



## ***DEFINITIONS: INDEX CRIME CATEGORIES***

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has identified eight major crime categories collected as part of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program. These categories are known as "index crimes." Index crime categories are split into two major subcategories: violent and property crime.

***Violent Index Crime*** - index crimes committed against a person:

<b>Murder</b>	The willful killing of a person. Murder is a sub-category of the broader index crime category "criminal homicide." Criminal homicide also includes manslaughter by negligence (the killing of a person by gross negligence) and justifiable homicide (killing of a felon by a peace officer; killing of a felon during the commission of the crime by a private citizen). CPD crime reports generally exclude these latter categories; hence our adoption of the term "murder" to denote this distinction.
<b>Criminal Sexual Assault</b>	Until 1984, "rape" was defined as the carnal knowledge of a female, forcibly and against her will. On July 1, 1984, Illinois' sexual assault laws became gender-neutral and the old concept of rape was broadened to include many types of sexual assault. This index crime now includes all sexual assaults, completed and attempted, aggravated and non-aggravated.
<b>Robbery</b>	The taking of, or attempt to take, anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person by force or threat of force or violence.
<b>Aggravated Assault and Battery</b>	The intentional causing of, or the attempt to cause serious bodily harm, or the threat of serious bodily injury or death. This category includes aggravated assault, aggravated battery, and attempted murder. In Illinois, "assault" is a threat while "battery" is an actual attack. "Aggravated" means that serious bodily harm, or the threat of serious bodily harm, is involved.

***Property Index Crime*** - index crimes in which there is no direct threat or harm to a person:

<b>Burglary</b>	The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft; this category includes attempted burglary.
<b>Theft</b>	The unlawful taking or stealing of property or articles without the use of force, violence, or fraud. This category includes attempted theft, burglary from a motor vehicle, and attempted burglary from a motor vehicle.
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	The unlawful taking or stealing of a motor vehicle; the category includes attempted motor vehicle theft. "Motor vehicle" includes automobiles, trucks, buses, and other vehicles.
<b>Arson</b>	The willful or malicious burning or, or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle, aircraft, or personal property of another.