

IOWA UCR PROGRAM UPDATE

ICRIME Development

ICRIME development is behind schedule. The test environment will be available soon; this will likely occur within the next week. The Iowa UCR program will provide both RMS vendors and, soon after, agencies with access to the test environment. To accelerate the transition to ICRIME, the Iowa UCR program will allow interested agencies to achieve certification in the test environment.

The Iowa UCR program and Optimum Technology, the state's vendor, are working together to expedite the go-live date for the production environment. Currently, the date is associated with data migration from the existing mainframe database into ICRIME. Further updates, including specific dates for deployment, will be shared as they become available.

Motor Vehicle Theft

The circumstances surrounding motor vehicle theft determine how the offense is reported - the offense is not always classified as a 240=Motor Vehicle Theft. Generally, when a motor vehicle is stolen from a driveway, street, or parking lot the offense should be reported as a 240=Motor Vehicle Theft.

If a vehicle is stolen from a garage or other structure as part of a burglary, the theft should be reported as a 220=Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Similarly, if a car is stolen in a carjacking, a 120=Robbery should be reported. In certain instances, such as when an offender either rents or test drives a car and then does not return it, the theft should be reported as a 26A=False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game. More information on thefts involving motor vehicles, as well as the motor vehicle definition, is available in the [Iowa UCR Program User Manual](#).

2020 Data Deadline

This year, the FBI has established two end-of-year data deadlines. The first deadline, the Q4 2020 data deadline, was January 18, 2021. Data submitted for the deadline was submitted to the FBI and will be included in the Q4 2020 publication. The FBI is treating these as static publications - the quarterly publications on the [Crime Data Explorer](#) are not updated once released.

The second deadline, the annual 2020 data deadline, is **March 5, 2021**. Data submitted by this deadline will be included in the FBI's annual 2020 publications such as Crime in the United States, LEOKA, Hate Crime Statistics, and NIBRS. By the deadline, agencies must submit missing or corrected data. Data not submitted by this deadline will be excluded from the FBI's annual publications.

Importantly, no data submitted in the current technical specification will be accepted after the March 5, 2021 deadline. No exceptions will be made. Immediately after the deadline, the existing mainframe database will be retired and all data will be migrated to ICRIME.

Up-to-date offense tables have been created and will be sent via email to agencies starting next week. Agencies are asked to carefully review the counts and verify their accuracy.

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Reporting Arrests

Arrest data should be submitted on all persons processed by arrest, citation, or summons for offenses committed within the reporting jurisdiction. The arrest code of O=On-View Arrest is used when an arrestee is taken into custody without a previous incident or warrant, while T=Taken Into Custody is used when an arrestee is taken into custody based on a warrant or previously submitted incident report. The arrest code of S=Summons/Cited is used when an individual is not arrested, but instead receives a court date or citation.

If an arrestee is charged with more than one offense, the most serious offense should be reported. Group A arrest data is used to calculate agency clearance rates and, for this reason, it's important to report arrests according to established UCR rules - an incident/offense cannot be cleared if an arrest or, in specific instances, an exceptional clearance, is not reported.

Arrests based upon warrants should be reported by the jurisdiction where the incident originally occurred. This is not always the arresting agency. As such, accurate reporting may require coordination between agencies. Arrests based upon warrants should be reported with the arrest code of T=Taken Into Custody and with the specific arrest offense code (e.g., 13A=Aggravated Assault).

Arrests based upon FTA warrants or probation/parole violation warrants (when the violation itself is not a new offense) may be reported as 90Z=All Other Offenses. These arrests are standalone offenses and should be reported by the jurisdiction that issued the warrant (i.e., the agency that has jurisdiction over the courthouse where the FTA or probation/parole violation occurred).

2020 Homicide Audit

Each year, the Iowa UCR program conducts a homicide audit. As part of the audit, the state compares homicides known or suspected to have occurred with those submitted by agencies. This is an important effort, as it helps ensure that homicide counts are as accurate as possible - as there are relatively few homicides each year, even slight fluctuations in numbers can impact the crime rate.

As part of the audit, the Iowa UCR program may reach out to agencies to verify homicide offenses, including 09C=Justifiable Homicides. While justifiable homicides are not crimes, they must still be reported. As the audit occurs, please keep in mind that the DCI, as an assisting agency, does not report homicides. If the DCI assisted with a homicide investigation, your agency must still report the offense. Also, remember that there are no attempted homicides for UCR purposes. Instead, there are completed 13A=Aggravated Assaults.

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