

NIBRS CODES NOW MANDATORY



ANIMAL CRUELTY	IDENTITY THEFT	HACKING/COMPUTER INVASION
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Animal Cruelty - Identity Theft - Hacking/Computer Invasion

GROUP “A” OFFENSES AND DATA VALUES

Offense	UCR Code	Description	In a continuing effort to remain in the forefront of the collection and reporting of crime statistics ACIC will expand its National Incident Based Reporting Systems collection process. ACIC will incorporate the latest NIBRS data elements accepted by the FBI into its monthly and yearly reporting process. We want to express our appreciation for the support received from your agency in the reporting of crime data to the state NIBRS Program. Your efforts have made the Arkansas NIBRS Program one of the best in the nation. The FBI announced several new additions to the NIBRS Program. In order to maintain an advantage ACIC has incorporated all of the new data additions and modifications including Animal Cruelty, Hacking/Computer Invasion, Identity Theft, and Locations like Cyberspace to name a few.
Animal Cruelty	720	Crime Against Society; Mistreat or kill any animal without just cause; transporting or confining an animal in a manner likely to cause injury or death; causing an animal to fight with another; inflicting excessive or repeated unnecessary pain or suffering	
Identity Theft	26F	Crime Against Property; Wrongfully obtaining and using another person's personal data, e.g., name, date of birth, social security number, driver's license number, credit card number	
Hacking/Computer Invasion	26G	Crime Against Property; Wrongfully gaining access to another person's or institution's computer software, hardware, or networks without authorized permissions or security clearances	

We are making this announcement to all of the submitting law enforcement agencies and their (RMS) Record Management System Vendors in the state. ACIC is providing the new technical manual and NIBRS Data Element Specifications to all RMS Vendors involved in the state. Also we are placing the information on our website at <https://media.ark.org/dps/2025-NIBRS-User-Manual.pdf>. The changes became mandatory on January 1st 2021. That means the first NIBRS submission for 2021, will be the January submission sent to ACIC the following month. The NIBRS updates or modifications will need to be made by your RMS Vendor.

If you have any questions please call the NIBRS Program Office at 501-682-2222. You may also email your questions or request to Ralph Ward at ralph.ward@acic.arkansas.gov or Kyle Brown at kyle.brown@acic.arkansas.gov.



Type of **Criminal Activity** is expanded to include 4 data values to describe the type of Animal Cruelty abuse:

A = **Simple/Gross Neglect** (Failure to provide food, water, shelter, veterinary care, or intentionally or knowingly withholding food or water)

I = **Intentional Abuse and Torture**

F = **Organized Abuse** (Dog fighting and cock fighting)

S = **Animal Sexual Abuse** (Bestiality)

NEW LOCATION TYPE:
CYBERSPACE

The new **Location Type** was added to accommodate the new Fraud offenses 26F – Identity Theft and 26G – Hacking/Computer Invasion.