

Police-involved shootings and other instances of use of force (UoF) by police have been topics of national discussion, but a number of high-profile cases in which subjects died during the arrest process or while in police custody have heightened awareness. The ability to analyze UoF incidents and have informed dialogue is hindered by the lack of statistics.

The FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Advisory Police Board (APB) is made up of criminal justice and national security professionals from across the country. The APB meets to review policies and technical and operational issues related to CJIS Division programs. These meetings address the needs of law enforcement and determine how the CJIS Division can assist in meeting these needs. In 2016, the FBI approved the recommendation from the APB to develop a national UoF data collection.

A UoF pilot study was conducted with a group of law enforcement agencies who volunteered to submit data, which included Elgin Police Department and Lake County Sheriff's Department. The study concluded on December 31, 2017, and the national UoF data collection, under the purview of the Federal UCR Program, began in January 2018. The I-UCR Program is not going to facilitate the UoF data collection process. Participation in the UoF data collection is voluntary, and submissions are made by an agency directly to the FBI using the Law enforcement Enterprise Portal (LEEP).

Information about the data requirements can be found at <https://ucr.fbi.gov/use-of-force-data>

Participation in the national UoF data collection does not replace reporting Arrest Related Deaths (ARD) or Officer Non-Fatal Shootings (ONFS) to the I-UCR Program. ARD and ONFS were deployed prior to the development of the UoF data collection, and data collected as mandated by the Illinois Compiled Statutes does not align with the UoF data collection.