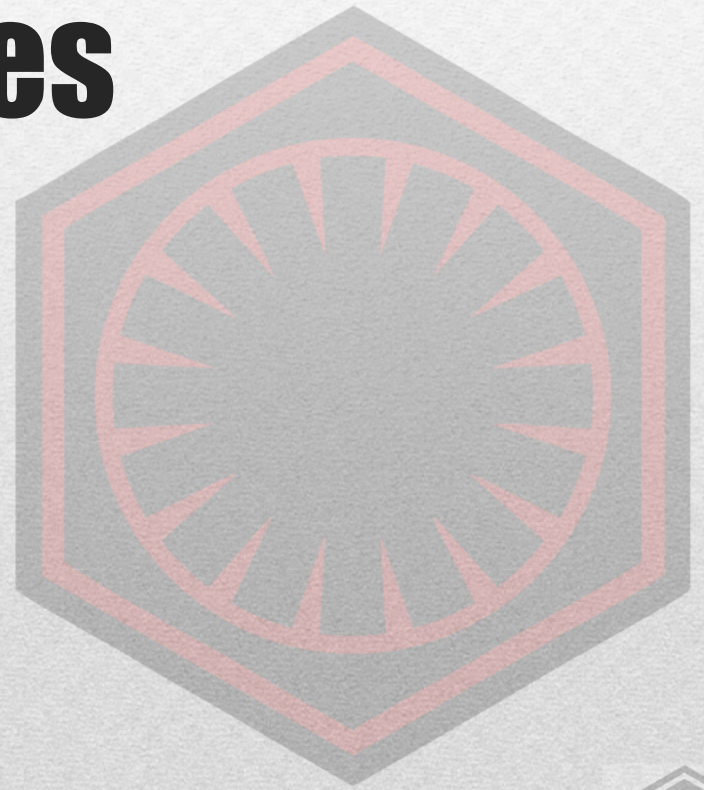


Accessing Criminological Databases



UCR

- Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)
 - Widely used source of crime data
 - Includes local and state law enforcement information
 - Based only on crimes reported to the police
 - Accessible online
 - Collected annually



UCR (cont.)

TABLE 2.1

Part I and Part II Offenses

PART I OFFENSES

Criminal homicide	Larceny-theft (except motor vehicle theft)
Rape	Motor vehicle theft
Robbery	Arson
Aggravated assault	Human trafficking, commercial sex acts
Burglary	Human trafficking, involuntary servitude

PART II OFFENSES

Other assaults (simple)	Gambling
Forgery and counterfeiting	Offenses against the family and children
Fraud	Driving under the influence
Embezzlement	Liquor laws
Stolen property: buying, receiving, possessing	Drunkenness
Vandalism	Disorderly conduct
Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.	Vagrancy
Prostitution and commercialized vice	All other offenses
Sex offenses (except rape and prostitution offenses)	Suspicion
Drug abuse violations	Curfew and loitering laws (persons under age 18)

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Uniform Crime Reporting Program. (2013). *Summary Reporting System (SRS) user manual*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, pp. 20–22.

1. Accessing the UCR

- <http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/crimestats>

1. Scroll to more information
2. Click on UCR publications
3. Click on a year
4. Choose an offense type
 - Hover your mouse over the data tables on the right side of the screen
 - The name of the table will appear
5. Click on a table that you want
6. At the top of the table, choose “download excel” & save file to computer



1. Accessing the UCR Exercise

- <http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/crimestats>
- Find 2009 table for offense clearances by arrest or exceptional means by population group.
 - What percent of offenses were cleared by arrests for all agencies in 2009 for violent crime?
 - What percent of offenses were cleared by arrest for all agencies in 2009 for robbery?



1. Accessing the UCR Exercise

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More Information

UCR Publications

View all UCR publications, including *Crime in the United States*, *NIBRS*, *LEOKA*, and *Hate Crime Statistics* reports, as well as topical reports on cargo theft, human trafficking, federal crime data, and more.



1. Accessing the UCR Exercise

- <http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/crimestats>
- Find 2009 table for offense clearances by arrest or exceptional means by population group.
- 3. Click on 2009
- 4. Click on clearances



- 5. Click on Table 25



1. Accessing the UCR Exercise

- <http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/crimestats>
- Find 2009 table for offense clearances by arrest or exceptional means by population group.
 - What percent of offenses were cleared by arrests for all agencies in 2009 for violent crime?
 - 47.1
 - What percent of offenses were cleared by arrest for all agencies in 2009 for robbery?
 - 28.2



2. UCR online data tool

- <https://www.ucrdatatool.gov/>
- Click on “go to the table-building tool”
- Choose your coverage
- Choose your table type
- Choose population type
- Click “next”
- Choose an agency
- Choose a variable group
- Choose year(s)
- Click on “get table”
- The HTML table pops up w/ the data
- Click on “spreadsheet w/ this table” for an excel file



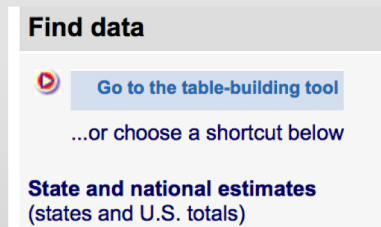
2. UCR online data tool Exercise

- Find the violent crime rate reported to the Phoenix Police Dept between the years of 2013 and 2014.
 - What was the population of Phoenix , Arizona in 2013?
 - What was the violent crime rate reported to the Phoenix Police Dept. in 2013?
 - What was the aggravated assault rate reported to the Phoenix Police Dept. in 2014?



2. UCR online data tool

- <https://www.ucrdatatool.gov/>
- Find the violent crime rate reported to the Phoenix Police Dept between the years of 2013 and 2014.
- Click on “go to the table-building tool”



- Click agencies
- Click single agency
- Click Arizona
- Click “next”



2. UCR online data tool

- <https://www.ucrdatatool.gov/>
- Find the violent crime rate reported to the Phoenix Police Dept between the years of 2013 and 2014.
- Choose Phoenix Police Dept
- Choose number of violent crimes
- Choose 2013 and 2014
- Click on “get table”



2. UCR online data tool Exercise

- Find the violent crime rate reported to the Phoenix Police Dept between the years of 2013 and 2014.
 - What was the population of Phoenix , Arizona in 2013?
 - 1,502,139
 - What was the violent crime rate reported to the Phoenix Police Dept. in 2013?
 - 9,492
 - What was the aggravated assault rate reported to the Phoenix Police Dept. in 2014?
 - 4,677



3. BJS

- Bureau of Justice Statistics
- Collects, analyzes, publishes, and disseminates information on:
 - Crime, criminal offenders, victims of crime, & the operation of justice systems at all levels of government
- Annual data collection:
 - Criminal victimizations (NCVS data)
 - Populations under correctional supervision
 - Federal criminal offenders & case processing
 - Criminal offenses (UCR data)

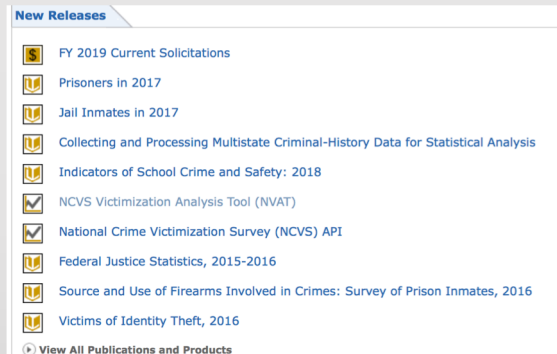


3. Accessing the BJS

- <https://www.bjs.gov/>

1. Under 'New Releases'

- Click View all Publications and Products



2.  = publication

3.  = excel data table

4. Choose which file or file type to download

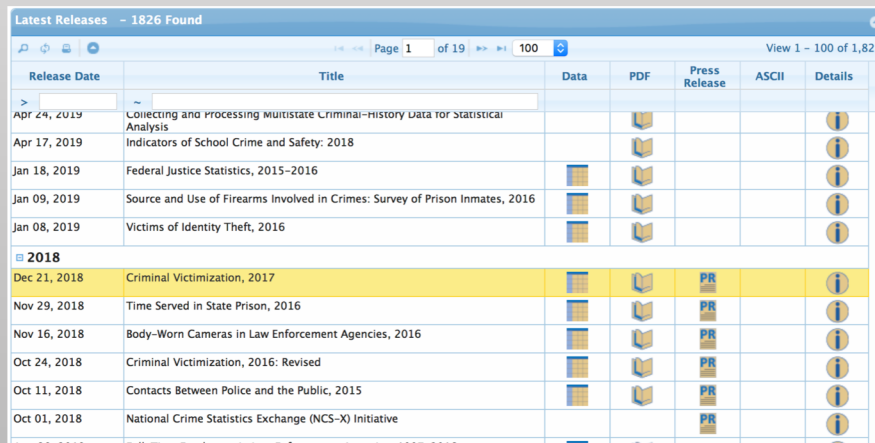
3. Accessing the BJS Exercise

- <https://www.bjs.gov/>
- Find and open the PDF file of Criminal Victimizations reported in 2017.
 - In 2017, which age group was more likely to be victimized?
 - Were males more likely to experience victimization in 2015 or 2017?



3. Accessing the BJS Exercise

- <https://www.bjs.gov/>
- Find and open the PDF file of Criminal Victimizations reported in 2017.
- Click on view all publications and products under “new releases”
- Click on Criminal Victimizations 2017 PDF icon



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Jan 09, 2019	Source and Use of Firearms Involved in Crimes: Survey of Prison Inmates, 2016					
Jan 08, 2019	Victims of Identity Theft, 2016					
2018						
Dec 21, 2018	Criminal Victimization, 2017					
Nov 29, 2018	Time Served in State Prison, 2016					
Nov 16, 2018	Body-Worn Cameras in Law Enforcement Agencies, 2016					
Oct 24, 2018	Criminal Victimization, 2016: Revised					
Oct 11, 2018	Contacts Between Police and the Public, 2015					
Oct 01, 2018	National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X) Initiative					

3. Accessing the BJS Exercise

- <https://www.bjs.gov/>
- Find and open the PDF file of Criminal Victimizations reported in 2017.
 - In 2017, which age group was more likely to be victimized?
 - Ages 12 to 17
 - Were males more likely to experience victimization in 2015 or 2017?
 - 2017



4. NCVS

- National Crime Victimization Survey
- Collects information on:
 - Crime suffered by individuals/households
 - Crime reported? Why/why not?
 - Details about each victimization
 - Offender/victim characteristics
 - Victims' experience w/ JJ or CJ system



4. Accessing NCVS

- <https://www.bjs.gov/>
1. Click on “data analysis tools”
 2. Click on “view by topic”
 3. Click on “victims”
 4. Click on “NCVS victimization analysis tool”
 5. Click on “custom tables”
 6. Choose type of victimization
 7. Choose variable(s) information
 8. Click on “generate results”



4. Accessing NCVS Exercise

- <https://www.bjs.gov/>
- Find the violent victimization rates for males and females in 2015 and 2016 based on their age.
 - In 2015, which age group of males was more likely to be victimized?
 - In 2016, which age group of females were more likely to be victimized?
 - Based on 2016 data, are males or females between the ages of 21 to 24 more likely to be victimized?



4. Accessing NCVS Exercise

- <https://www.bjs.gov/>
- Find the violent victimization rates for males and females in 2015 and 2016 based on their age.
- Click on data analysis tools



- Click on view by topic
- Click on victims
- Click on NCVS victimization analysis tool



4. Accessing NCVS Exercise

- <https://www.bjs.gov/>
- Find the violent victimization rates for males and females in 2015 and 2016 based on their age.
- Click on custom tables
- Click on personal victimization
- Choose the years 2015 – 2016
- Check violent victimization
- Choose sex as your first variable
- Choose age as your second variable
- Click generalize results



4. Accessing NCVS Exercise

- <https://www.bjs.gov/>
- Find the violent victimization rates for males and females in 2015 and 2016 based on their age.
 - In 2015, which age group of males was more likely to be victimized?
 - 35 to 49
 - In 2016, which age group of females were more likely to be victimized?
 - 25 to 34
 - Based on 2016 data, are males or females between the ages of 21 to 24 more likely to be victimized?
 - Males



5. ICPSR

- Inter-University Consortium for Political & Social Research
- 5,000 data sets
- Crime data:
 - Census data
 - National archive of CJ data
 - Social indicators & behavior
- <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/>



