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## Foreword



The 2016 Crime in Idaho report is compiled to increase the awareness and understanding of issues facing Idaho's law enforcement and criminal justice system. The information within its pages is useful not only by law enforcement and the courts, but also to legislators, researchers, educators and the media. The information is a resource to help understand crime and societal issues so that we may find ways to address them.

The Idaho State Police Bureau of Criminal Identification compiles the report using the Uniform Crime Reporting data supplied by Idaho's law enforcement agencies at the city, county and state levels. The statistics contained in the report present a picture as to the nature and volume of crime in our state. Offenses are reported to law enforcement after confirmation of a call for service, or there is a complaint filed which clearly indicates the commission of a crime. The accu-

racy of this report is dependent upon the information provided by the contributors and does not include the disposition of any of the crimes reported by a coroner, prosecutor, or the judicial branch.

We thank all of the law enforcement agencies that have contributed information for this publication and hope that it provides these agencies assistance in determining their priorities in the fight against crime.

The Idaho State Police is proud of the commitment of Idaho's law enforcement and criminal justice partners to work together to address the problems associated with criminal activity in Idaho so that our communities will remain a safe place for Idahoans as well as those who visit our great state.

Colonel Ralph W. Powell

Director, Idaho State Police

## *Law Enforcement Participation in 2016*

In compliance with Idaho Code 67-3006 and 67-2915, the Idaho State Police and fellow law enforcement agencies throughout Idaho submit crime data under the Idaho Uniform Crime Reporting Program. A special note of acknowledgment and gratitude is extended to the local law enforcement agencies listed below for their participation. Idaho's crime reporting success is greatly attributed to their dedication in providing accurate and complete crime data.

### **Police Departments**

Aberdeen	Garden City	Meridian	Rathdrum
American Falls	Gooding	Middleton	Rexburg
Blackfoot	Grangeville	Montpelier	Rigby
Bellevue Marshal	Hagerman	Moscow	Rupert
Boise	Hailey	Mountain Home	St. Anthony
Bonnars Ferry	Heyburn	Nampa	Salmon
Buhl	Homedale	Orofino	Sandpoint
Caldwell	Idaho City	Osburn	Shelley
Cascade	Idaho Falls	Parma	Shoshone
Challis	Jerome	Payette	Soda Springs
Chubbuck	Kamiah Marshal	Pinehurst	Spirit Lake
Coeur d'Alene	Kellogg	Pocatello	Sun Valley
Cottonwood	Ketchum	Ponderay	Twin Falls
Emmett	Kimberly	Post Falls	Weiser
Filer	Lewiston	Preston	Wendell
Fruitland	McCall	Priest River	Wilder

### **Sheriff Offices**

Ada	Butte	Gem	Minidoka
Adams	Camas	Gooding	Nez Perce
Bannock	Canyon	Idaho	Oneida
Bear Lake	Caribou	Jefferson	Owyhee
Benewah	Cassia	Jerome	Payette
Bingham	Clark	Kootenai	Power
Blaine	Clearwater	Latah	Shoshone
Boise	Custer	Lemhi	Teton
Bonner	Elmore	Lewis	Twin Falls
Bonneville	Franklin	Lincoln	Valley
Boundary	Fremont	Madison	Washington

**Population Coverage:** Crime data, reported by 109 Idaho law enforcement agencies, representing 100% of the population of Idaho for the year 2016. Statewide rates are calculated on an adjusted population base of 1,689,968.

Population figures for reporting agencies are furnished by the U.S. Census Bureau.

## *Idaho Uniform Crime Reporting Program*

Since 1974, Idaho has participated in the National Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. This program is a nationwide statistical collaboration designed to collect accurate crime data from all law enforcement agencies in a “uniform” manner. The Idaho UCR Program adopted the expanded and enhanced method of crime reporting, National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS), in 1991. Reporting definitions, rules, and guidelines are based on the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook, NIBRS Edition, provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**Objectives:** The program’s primary objective is to provide a reliable set of criminal statistics for law enforcement purposes. Law enforcement administrators can utilize these statistics for operational use, such as determination of manpower and training needs, proper focus of enforcement efforts and deterrence programs, budgets, and grant proposals. Furthermore, these statistics can provide valuable information to assist law enforcement in identifying specific crime activity facing law enforcement, such as juvenile crime, domestic violence, child abuse, crime motivated by hate, property crime, and drug/alcohol related crime.

The program’s secondary objective is to inform all government officials and the public as to the nature of the crime problems in Idaho, its magnitude and trends. Historically, statistics generated from this collection of crime data have proven to be a vital resource to legislators, educators, municipal planners, criminologists, media, advocate groups, and other public and private agencies involved with criminal justice throughout our country.

**Verification Procedures:** An obvious concern in the collection of crime statistics is the validity and uniformity of the data received. Uniform guidelines and statewide training is available to all contributors. Each incoming report is examined for mathematical accuracy and, perhaps of even more importance, for reasonableness as a possible indication of errors. Adjustments or unusual variations are brought to the attention of the submitting agency and, if necessary, corrections are made.

**Considerations for Interpretation:** Crime activity in a particular community can be deceiving unless specific factors are examined and taken into consideration before conclusions are made. Some conditions affecting the type and volume of crime are:

- \* population size, density, and degree of urbanization
- \* population variations in composition and stability
- \* economic conditions and employment availability
- \* cultural factors and educational, recreational, and religious characteristics
- \* effective strength of the police force
- \* administrative and investigative emphases of law enforcement
- \* prosecutorial, judicial, and/or correctional policies
- \* values established by family, community, and society in general
- \* citizens’ attitude toward crime and police
- \* crime reporting practices of citizens

## *Idaho Uniform Crime Reporting Program*

**Conditions for State Participation in the National UCR Program:** Outlined in the National UCR Handbook, NIBRS Edition are the following conditions which a state program must operate under: “1) The state must conform to the national UCR Program’s standards, definitions, and information requirements; 2) The state criminal justice agency must have a proven, effective, statewide UCR Program and have instituted acceptable quality control procedures; 3) Coverage within the state by a state agency must be, at least, equal to that attained by the national UCR Program; 4) The state agency must have adequate field staff assigned to conduct audits and to assist contributing agencies in record practices and crime reporting procedures; 5) The state agency must furnish to the FBI all of the detailed data regularly collected by the FBI in the form of duplicate returns, computer printouts, and/or magnetic tapes; 6) The state agency must have the proven capability to supply all the statistical data required in time to meet national UCR publication deadlines.”

**Submission Options:** Each law enforcement agency is responsible for compiling and submitting their crime data to the UCR unit of the Idaho State Police, Bureau of Criminal Identification. State submission options available to Idaho law enforcement agencies are: online entry utilizing the Idaho Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (ILETS); data file submission from a records management system which has acquired state approval for incident based reporting; or submit a hard copy incident based form, which is limited to agencies with less than 50 reportable incidents a month.

**Method of Collection:** The National UCR Program is administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Crime reporting on the national level is currently accepted under two methods, summary based and incident based. **For uniform purposes, Idaho law enforcement agencies report only under the incident based reporting method.** The summary based method collects the following: Part 1 offenses and arrests data, which consists of eight (8) specific crimes; arrest data only for Part 2 offenses. The incident based method collects the following: Group “A” offenses and arrests data, which includes an additional twenty-two (22) crime categories in conjunction with Part 1 crime; arrest data only on Group “B” offenses.

Group “A” Offenses			Group “B” Offenses (reported only when an arrest is made)
Crimes Against Persons	Crimes Against Property	Crimes Against Society	
Murder Negligent Manslaughter Rape Sodomy Sexual Assault w/Object Fondling Aggravated Assault Simple Assault Intimidation Kidnapping Incest Statutory Rape	Robbery Burglary/Breaking & Entering Larceny/Theft Offenses* Motor Vehicle Theft Arson Destruction of Property Counterfeiting/Forgery Fraud Offenses* Embezzlement Extortion/Blackmail Bribery Stolen Property Offenses	Drug/Narcotic Violations Drug Equipment Violations Gambling Offenses* Pornography Prostitution Offenses* Weapon Law Violations	Bad Checks Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Disorderly Conduct DUI Drunkenness Nonviolent Family Offenses Liquor Law Violations Peeping Tom Trespass of Real Property All Other Offenses Runaways - (not a crime, only reported when law enforcement apprehends juvenile)

\*Specific offenses exist within the crime category. Refer to crime category section for additional information.



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