

As announced recently by FBI Director Comey, the Federal Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program has begun the transition to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) methodology of submitting crime statistics. Contributing law enforcement agencies must transition from the Summary Reporting System where Index Crimes are submitted, to NIBRS, by January 2021. The Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting (I-UCR) Program recently applied for a one-year planning grant to facilitate this transition. In order to accommodate incident-based data, the I-UCR Program needs to develop a system capable of receiving, processing, and validating NIBRS data prior to submission to the Federal UCR Program and subsequent data storage. Detailed discovery and analyses will provide the I-UCR Program with a transition and implementation blueprint to develop such a system. The goal is create one blueprint that will allow agencies to submit both Federal and Illinois statistics in one file. A three-year implementation phase will follow the planning phase and will include system testing and certification. Extensive training opportunities will be afforded to agencies during this phase. Other resources developed in both phases will be available to agencies to assist in the transition to NIBRS. Updates will be posted as the transition to NIBRS submissions progresses.

An agency has the option of migrating to NIBRS before the I-UCR Program is capable of accepting data; however, this does not eliminate the mandate for the agency to continue to submit the six reporting elements to the I-UCR program. In essence, the agency will be double-reporting until such time as the I-UCR Program has transitioned to NIBRS. Contact the I-UCR Program Manager Terri Hickman at 217/557-6482 to discuss this option. The FBI requires approval from the I-UCR Program before the Federal UCR Program will accept data directly from a reporting agency.