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Acquaintance - a person whom one knows but who is not a particularly close friend.

Adjusted Population Base - statewide population figure is adjusted to reflect only the crime reporting jurisdictions. Population base is used to calculate rates per capita.

Adult - a person 18 years of age or older.

Agency - an Idaho police department, sheriff's office or state police.

Arrest - a person physically apprehended, cited or served with a summons related to a reportable offense.

Arrest Rate - the number of arrests reported for each unit of population.

B & E - breaking and entering into a structure.

Cleared - indication of an arrest or exceptional status for offenses committed within a reportable crime incident.

Clearance Rate - the percentage of reported offenses cleared.

Cleared by Arrest - indicating at least one person involved in the commission of the reported incident was arrested.

Cleared by Exceptional Means - indicating specific circumstances in which law enforcement has: 1) definitely established the identity of the offender, 2) enough information to support an arrest, 3) obtained in their knowledge, the exact location of the offender so the subject could be taken into

custody, 4) **and yet** reasons outside of their control precludes an arrest. Those reasons are limited to: a) death of the offender, b) prosecution declined, c) extradition denied, d) victim refused to cooperate, or e) juvenile/no custody.

County Total - represents all the reporting agencies within a designed geographic area.

Crime Rate - represents the number of Group "A" offenses reported for each unit of population.

Crimes Against Persons/Property/Society-NIBRS offenses are divided into specific categories. Crimes Against Persons is based on those crimes whose victims are always "individual." Crimes Against Property is based on the main criminal objective to obtain money, property, or some other benefit. Crimes Against Society represents certain types of criminal activity prohibited by our society.

CSO - County Sheriffs' Office.

Distribution - percentage of variables related to each other within a specific grouping.

DPS - Department of Public Safety.

du - dosage unit.

Ethnicity - indicates ethnic origin, regardless of race, as either Hispanic (a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin) or not Hispanic. Categories adopted from the Statistical Policy Handbook published by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards, U.S. Department of Commerce.

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Family Relationship - a category to reflect the relationship of the victim to the offender in which members are related by blood or marriage. This category will include the following relationships unless otherwise stated: spouse, child, parent, sibling, stepchild, stepparent, stepsibling, grandparent, grandchild, in-law, and other family members.

Group "A" Offenses - thirty crime categories selected under the NIBRS reporting method for which offense and arrest data is collected from participating law enforcement agencies.

Group "A" Crime Rate - the total Group "A" crime offenses reported divided by statewide adjusted population base multiplied by 100,000 inhabitants.

Group "B" Offenses - eleven additional categories selected under the UCR NIBRS reporting method for which only arrestee data is collected from participating law enforcement agencies.

Idaho Code 67-3006 states: "A law enforcement agency shall submit to the department, at the time, in the manner, and in the form prescribed by the department, data regarding crimes committed within that agency's jurisdiction. The department shall publish an annual report, available no later than July 1 of the following year, containing the statistical information gathered under this section that relates to the number and nature of criminal offenses, arrests, and clearances, and any other data the director determines to be appropriate relating to the method, frequency, cause and prevention of crime."

Idaho Code 67-2915 states: "All city, county and state law enforcement units shall be required to report to the director all incidences of, complaints on, and arrests for malicious harassment (definition reference Idaho Code 18-7902) crimes within their respective jurisdictions. The director shall develop a standard procedure and shall prescribe and provide a standard form for complete and uniform reporting."

Incident - one or more offenses committed by the same offender, or group of offenders acting in concert, at the same time and place. Acting in concert requires all offenders to be aware of and consent to, or if non-consenting, their actions assist in the commission of the crime.

Intimate Partner - a category to reflect the relationship of the victim to the offender in which two individuals have or have had an intimate relationship with one another. This category will include the following relationships: spouse, common law spouse, ex-spouse, boy/girlfriend, and homosexual relationship.

Jurisdiction - geographical area designated to a specific law enforcement agency.

Juvenile - a person under 18 years of age.

NIBRS - National Incident Based Reporting System, which is a method of collecting UCR data based on Group A and Group B offenses.

n/a - not applicable or unable to calculate.

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NR - no report. Refers to an agency that is not participating in the UCR program.

Other Family - a relationship category for family members not included in a specific category of its own. Example: uncle, aunt, cousin, niece, nephew, etc...

Offender - person who is suspected of committing a criminal offense.

Offense - type of crime committed during a reportable incident.

Offense definitions - based on the common law definitions found in the Black's Law Dictionary, as well as those used in the UCR NIBRS Handbook.

Offense Total - total number of reported Group "A" crimes.

Otherwise Known - refers to someone that can be recognized but is not a friend or acquaintance.

PD - Police Department.

Population - number of persons living within a geographical area. Provided by the Bureau of the Census.

Relationship of Victim to Offender(s) - this reflects the number of relationships that are reported between a victim and offender(s) within the same incident. Up to ten relationships per victim can be reported.

Summary Based - represents eight crime classifications (murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, arson), which is recognized on the national level as Part 1 crimes. The Part 1 crimes are currently used to measure fluctuations and distribution of crime between reporting states.

Summary Crime Rate - represents the number of Part 1 crimes reported for each unit of population.

UCR - Uniform Crime Reporting, which is a national program designed to collect crime data from law enforcement agencies.

Unfounded Status - a record of complaint which is found to be false or baseless after police investigation. The number of these complaints are not included in the actual number of offenses reported used in the tabulation of crime reporting.

Unk - Unknown.

Victim/Offender Relationship - all participants in the incident were victims and offenders of the same offense, i.e., two persons fighting each other.

Violent Crime - refers to the grouping of the following offenses: murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.