Idaho Violent Crime Trends
Dashboard User Guide

How to Use the Dashboard

Welcome to the Idaho Violent Crime Trends dashboard! Here you will find data on violent incidents reported to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program through the Idaho Incident-Based Reporting System (IIBRS) in the last 10 years.

The maps and bar charts can be adjusted with the three filters at the top of the screen. These are "Select Year", "Select Individual Category", and "Select Offense." The line chart can be changed with the "Select Individual Category" and "Select Offense" filters. On the "Characteristics" page, the bar chart can also be changed by using the "Select Individual Characteristic" filter just above the bar chart.

Should you get stuck, click the circular arrow icon above the page button for the page you are currently viewing, or use your browser refresh button. If the page goes blank, make sure none of the items in the drop-down menus are enclosed by parentheses. For example, if the "Select Individual Category" box looks like this: (Victims), use the drop-down menu to choose a different option.

IIBRS Reporting, Additional Definitions, and Rate Calculations

Efforts were made to report unduplicated counts where possible. Individual victims, offenders, and arrestees were only counted once per incident and offense type. However, because of the structure of NIBRS data, it is unknown if the same person was involved in multiple incidents. For example, if someone was the victim of a simple assault on January 1, and then again on July 1, that victim would be counted twice in this analysis. Additionally, if one person was the victim of a simple assault and intimidation in the same incident, that victim would be counted once in each category view, but only once in the "All Violent Offenses" view.

IIBRS captures data on offenders and arrestees separately. Offenders may be linked to up to 10 different offenses, while only one offense is recorded per arrestee. In order to capture all arrestees who were involved in a violent offense, these two data tables were linked together. Offenders and arrestees were matched based on Incident ID Number, Age, Sex, and Race. If all four of these data points matched, the offender and arrestee is assumed to be the same person. Offenders that did not match with anyone in the arrestee table on these four points were classified as "not arrested".

This dashboard contains two offense categories that are not included in IIBRS:

- **All Non-Consensual Sex Offenses:** This category was created by combining the following four offenses: Fondling, Rape, Sexual Assault with an Object, and Sodomy. In addition to this combined category, the dashboard allows users to view each of the four offenses separately.

- **Intimate Partner Violence:** This category includes all violent offenses where the relationship between the victim and the offender was one of the following: Spouse, Ex-Spouse, Common-Law Spouse, or Boy/Girlfriend. (Ex-Boy/Girlfriend was added to NIBRS in 2019.)

Nearly all local law enforcement agencies report data to Idaho State Police (ISP) through IIBRS. However, data may be reported late or not at all (for example, tribal agencies do not report data to IIBRS). Rates account for non-reporting agencies by adjusting the population to the reporting service area. One county in the last 10 years (Custer County in 2010) did not report any data to IIBRS, so Custer County's population was removed from the 2010 state total for the purposes of calculating rates.

Please note: FBI data may not exactly mirror data retrieved through ISP's in-house reporting system due to differences in processing and quality control techniques utilized by the two agencies. Links to both systems are included in the "Additional Resources" section on the next page.

Additional Resources

Federal Bureau of Investigation: Crime Data Explorer

Data contained in this dashboard was downloaded via the FBI Crime Data Explorer's (CDE) NIBRS data downloads. These downloads are free and available to the public. The CDE also contains a dynamic data analysis tool and a glossary of NIBRS terminology.

Idaho State Police: Crime in Idaho

This is the official IIBRS website. It contains annual *Crime in Idaho* publications, as well as customizable reports and charts using IIBRS data. The IIBRS repository contains information on all incidents reported to police, not just violent crimes.