NIBRS Components

- 24 Offense Categories
- 52 Group A Offenses
- 10 Group B Offenses
- 58 Data Elements

NIBRS offenses are divided into Group A and Group B offense types. They are grouped into 3 crime categories of Crimes Against Persons (counted per victim), Crimes Against Property (counted per incident), and Crimes Against Society (counted per crime against society).

Unlike summary reporting, NIBRS offense codes are consistent across the nation – the codes are standardized. Traditional UCR offense codes vary across systems and jurisdictions.

In NIBRS there is no Hierarchy Rule- up to 10 offenses are counted per incident. Additionally, there are more offenses reported in NIBRS, more details per incident, and arrests and offenses are linked in NIBRS.

Group A Offense *Categories*

- Animal Cruelty
- Arson
- Assaults
- Bribery
- Burglary
- Counterfeiting/forgery
- Vandalism/Destruction
- Drug/Narcotic Offenses
- Embezzlement
- Extortion/Blackmail
- Fraud Offenses
- Gambling Offenses
- Homicide Offenses
- Human Trafficking
- Kidnapping/Abduction
- Larceny/Theft Offenses
- Motor Veh. Theft
- Pornography/Obscene

- Prostitution Offenses
- Robbery
- Sex Offenses
- Sex Offenses Non-Forcible
- Stolen Property Offenses
- Weapon Law Violations

Group B Offense *Categories*

- Bad Checks
- Family Offenses, Nonviolent
- Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations
- Liquor Law Violations
- Disorderly Conduct
- Peeping Tom
- Driving Under the Influence
- Trespass of Real Property
- Drunkenness
- All Other Offenses

There are 8 NIBRS segments as follows:

• Incident Information

- ➢ Incident Date
- ➢ Incident Hour
- ➢ Exceptional Clearance
- ➢ Exceptional Clearance Date

• Offense Information
- ➢ Offense Codes
- ➢ Attempted vs. Completed
- ➢ Offender Suspected Use (of alcohol, drug, or computers)
- ➢ Location
- ➢ Type and Number of Premises Entered
- ➢ Type of Criminal Activity
- ➢ Weapon/Force Used
- ➢ Bias Motivation

• Property Information
- ➢ Loss Type
- ➢ Property Description
- ➢ Value of Property
- ➢ Date Recovered
- ➢ Number of M.V. stolen/recovered
- ➢ Drug types and Amounts

• Victim Information
- ➢ Connection to Offenses
- ➢ Type of Victim
- ➢ Age/Sex/Race/Ethnicity/Resident Status of Victim
- ➢ Assault and Homicide Circumstances
- ➢ Injury Types
- ➢ Relationships to Offenders

• Offender Information
- ➢ Age/Race/Sex/Ethnicity of offender

• Arrestee Information
- ➢ Arrest Date
- ➢ Type of Arrest
- ➢ Arrest Offense Code
- ➢ Arrestee Weapons

- ➢ Age/Sex/Race/Ethnicity/Resident Status of Arrestee
  - ➢ Disposition of Minors

- **Group B Arrest Information**
  - ➢ Type of Arrest
  - ➢ Arrestee Weapons
  - ➢ Age/Sex/Race/Ethnicity of Arrestee
  - ➢ Disposition of Minors

- **Zero Report Segment**

Conversion to NIBRS

Converting to NIBRS reporting requires much more than just changing some things in RMS. Aside from making technological changes including updating tables, picklists, data fields and databases, personnel will require training, particularly Records staff who will need to become intimately familiar with the additional elements that are reported and need to be reviewed when checking incident reports.

Agencies should strongly consider converting prior year's summary data to NIBRS to enable a smooth transition and valid crime comparisons between pre and post NIBRS conversion years.

Upon converting, the new NIBRS data should be tested for accuracy and in fact, agencies are required to become certified to submit NIBRS data (see *Processes and Procedures of NIBRS Certification)*.

Law enforcement constituencies including the public and their elected officials will need an understanding of the changes in counting methodology and the resulting changes in the crime data. Due to the elimination of the Hierarchy Rule and the addition of more crime types which get counted in NIBRS, there will be a slight increase in the published data, albeit minimally (see Effects of NIBRS on Crime Statistics).

Lastly and perhaps most importantly, is planning. There will be a number of resources impacted during the conversion process and planning ahead will ensure success. PRI provides end-to-end NIBRS conversion services including planning, data conversion, implementation, testing, training and certification.