness.

Disorderly Conduct: Any behavior that tends to disturb the public peace or decorum, scandalize the community, or shock the public sense of morality.

Driving Under the Influence: Driving or operating a motor vehicle or common carrier while mentally or physically impaired as the result of consuming an alcoholic beverage or using a drug or narcotic.

Drug Abuse Violations: The violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution, and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use. The unlawful cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, use, possession, transportation, or importation of any controlled drug or narcotic substance. Arrests for violations of state and local laws, specifically those relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs.

Drunkenness: To drink alcoholic beverages to the extent that one's mental faculties and physical coordination are substantially impaired. Exclude driving under the influence.

Eastern Orthodox (Russian, Greek, Other): A person who follows the monotheistic religion of the Eastern Christian Church. This faith follows the teachings of the Bible and church traditions, accords primacy of honor to the Patriarch of Constantinople as head of the church, and adheres to the decisions of the First Seven Ecumenical Councils and the Byzantine Rite.

Embezzlement: The unlawful misappropriation or misapplication by an offender to his/her own use or purpose of money, property, or some other thing of value entrusted to his/her care, custody, or control.

Ethnicity Bias: A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of people whose members identify with each other, through a common heritage, often consisting of a common language, common culture (often including a shared religion) and/or ideology that stresses common ancestry. The concept of ethnicity differs from the closely related term *race* in that “race” refers to grouping based mostly upon biological criteria, while “ethnicity” also encompasses additional cultural factors.

Forgery and Counterfeiting: The altering, copying, or imitating of something without authority or right, with the intent to deceive or defraud by passing the copy or thing altered or imitated as that which is original or genuine; or the selling, buying, or possession of an altered, copied, or imitated thing with the intent to deceive or defraud.

Fraud: The intentional perversion of the truth for the purpose of inducing another person or other entity in reliance upon it to part with something of value or to surrender a legal right. Fraudulent conversion and obtaining of money or property by false pretenses.

Gambling: To unlawfully bet or wager money or something else of value; assist, promote, or operate a game of chance for money or some other stake; possess or transmit wagering information; manufacture, sell, purchase, possess, or transport gambling equipment, devices or goods; or tamper with the outcome of a sporting event or contest to gain a gambling advantage.

Gay: Of or relating to people who are physically, romantically, and/or emotionally attracted to people of the same sex.

Gender: This term is used synonymously with sex to denote whether a newborn is male or female at birth.

Gender Identity: A person’s internal sense of being male, female, or a combination of both; that internal sense of a person’s gender may be different from the person’s gender as determined at birth.

Gender Identity Bias: A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a person or group of persons based on their actual or perceived gender identity, e.g., bias against transgender or gender nonconforming individuals.

Gender Nonconforming: Describes a person who does not conform to the gender-based expectations of society, e.g., a woman dressed in traditionally male clothing or a man wearing makeup.

Hate Crime: A criminal offense committed against a person, property, or society which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender’s bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or ethnicity/national origin; also known as a bias crime.

Hate Group: An organization whose primary purpose is to promote animosity, hostility, and malice against persons of or with a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity which differs from that of the members or the organization, e.g., the Ku Klux Klan.

Heterosexual: Of or relating to people who are physically, romantically, and/or emotionally attracted to people of the opposite sex.

Hindu: A person who observes the traditions and practices of the dominant religion of India, which include acceptance of the sanctity of the *Vedas* (sacred texts); the understanding of one Divine Reality manifested in multiple forms; acceptance of the laws of karma (principle of cause and effect), *dharma* (righteous modes of conduct), belief in reincarnation, and the ultimate spiritual goal of enlightenment (moksha).

Hispanic or Latino: A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. Includes people from Hispanic or Latino groups such as: Dominican Republic; Central American (excludes Mexican)—Costa Rican, Guatemalan, Honduran, Nicaraguan, Panamanian, Salvadoran, Other Central American; South America—Argentinian, Bolivian, Chilean, Columbian, Ecuadorian, Paraguayan, Peruvian, Uruguayan, Venezuelan, Other South American; Spaniard—All other Hispanic or Latino.

Homosexual: Of or relating to people who are physically, romantically, and/or emotionally attracted to people of the same sex.

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: The 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).

Islamic (Muslim): A person who follows the monotheistic religion of Muslims, which includes belief in Allah as the sole deity and in Muhammad as his prophet. Practitioners of the Islamic faith follow the teachings of the Koran and practice the Five Pillars of Islam: praying, fasting during Ramadan, almsgiving, pilgrimage, and declaration of faith.

Jehovah's Witness: A person who follows the religion founded by Charles Taze Russell. Members witness by distributing literature and by personal evangelism of beliefs in the theocratic rule of God, the sinfulness of organized religions and governments, and an imminent millennium. The activities of Jehovah's Witnesses are governed by the Watchtower Society which makes all major decisions, interprets the Bible, and counsels Witnesses using Watchtower materials.

Jewish (Judaism): A person who identifies himself or herself as a member of the religious and/or ethnic group that descended from the ancient Hebrews and is characterized by belief in one transcendent God who revealed Himself to Abraham, Moses, and the Hebrew prophets. Jewish religious practice is based on the Hebrew Scriptures (the "Torah") and rabbinic laws and customs.

Justifiable Homicide: The killing of a felon by a peace officer in the line of duty or the killing of a felon, during the commission of a felony, by a private citizen.

Juvenile: A person under 18 years of age.

Larceny-theft: The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.

Lesbian: Of or relating to women who are physically, romantically, and/or emotionally attracted to other women.

LGBT: Common initialism for “lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender,” used here to refer to community organizations or events that serve lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and allied people.

Liquor Laws: The violation of state or local laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages, not including driving under the influence and drunkenness.

Mental Disability: Any mental impairment or psychological disorder such as: organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities. (Americans with Disabilities Act)

Mormon (Latter-day Saint): A person who follows the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints tracing its modern origin to Joseph Smith and accepting the Book of Mormon as scripture. Latter-day Saints consider the following writings to be scripture: 1) The Holy Bible; 2) The Book of Mormon, Another Testament of Jesus Christ; 3) The Doctrine and Covenants; and 4) The Pearl of Great Price.

Motor Vehicle: A self-propelled vehicle that runs on land surface and not on rails.

Motor Vehicle Theft: The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

Multiple Races, Group: A group of persons having origins from multiple racial categories.

Multiple Religions, Group: A group of persons demonstrating a commitment or devotion to religious faith or observance based upon multiple faiths.

Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter: The willful (nonnegligent) killing of one human being by another.

National Incident–Based Reporting System (NIBRS): A reporting system implemented in the late 1980s to replace the traditional Summary Reporting System (SRS) in reporting Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) data. NIBRS provides for expanded collection and reporting of offenses and arrests and their circumstances.

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands. This category includes persons from the following nationalities: Fijian, Guamanian or Chamorro, Marshallese, Native Hawaiian, Other Micronesian, Other Pacific Islander, not specified; Other Polynesian, Samoan, Tongan.

Offenses Against the Family and Children: Unlawful nonviolent acts by a family member (or legal guardian) which threaten the physical, mental, or economic well-being or morals of another family member and which are not classifiable as other offenses, such as Assault or Sex Offenses.

Officer Assault: Any unlawful attack by a person on a law enforcement officer who is in the performance of their duty. Officer assaults include those which result in serious injury to the sworn officer, all assaults in which the assailant used a weapon which could have caused serious injury or death, and assaults on officers that were beyond mere verbal abuse or minor resistance to an arrest.

Officer Assaults per 100 Officers Rate: This rate is an indicator of reported officer assault activity standardized by the number of officers employed by the agencies reporting the activity. The officer assault rate formula is: Number of Officer Assaults/Number of Law Enforcement Officers Employed x 100. Prior to 2001, assaults per 100 officers were based on estimates from data of agencies reporting a full 12 months of officer assault activity. Since 2001, this rate is based on officer assault activity reported to the Missouri Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Other Christian: A person who follows other denominations or nondenominational religions based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ but not described above. Examples of these religions include Metaphysical-Christ Church Unity, Spiritualist, Unity/Unitarianist, Unity Church, Universalist, and Other Metaphysical.

Other Offenses: All violations of state or local laws not specifically identified as Part I or Part II offenses, except traffic violations.

Other Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry: A person of a different race/ethnicity/ancestry than is otherwise included in this combined category.

Other Religions: A person who follows other non-Christian religions not described above. Examples of these religions include the Baha'I Faith, Jainism, Shintoism, Taoism, Tenrikyo, Wicca, and Zoroastrianism.

Other Vehicles: All other vehicles that meet the UCR definition for motor vehicles such as snowmobiles, motorcycles, motor scooters, trail bikes, mopeds, golf carts, and all-terrain vehicles.

Part I Offenses: The first of two main groupings of UCR crime classifications consisting of nine offenses (criminal homicide, forcible rape, aggravated assault, robbery, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, arson, and human trafficking).

Part II Offenses: The second of two main UCR groupings of crime classifications not already designated in Part I. Agencies are limited to reporting arrest information only for Part I offenses with the exception of simple assault.

Physical Disability: Any physical impairment; any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: neurological, musculoskeletal, special sense organs, respiratory (including speech organs), cardiovascular, reproductive, digestive, genitourinary, hemic and lymphatic, skin, and endocrine. (Americans with Disabilities Act)

Prostitution and Commercialized Vice: The unlawful promotion of or participation in sexual activities for profit.

Protestant: A person who follows the monotheistic religion of Christianity that is not part of Catholic or Eastern Orthodox faith. Members of this faith affirm the Reformation principles of justification by faith alone, the priesthood of all believers, and the primacy of the Bible as the only source of revealed truth.

Racial Bias: A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons who possess common physical characteristics, e.g., color of skin, eyes, and/or hair, facial features, etc., genetically transmitted

by descent and heredity which distinguish them as a distinct division of humankind, e.g., Asians, Blacks or African Americans, Whites.

Rape: Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.

Rate per 100,000 Population: Rates per 100,000 population are indicators of activity standardized by the population of those law enforcement agencies associated with the activity. The statewide offense formula is: $\text{Number of Offenses Reported} / \text{Population of all Agencies Reporting} \times 100,000$.

Religious Bias: A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons who share the same religious beliefs regarding the origin and purpose of the universe and the existence or nonexistence of a supreme being, e.g., Catholics, Jews, Protestants, atheists.

Robbery: The taking or attempted taking of anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Runaways (Persons under age 18): Limited to juveniles taken into protective custody under the provisions of local statutes. Runaways is no longer required by the FBI UCR Program.

Sex Offenses: Offenses against chastity, common decency, morals, and the like.

Sexual-Orientation Bias: A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a person or group of persons based on their actual or perceived sexual orientation.

Sexual Orientation: The term for a person's physical, romantic, and/or emotional attraction to members of the same and/or opposite sex, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and heterosexual (straight) individuals.

Sikh: A person who follows the monotheistic religion founded by Guru Nanak in the Punjab region of South Asia. Sikhs follow the teachings of 10 gurus; study from the religion's primary sacred text (i.e., the Guru Granth Sahib), and worship in Gurdwaras. Some members of the Sikh faith may be distinguished by the *dastaar* (Sikh turban) and five religious articles: *kesh* (unshorn hair, including a beard), *kanga* (wooden comb), *kara* (steel bracelet), *kachera* (short trousers), and *kirpan* (religious sword).

Simple Assault: All assaults and attempted assaults which are not of an aggravated nature and do not result in serious injury to the victim.

Stolen Property: Buying, Receiving, Possessing: Buying, receiving, possessing, selling, concealing, or transporting any property with the knowledge that it has been unlawfully taken, as by burglary, embezzlement, fraud, larceny, robbery, etc.

Summary Reporting System: The traditional tally system which has been used since 1930 to collect UCR data.

Transgender: Of or relating to a person who identifies as a different gender from their gender as determined at birth.

Trucks and Buses: Vehicles specifically designed (but not necessarily used) to commercially transport people and cargo.

Vandalism: To willfully or maliciously destroy, injure, disfigure, or deface any public or private property, real or personal, without the consent of the owner or person having custody or control by cutting, tearing, breaking, marking, painting, drawing, covering with filth, or any other such means as may be specified by local law.

Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, Etc.: The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices, or other deadly weapons.

White: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa. This category includes persons from the following nationalities: Irish, German, Italian, Lebanese, Arab, Moroccan, or Caucasian.