



ILLINOIS STATE POLICE  
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Dear Agency Chief Executive,

By now, you have likely heard about the National Incident Based Reporting System, commonly known as NIBRS. NIBRS will replace the summary reporting system (SRS) currently used in the Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting (I-UCR) Program to collect crime statistics that are published in *Crime in Illinois* and are forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for publishing in *Crime in the United States*.

The most significant difference between NIBRS and SRS is the degree of detail in reporting. When reporting traditional SRS data, law enforcement agencies tally the occurrences of 10 Part I crimes. NIBRS is capable of producing more detailed, accurate, and meaningful data because data are collected about when and where crime takes place, what form it takes, and the characteristics of its victims and perpetrators.

Hopefully, your agency and your records management system provider are already well into the programming changes necessary to convert to incident-based reporting. The Illinois State Police (ISP) is hard at work with its vendor, Optimum Technology (<https://www.otech.com>), to develop the NIBRS-ready repository to accept, edit, compile, and forward the data.

As the manager of the state central repository, the ISP must begin submitting *only* incident-based data to the FBI beginning January 1, 2021. **However, we will continue to accept summary data from our reporting agencies until December 31, 2022.** Though we will still accept summary data and publish it in *Crime in Illinois*, it will not be forwarded to the FBI nor will it be published in *Crime in the United States*.

Thank you for your commitment to accurate crime statistics reporting. If you have additional questions, please contact the NIBRS transition staff at [ISP.NIBRS.transition@illinois.gov](mailto:ISP.NIBRS.transition@illinois.gov)

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B F Kelly".

Brendan F. Kelly  
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