# **Table 1, Data Declaration**

## **Percent Change, by Population Group**

The FBI collects these data through the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

#### General comment

This table provides the percent change in offenses known to law enforcement, by population group, for the first 6 months of 2007 and 2008.

## Methodology

The data used in creating this table were from law enforcement agencies submitting 3 to 6 common months of offense reports for 2007 and 2008. When the FBI determines certain variables have created unusual fluctuations in the data, those data are excluded from the trend tabulations.

#### **Population estimation**

For the 2007 population estimates used in this table, the FBI computed individual rates of growth from one year to the next for every city/town and county using 2000 decennial population counts and 2001 through 2006 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. Each agency's rates of growth were averaged; that average was then applied and added to its 2006 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2007 population estimate.

#### If you have questions about this table

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