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### 1.1 Advance viewing of *Preliminary Semiannual Uniform Crime Report, January–June, 2010*

On Monday, December 20, 2010, the national Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program will publish the *Preliminary Semiannual Uniform Crime Report, January–June, 2010*, on the FBI's Web site. Local law enforcement agencies will have advance access to the information via a beta site. Please note that the Web site, username, and password provided below are case-sensitive.

*Preliminary Semiannual Uniform Crime Report, January–June, 2010*

Advance viewing date: Monday, December 13, 2010

Web site: <[www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2010/preliminary-crime-in-the-us-2009](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2010/preliminary-crime-in-the-us-2009)>

Username: UCRcontr

Password: aLook2010

Public release date: Monday, December 20, 2010

Agencies are reminded that these data are embargoed until the public release date. Until then, they are for internal use only.

### 1.2 Data submission deadlines

The national UCR Program would like to remind direct contributors that **Friday, December 17, 2010**, is the deadline to submit 2010 police employee counts as of October 31, 2010, to the FBI. In addition, **Friday, December 31, 2010**, is the deadline to report a change to an agency's name, address, or current reporting status to the FBI.

The staff of the national UCR Program would like to thank all contributors for their participation and submitting data in a timely manner. The FBI could not publish UCR data without agencies' continued support.

### 1.3 UCR Data Tool now available

The UCR Data Tool—an interactive, query-only database that allows users to select custom variables, easily look at longitudinal data, and download spreadsheets of tailor-made tables—is now available online at <[www.ucrdatatool.gov](http://www.ucrdatatool.gov)>.

The information in the UCR Data Tool comes from law enforcement agencies that participate in the UCR Program. The database includes offense data from 1985 to 2009 for city law enforcement agencies with 10,000 or more inhabitants and county law enforcement agencies with 25,000 or more inhabitants that provided 1 to 12 months of offense data. Users can access figures for volume and rate per 100,000 inhabitants for violent crime and property crime offenses. Arson figures are not included in the database.

If data from any agency was omitted from the UCR Program's annual report, *Crime in the United States*, and the data are now available, the information is contained within the UCR Data Tool along with a footnote explaining why figures were excluded from *Crime in the United States*.

The UCR Data Tool also provides state and national estimated crime data for 1960 to 2009 and furnishes additional information on the following UCR topics:

- About the UCR Program
- UCR Offense Definitions
- UCR Publications
- Methodology
- Tools for Decision Making
- Frequently Asked Questions.

Agencies with questions about the UCR Data Tool should contact Ms. Nancy E. Carnes in the Crime Statistics Management Unit (CSMU) by telephone at (304) 625-2995 or by e-mail at <[nancy.carnes@leo.gov](mailto:nancy.carnes@leo.gov)>.

## **1.4 Update to the UCR Program going paperless in 2013**

The FBI is undertaking a wholesale redesign and redevelopment of the system that has supported the FBI's UCR Program for more than 30 years. The FBI's UCR Redevelopment Project (UCRRP) will provide many benefits to the users of our system and provide the means and opportunity for additional value-added services to be provided to law enforcement agencies nationwide.

As part of the UCRRP, an effort is underway to migrate all submissions to an electronic interface on or before the 2013 deployment of the new system. Specifically, paper submissions or the electronic submission of printed documents (such as Portable Document Format files) will no longer be accepted beginning in 2013.

Over the next several months, the UCRRP will contact each agency currently submitting crime data via paper to ensure that every agency is able to participate electronically when the new system goes live in 2013.

For more information or for assistance in making this transition, agencies should contact Mr. James H. Noonan of the CSMU by telephone at (304) 625-2927 or by e-mail at <james.noonan@leo.gov>.

## **1.5 Electronic availability of the *UCR Newsletter***

The current *UCR Newsletter*, as well as previous editions, is also available via the Law Enforcement Online (LEO) Intranet at <[https://www.leo.gov/http://leowcs.leopriv.gov/lesig/cjis/programs/crime\\_statistics/newsletters/newsletters.htm](https://www.leo.gov/http://leowcs.leopriv.gov/lesig/cjis/programs/crime_statistics/newsletters/newsletters.htm)>. Users with questions concerning access to the LEO should contact the LEO Program Office by telephone at (304) 625-5555.

## SECTION 2—CLARIFICATION TO POLICY AND PROCEDURES

### 2.1 Classifying the new, synthetic drug Spice

The national UCR Program staff has received numerous questions from law enforcement agencies regarding the use of an incense called Spice (which is also known as K2). Spice is a synthetic cannabinoid herbal substance that, when smoked, produces a marijuana-like high.

Agencies should **not** classify Spice as marijuana for crime reporting purposes. Because it has been known to cause hallucinations in some users, the FBI Laboratory's Chemical Unit has advised the national UCR Program staff that agencies that use the National Incident-Based Reporting System should report the drug as K = Other Hallucinogens. In the Summary Program, agencies should classify Spice in the Other Dangerous Nonnarcotic Drug category.

It is illegal to possess Spice in some states. Legislation is pending to make it illegal in other states. Only agencies in jurisdictions where the possession of Spice is illegal should report offenses and/or arrests for the drug.

Agencies with questions should contact the Training and Systems Education Unit at (888) 827-6427.

### 2.2 Update to the Association of State Uniform Crime Reporting Programs conference

In October 2009, the Association of State UCR Programs held its annual conference, and updates to items discussed at the conference include:

**The Multiple Arrestee Segment Indicator in the National Incident-Based Reporting System:** In October 2009, the fall Working Groups approved the option to change the definition of Code C in Data Element 4, Exceptionally Cleared, from "Extradition Denied" to "In Custody of Other Jurisdiction" and sent the matter before the full CJIS Advisory Policy Board (APB).

The APB approved the measure and sent it to the Director's Office for approval, which was granted. Beginning January 1, 2011, agencies should use Code C in Data Element 4 in cases in which extraditions are formally denied or in circumstances where an agency arrests an offender who is also suspected of committing offenses in other jurisdictions. Law enforcement agencies in the other jurisdictions should report Code C in Data Element 4 when they are made aware of the arrest.

Agencies with questions should contact Mr. James H. Noonan of the CSMU by telephone at (304) 625-2927 or by e-mail at <james.noonan@leo.gov>.

**Updated Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) Forms:** The staff of the national UCR Program created two new forms, *Analysis of Officers Accidentally Killed* and *Analysis of Officers Feloniously Killed and Assaulted* to replace the form *Analysis of Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted*. In October 2009, the national staff was awaiting approval from FBI Headquarters and the Office of Management and Budget. The forms have now been approved, and the national staff will disseminate the new forms to agencies that report any 2011 officer deaths and serious assaults.

Agencies with questions should contact the LEOKA Program staff by telephone at (304) 625-3521.