

# Week 2 Discussion Forum: Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Table Building

For this discussion forum, there is no minimum word count required for your forum posts, but you must:

1. Respond to my post and answer all questions, with full and complete sentences.
2. Attach your graph/spreadsheet, you can attach an excel doc, you can copy and paste the picture into the forum post, using snip and sketch works well on windows, I do not know what the equivalent is on an apple.
3. Respond to another student's post after reviewing their spreadsheet/graph and conclusions.

## Instructions:

1. Go to the [Uniform Crime Report \(UCR\) Explorer Tool](#).
2. Set "Location" to any state you want to study for its crime rates.
3. Select any date range. Note that if you don't select a specific agency, you will pull all available data from all agencies into your data set. To narrow your search, select a specific agency.
4. Select and compare different categories of crimes from the navigation menu on the left of the screen. Note which types of crimes have little data available. You may need to expand your agency selection to ensure there is data available.
5. Select a crime category that shows at least some data available for your location and date range.
6. Select "Download" to download the data set for the crime category you selected. Save the downloaded file as a spreadsheet or use the graph they provide.

7. Select “Save As” to rename your file by location, crime category, and date range.  
For example: Oregon homicide 2010-2020.
8. In the forum, reply to the questions below.
9. Upload your copy of the spreadsheet as an attachment to your reply. Make sure to title your table (Oregon homicide 2010-2020). NOTE: Don't wait until the last minute to do this assignment in case of any issues!!

Please number your responses in your post.

1. What is your data set depicting?
2. Are there any trends in the data? (gone up? Down? 10-year rise? etc)
3. Make a grandiose statement using the trend (or lack thereof) that is potentially untrue or misleading. (eg, Oregon is one of the safest places in the united states to live!)
4. What could potentially be missing from this data set that also needs to be considered?
5. How might this data impact public policy?