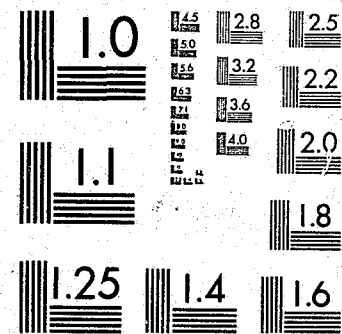


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DATA FORMAT = LRECL

CLASS = IV

EXTENT/COLLECTION = 1 data file
FILE STRUCT = rectangular
CASES = 4253
VARIABLES = 49
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The tape records that will subsequently be used for statistical purposes to prepare the OBTS reports will condense the records for multiple charges to reflect the most serious charge at each step of the criminal justice process and edit those elements onto one record for each offender based on arrest date. For instance, a suspect could be charged for five different offenses and the OBTS tape sent to the Bureau could have five separate records for the same offender. Through editing, only one record would be available for statistical purposes (disposition records relating to a single arrest/charge will not require additional editing). This record would show: 1. the most serious arrest offense, 2. the most serious charged offense, and 3. the most serious convicted offense. Because of the many different methods utilized to record transactions in the various state systems it might be impossible to tie prosecutor charges and court dispositions to specific arrest charges; therefore, the method of reporting multiple charges will be predicated on the ability of the individual states to use the one record concept as opposed to reporting separately each charge and its corresponding disposition. If the option of reporting individual arrest/disposition records is used the Bureau will assume the responsibility of producing a tape containing condensed records.

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OFFENDERS

Date of Birth
Race
Sex

OFFENSE

Arrested Offense
Charged Offense (if available)
Convicted Offense

PROCESSES

Disposition
Sentences

TIME

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Date Charged (if available)

AGENCIES

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DATA ELEMENTS

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Date of Birth *	6	N	1-6
Sex	1	N	7
1. Male			
2. Female			
9. Unknown			
Race	1	N	8
1. White			
2. Black			
3. American Indian or Alaskan Native			
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5. Not Known			
Ethnic Origin	1	N	9
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Tape Record Number	10	AN	10-19
Arresting Agency (NCIC Code)	9	AN	20-28

Code 9's for missing or unknown data

DATES *

Arrest or other entry to system	6	N	29-34
Prosecutor Charge	6	N	35-40

Code 9's for missing or unknown data

Final Disposition (Court Date)	6	N	41-46
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Code 9's for missing or unknown data

Sentence	6	N	47-52
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Code 9's for missing or unknown data

(Either the final disposition or sentence date must be provided.)

OFFENSE AND LEVEL OF OFFENSE CODES

Arrested Offense	4	N	53-56
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Code 9's for missing or unknown data

Level of Arrested Offense	1	N	57
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- 1 Felony Level
- 2 Misdemeanor Level
- 3 Other Level
- 4 Level not specified

Number of Arrest Charges	2	N	58-59
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Charged Offense	4	N	60-63
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8888 Inapplicable, not charged
9999 Missing or unknown data

Level of Charged Offense	1	N	64
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- 1 Felony Level
- 2 Misdemeanor Level
- 3 Other Level
- 4 Level not specified

Number of Charged Offenses	2	N	65-66
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Convicted Offense 4 N 67-70
 8888 Inapplicable, not convicted
 9999 Missing or unknown data

Level of Convicted Offense 1 N 71
 1 Felony Level
 2 Misdemeanor Level
 3 Other Level
 4 Level not specified

Number of Convicted Offenses 2 N 72-73
 (Include felonies and misdemeanors)

FINAL DISPOSITIONS

Police Disposition 1 N 74
 1 Transfer to other law enforcement agency
 2 Transfer to other agency
 3 Released
 4 Other final disposition
 8 Not disposed of by police
 9 Missing or unknown data

Prosecutor Disposition 1 N 75
 1 Prosecution felony charge
 2 Prosecution misdemeanor charge
 3 Prosecution other charge
 4 Prosecution declined (nolle pros)
 8 Not disposed of by prosecutor
 9 Missing or unknown data

Type of Court (Final Disposition) 1 N 76
 1 Lower
 2 Upper
 3 Other Court
 8 Not disposed of by courts
 9 Missing or unknown data

Type of Charge (Final Disposition) 1 N 77
 1 Felony
 2 Misdemeanor
 3 Other
 8 Not Disposed of by Courts
 9 Missing or unknown data

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 (As of June 1977)

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 SEXUAL ASSAULT1100 thru 1199
 ROBBERY.1200 thru 1299
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 ASSAULT.1300 thru 1399
 ARSON.2000 thru 2099
 EXTORTION.2100 thru 2199
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- 1 Transfer to other law enforcement agency
- 2 Transfer to other agency
- 3 Released
- 4 Other final disposition
- 8 Not disposed of by police
- 9 Missing or unknown data

Prosecutor Disposition 1 N 75

- 1 Prosecution felony charge
- 2 Prosecution misdemeanor charge
- 3 Prosecution other charge
- 4 Prosecution declined (nolle pros)
- 8 Not disposed of by prosecutor
- 9 Missing or unknown data

Type of Court (Final Disposition) 1 N 76

- 1 Lower
- 2 Upper
- 3 Other Court
- 8 Not disposed of by courts
- 9 Missing or unknown data

Type of Charge (Final Disposition) 1 N 77

- 1 Felony
- 2 Misdemeanor
- 3 Other
- 8 Not Disposed of by Courts
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Court Disposition 1 N 78

- 1 Off calendar
- 2 Civil procedure
- 3 Dismissed
- 4 Acquitted
- 5 Convicted
- 6 Other
- 7 Probation without verdict
- 8 Not disposed of by court
- 9 Missing or unknown data

Sentence 2 N 79-80

- 01 Death
- 02 Prison
- 03 Probation and jail (include w/fine or restitution)
- 04 Probation (include w/fine or restitution)
- 05 Jail and fine
- 06 Jail
- 09 Sentencing is deferred
- 10 Fine w/sentence suspended
- 11 Fine
- 12 Entire sentence suspended
- 13 Other
- 88 Not disposed of by court
- 97 No conviction, no sentence
- 99 Missing or unknown data

Sentence Minimum 8 N 81-88

YYY/MM/DDD (Nines if indeterminate)

Sentence Maximum 8 N 89-96

YYY/MM/DDD (Nines if indeterminate)

Final Pleadings 1 N 97

- 1 Not Guilty
- 2 Guilty
- 3 Nolo Contendere
- 4 Other
- 8 Not a court disposition
- 9 Missing or unknown data

Type of Trial	1	N	98
1 Non-jury			
2 Jury			
3 Transcript			
4 Other			
8 Not a court disposition			
9 Missing or unknown data			
Type of Counsel (at disposition)	1	N	99
1 Private			
2 Assigned Counsel			
3 Self			
4 Public Defender			
5 Other			
8 Not a court disposition			
9 Missing or unknown data			

Each state will be expected to perform its own internal checks. However, the Bureau will perform a final check before accepting records. The acceptable error level is 5%. Tapes containing an excess of that amount will be returned to the submitting agency. A listing containing the number and types of exceptions will also be returned with the tape.

VALIDATION AND CONDITIONAL CHECKS

Data elements may be validated -- individually or as part of conditional checks. Validations will check that each data element is in the proper format and range. Conditional checks will be for correctness of relationships between data elements.

Validations

Year of arrest minus year of birth must be more than 14.

Race must be 1-5.

Sex must be 1-2 or 9.

Arrest date must be numeric, 6 digit and be a previous year or be equal to the processing year.

Arrest charge must be a valid National Crime Information Center uniform offense classification.

Date of dispositions must be numeric, 6 digit, equal or greater than the arrest date.

Type of disposition must be numeric. Police dispositions must be 1-4, 8, 9. Prosecutor disposition must be 1-3, 8, 9. Court disposition must be 1-9. Sentence must be numeric, 01-06, 09-13, 88, or 97-99.

Conditional Checks

If police disposition in field 74 is 3, the fields following must have a value equal to 8's. Even if the release date is the same as the arrest date the final disposition date must be filled in.

If prosecutor disposition in field 75 is 4 then fields 60-63, 67-70, 76-80 must have a value equal to 8's.

If court disposition in field 78 is 1-2 or 9 then field 74 must be 8, field 76 must be 1-2 or 9. If field 78 is 1-4, then field 79-80 must be 97 or 99.

If court disposition in field 78 is 5, then field 79-80 must be 01-06, 09-13, or 99.

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

The Bureau has adopted a national archiving concept. Data collected on crime, criminal justice employees and expenditures and other aspects of justice administration are stored at a national archive. The data are on computer tape and are available to all governmental and private researchers.

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The OBTS tapes submitted by states will be stored in these archives. Questions arising as the tapes are used will be referred to the appropriate state.

OFFENSE CODES

OBTS Charged And Convicted Offense Codes

States developing OBTS information have unique problems in setting up codes to describe their state statutes which differ from state to state. The National OBTS file, however, requires standardized data. Therefore, codes adopted by the National Crime Information Center for Computerized Criminal Histories (NCIC/CCH) have been selected as the codes to be utilized for OBTS reporting. Offense data requested are minimal and restricted to those necessary for achieving the report objective.

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 GAMBLING3900 thru 3999
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 ILLEGAL LIQUOR4100 thru 4199
 DRUNKENNESS.4200 thru 4299
 OBSTRUCTING THE POLICE4800 thru 4899
 FLIGHT - ESCAPE.4900 thru 4999
 OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE.5000 thru 5099
 BRIBERY.5100 thru 5199
 WEAPONS OFFENSES (Does not include arson).5200 thru 5299
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 TRAFFIC OFFENSE.5400 thru 5499
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 SMUGGLING.5800 thru 5899
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 ARREST DATA NOT RECEIVED0002

ALL OTHER OFFENSES

Include all NCIC codes of state felonies which have not been included in the above list.

APPENDIX 1

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the National OBTS Reports

Date of Birth (Record location 1-6): Birth date of offender. Code by year/month/day.*

Sex (Record location 7): Use code 1, 2, or 9 (male, female, unknown).

Race (Record location 8):

1. White - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.
2. Black - A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
3. American Indian or Alaskan Native - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintain cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.
4. Asian or Pacific Islander - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Sub-Continent, or the Pacific Islands.
5. Not Known - Not able to be determined or the data is not available.

Ethnic Origin (Record location 9):

1. Hispanic - A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
2. Non-Hispanic - Any person not covered by item number 1 above.
3. Not Known - Not able to be determined or the data is unavailable.

Tape Record Number (Record location 10-19): A number assigned to each record which will permit corrections to the data when required. In the case of multiple arrest or charged records for the same incident this number must remain constant when the submitting agency does not condense multiple records. For example: if four (4) arrest records exist for the same offender with identical arrest dates, the tape record number would be the same for each of the four records on the tape. If the condense option is used the record number would only be represented once.

Arresting Agency (Record location 20-28): A unique 9 character alpha-numeric code assigned by the NCIC to a Criminal Justice agency (designated as ORI in NCIC manual).

Dates: *

Arrest (Record location 29-34)- The date of entry into the system, either the police arrest date or the charge date if the entry was by warrant rather than arrest action. Code as year/month/day. If the exact day is unavailable, use fifteen (15) as the unknown day.

Prosecutor Charge (Record location 35-40)- The date of filing by the prosecutor. Code as year/month/day. If the exact day is unavailable, use fifteen (15) as the unknown day.

Final Disposition (Record location 41-46)- The date the charge was adjudicated. NCIC designation is Court Disposition Date (CCD). Code as year/month/day. If the exact day is unavailable, use fifteen (15) as the unknown day.

Sentence (Record location 47-52)- Date sentence was imposed. Code as year/month/day. If the exact day is unavailable, use fifteen (15) as the unknown day.

Offense and Level of Offense Codes:

Arrested Offense (Record location 53-56)- NCIC code for the arrest charge. If the option to condense multiple arrest charges is used, only the most serious charge will be shown in this field.

Level of Arrested Offense (Record location 57)- 1-felony, 2-misdemeanor, 3-other level, unknown. The code should match the offense level of Arrested Offense field.

Number of Arrest Charges (Record location 58-59): This field will represent the total number of arrested charges when multiple arrests are reported on a single record, otherwise the value would be '01'.

Charged Offense (Record location 60-63): The NCIC offense code for the charge filed by the prosecutor's office. If multiple arrests and charges are to be shown on one record use the code for the most serious charge. If released by police code '8888'.

Level of Charged Offense (Record location 64): 1-felony, 2-misdemeanor, 3-other level, 4-level not specified - This field reflects the seriousness of the code in the Charged Offense field.

Number of Charged Offenses (Record location 65-66): This field will represent the total number of charged offenses when multiple arrests and charges are shown on a single record, otherwise the value would be '01' ('00' if no charges were filed).

Convicted Offense (Record location 67-70): Use the NCIC offense code when convicted and disposed of by the court. If a single record for multiple convictions is used then the disposition with the most serious sentence should be coded.

Level of Convicted Offense (Record location 71): Level of offense represented in the Convicted Offense field (67-70).

Number of Convicted Offenses (Record location 72-73): The total number of convictions handed down by the court. If single records are reported this figure will be '01' (code '00' for no convictions).

FINAL DISPOSITIONS

Police Disposition (Record location 74):

1. Transfer to Other Law Enforcement Agency - This would include any transfer to another law enforcement agency that would ensure the final disposition of the case (example: release to federal authorities, release to another state, etc.)
2. Transfer to Other Agency - Would include release to probation/parole or social services agency for disposition other than through the courts.
3. Released - A decision by the arresting agency not to file charges.
4. Other Final Disposition - Not covered by 1, 2, or 3 above. (Example - death)
8. Not Disposed of By Police - Use this code when case is resolved at prosecutor or court level.
9. Missing or unknown data.

Prosecutor Disposition (Record location 75):

1. Prosecution Felony Charge - Use the state definition of a felony.
2. Prosecution Misdemeanor Charge - If multiple charges use the most serious charge. (Example: prosecution for 2 felonies and 2 misdemeanors use a code '1')
3. Prosecution Declined - This would include 'Nolle Prosequi/Non Prosequitor' and 'No true bill' decisions.
4. Not Disposed of By Prosecutor - If the police code is 1, 2, 3, or 4, this code is must be '8'.
9. Missing or unknown data.

Type of Court (Record location 76): The type of court at the time of final disposition.

1. Lower
2. Upper - Use this code if the state has only one court system.
3. Other Court
8. Not Disposed of By Court - Must be used if final disposition was by police or prosecutor.
9. Missing or unknown data.

Type of Charge (Record location 77): The type of charge at the time of final disposition.

1. Felony - Use the state definition of felony.
2. Misdemeanor
3. Other
8. Not Disposed of By Court - Must be used if disposition was by police or prosecution.
9. Missing or unknown data.

Court Disposition (Record location 78): When using the single record reporting option for multiple records show the most serious disposition of the court.

1. Off Calendar - Case removed from court calendar without adjudication.
2. Civil Procedure
3. Dismissed
4. Acquitted
5. Convicted
6. Other - Any disposition not covered by codes 1 thru 5.
7. Probation without verdict (judgement)
8. Not Disposed of By Court - Must be used if disposition by police or prosecutor.
9. Missing or unknown data.

Sentence (Record location 79-80): (Must be other than '8' if the court disposition code is '5')

01. Death
02. Prison
03. Probation and Jail
04. Probation
05. Jail and Fine
06. Jail
09. Sentencing is deferred
10. Fine with Sentence Suspended
11. Fine
12. Entire Sentence Suspended
13. Other - not covered above
88. Not Disposed of By Court
97. No Conviction, No Sentence - Use when court disposition is dismissed (3) or acquitted (4).
99. Missing or unknown data.

Sentence Minimum (Record location 81-88): Years/months/days (yyy/mm/dd) - The minimum amount of time of the sentence imposed. For life imprisonment, code 888/88/88.

Sentence Maximum (Record location 89-96): Years/months/days (yyy/mm/dd) - The maximum amount of time of the sentence imposed. For life imprisonment, code 888/88/88.

Final Pleadings (Record location 97):

1. Not Guilty
2. Guilty
3. Nolo Contendere
4. Other
8. Not a Court Disposition
9. Missing or unknown data.

Type of Trial (Record location 98):

1. Non-Jury- A trial in which there is no jury and the judicial officer determines all issues in a case.
2. Jury
3. Transcript - Decided by the judge on the basis of transcript of the preliminary hearing.
4. Other
8. Not a Court Disposition
9. Missing or unknown data.

Type of Counsel (Record location 99):

1. Private
2. Assigned Counsel - An attorney, not regularly employed by a government agency, assigned by the court.
3. Self
4. Public Defender - An attorney employed by a government agency whose duty is to represent defendants unable to hire private counsel.
5. Other
8. Not a Court Disposition
9. Missing or unknown data.

*For reasons of confidentiality, the day segment of the date variables have been recoded to 99's by the ICPSR.

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