FBI Data Documentation: January–September 2025 & 2026 Extract

Welcome to the California Crime Data Dashboard. This project is a collaboration between the Committee on Revision of the Penal Code and the California Policy Lab.

This documentation provides information on our data sources, guidance on exploring the dashboard, data coverage details, and a data dictionary to help you interpret the metrics.

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Thomas Nosewicz, Legal Director, Committee on Revision of the Penal Code at tnosewicz@clrc.ca.gov.

Data Source

The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) provides monthly, agency-level summarized crime data across the United States. The California Policy Lab compiled these data for law enforcement agencies in California that reported to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program for all months in the specified time period. The data is obtained by querying the FBI's Crime Data API.

The FBI data extract described below was published on November 15, 2026, incorporating a 1.5-month lag to account for reporting delays and allow for greater data stability. All population counts are based on 2025 FBI population estimates.

Supplemental Public Data: To ensure the dashboards remain representative of crime in California, supplemental public data was manually sourced and integrated for the three of the largest agencies that had incomplete FBI data:

- **Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) -** 2025 FBI Population: 945,223
- **San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) -** 2025 FBI Population: 815,330
- **Oakland Police Department (OPD) -** 2025 FBI Population: 444,211
    - *Note: OPD public data excludes the final few days of September for both 2025 and 2026.*

Data coverage

The January–September 2026 dashboard includes a total of **715 agencies** covering **92.6%** of the California population (36.4 million people), based on 2025 population estimates.

868 agencies were available for extraction in the FBI API. **712** of these agencies reported for all months in the first three quarters of 2025 and 2026 (January–September).

15* out of **97** large agencies (agencies serving populations of 100,000 or more) did not provide complete data to the FBI for this period and are excluded from the statewide and agency-level tables.

*Excluded agencies: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office**, San Francisco Police Department**, Long Beach Police Department, Oakland Police Department**, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office, Santa Clarita Police Department, Ontario Police Department, Rancho Cucamonga Police Department, Lancaster Police Department, Palmdale Police Department, Victorville Police Department, Daly City Police Department, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office, Rialto Police Department, and Hesperia Police Department

***Supplemental public data from these three agencies were incorporated.*

Methodology

CHP Data Aggregation: The underlying FBI data includes 148 distinct California Highway Patrol (CHP) agencies, which consists of many specialized units such as Auto Theft Task Forces, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Investigative Services, and Protective Services. To maintain meaningful agency-level metrics, CHP agencies were rolled up into 52 county-level agencies using the county assignments designated by the FBI.

Reporting Thresholds: Agencies are included in the agency-level dashboard view only if they report at least 15 violent offenses or 50 property offenses in either time period. This threshold suppresses extreme percentage change fluctuations that may result from small baseline values. However, data from agencies below the threshold are included in the statewide summary statistics and remain available to view in the downloadable data file.

Data extract for download

The downloadable data file includes the raw monthly summarized reported crime data for all **868** agencies that reported to the FBI from January 2025 through September 2026, including those with incomplete reporting. This extract does not include the supplemental public data and does not reflect any additions or modifications as described in the methodology section above.

Variable name	Description	Type
ori	Originating Agency Identifier; a unique code assigned by the FBI to identify each law enforcement agency	String
agency_name	Name of the law enforcement agency	String
county	County of agency	String

jurisdiction	A concatenated field containing the agency name and “Offenses” or “Clearances” to indicate signifying reported offenses or cleared cases	String
month	Month and year of reporting	Date *(Format: MM-YYYY)*
offense	Offense type abbreviation. Includes violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault), property crime (burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson), and the 8 Part I index crimes. V - Violent P - Property HOM - Homicide RPE - Rape ROB - Robbery ASS - Aggravated Assault BUR - Burglary LAR - Larceny-Theft MVT - Motor Vehicle Theft ARS - Arson	String
count	Reported crime count	Numeric *(Integer)*
rate	Reported crime rate per 100,000 people	Numeric *(Float)*
population	FBI population estimate in 2025 for the agency’s jurisdiction Special agencies (e.g., school districts, transit authorities, highway patrol, parks, etc.) are assigned a population value of 0.	Numeric *(Integer)*

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