

INTRODUCTION

The Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting Program

The Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting Program was developed in 1971 and implemented on January 1, 1972. The Illinois State Police was given the responsibility to be the central repository for collecting crime statistics.

Reporting crime statistics is mandated by chapter 20 Illinois Compiled Statutes 2630/8.

2630/8. Crime Statistics. The Department shall be a central repository and custodian of crime statistics for the State and it shall have all power incident thereto to carry out the purposes of this Act, including the power to demand and receive cooperation in the submission of crime statistics from all units of government.

Reporting agencies submit data on a monthly basis to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Participating jurisdictions include villages, municipalities, counties, colleges, universities, park districts, railroads, forest preserves, hospitals, and other miscellaneous agencies throughout Illinois.

On January 1, 1992, the Revised Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting Program, operating under the Federal Bureau of Investigation's new National Incident Based Reporting System criteria became operational. Due to reporting and collection problems, the Revised system was suspended, effective December 31, 1994. Data collection is captured and provided to the Illinois State Police on a Monthly Crime Index Form (see Section VIII Appendix). Crime index offenses, crime index arrests and drug arrests are required to be reported by local law enforcement agencies. In April 1996, the Illinois State Police began the collection of additional crime statistics mandated by state statute. These include: Domestic Violence, Attacks Against School Personnel and Hate Crimes. Crimes Against Children are also being reported to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Please note, the 1996 figures reflected in this publication are not comparable with those figures published in Crime in Illinois 1996 due to late and/or adjusted data.

Considerations for Interpretation

When comparing the crime statistics of one agency with another, many factors should be taken into consideration before conclusions are made. Some of the conditions affecting the type and volume of crime are:

- Population density and degree of urbanization.
- Variations in composition of the population, particularly youth concentration.
- Stability of population with respect to residents' mobility, commuting patterns and transient factors.
- Modes of transportation and highway system.
- Economic conditions, including median income, poverty level and job availability.
- Cultural factors and educational, recreational and religious characteristics.
- Family conditions with respect to divorce and family cohesiveness.
- Climate.
- Effective strength of law enforcement agencies.
- Administrative and investigative emphases of law enforcement.
- Policies of other components of the criminal justice system (i.e., prosecutorial, judicial, correctional and probational).
- Citizens' attitudes toward crime.
- Crime reporting practices of citizenry.¹

¹ Crime in the United States - 1996, United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, p.iv.

**I-UCR Reporting Agencies
1997**

In 1997, there were 1,093 law enforcement agencies in Illinois, of which 909 reported crime statistics directly to the Crime Studies Section. The remaining agencies reported their crime statistics through an intermediary agency (sheriff's office, police department, etc.).

Agency Type	Total Agencies
Police Departments	674
Sheriffs' Offices	102
Colleges & Universities	31
Secretary of State	6
Illinois State Police	56
Hospitals	2
Railroads	15
Park Districts	7
Airports	3
Forest Preserves	5
Arson/Fire Dept.	2
Other Agencies	6
Total	909

The Crime Index

The Crime Index is the total number of index offenses occurring within a given jurisdiction during a specified period of time. It is used to indicate the amount and extent of serious crimes as defined by the International Association of Chiefs of Police Committee on Uniform Crime Reports. The Crime Index consists of violent crimes - murder and nonnegligent manslaughter; forcible rape; robbery; and aggravated assault, and of property crimes - burglary; theft; motor vehicle theft; and arson.

The index crimes used by the I-UCR Program translate into the national program's eight Crime Index offenses as:

Violent Crimes

Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter - The willful killing of a person or the death of a person caused by gross negligence of an individual other than the victim.

Forcible Rape - The carnal knowledge of a female, forcibly and against her will - includes attempted rape. Illinois reports criminal sexual assault offenses rather than rape offenses under this category.

Robbery - The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence - includes attempted robbery.

Aggravated Assault - The intentional causing of serious bodily harm or the intentional attempt or threat of serious bodily injury or death - includes aggravated battery, attempted murder and ritual mutilation.

Property Crimes

Burglary - The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft - includes attempted burglary.

Theft - The unlawful taking or stealing of property or articles without the use of force, violence, or fraud - includes burglary from motor vehicle and attempts.

Motor Vehicle Theft - The unlawful taking or stealing of a motor vehicle - includes attempted motor vehicle theft.

Arson - The willful or malicious burning or attempts to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building or any building, motor vehicle, aircraft, or personal property of another.

The Crime Rate

The crime rate indicates the volume of crime occurring within a given population. It is defined as the total number of index crimes per 100,000 inhabitants and is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Crime Index} \times 100,000}{\text{jurisdictional population}} = \text{crime rate}$$

The jurisdictional population can be that of a city, town, village, state, or nation.

Crime Index Offense Classifications

	ILLINOIS CLASSIFICATIONS	FBI-UCR CLASSIFICATIONS
VIOLENT CRIMES	First Degree Murder (ILCS 720-5/9-1) Second Degree Murder (ILCS 720-5/9-2)	Murder & Nonnegligent Manslaughter
	Criminal Sexual Assault (ILCS 720-5/12-13, 14 & 16)	Forcible Rape
	Robbery (ILCS 720-5/18-1-5)	Robbery
	Attempted Murder Aggravated Assault (ILCS 720-5/12-2) Aggravated Battery (ILCS 720-5/12-4, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 & 4.6) Ritual Mutilation (ILCS 720-5/12-32)	Aggravated Assault
PROPERTY CRIMES	Burglary (ILCS 720-5/12-11, 19-1 & 3)	Burglary
	Theft (ILCS 720-5/16-1 & 16A-3 & 16E-3 & 16-5) Burglary From Motor Vehicle (ILCS 625-5/4-102 & 103, 720-5/12-11.1, 16-1 & 19-1)	Larceny/Theft
	Motor Vehicle Theft (ILCS 720-5/16-1 & 625-5/4-103)	Motor Vehicle Theft
	Arson (ILCS 720-5/20-1, 1.1 & 20-2)	Arson

