

E-RESOURCE CENTER

CRIMINAL JUSTICE 101

☐ Review Sheet for "Crimes, Criminals, and Crime Statistics" Unit

Instructions:

- Review the main ideas from the unit in the text.
- Test your understanding by completing the questions. If you want help answering the questions, go to exercise 3, "Behavior systems; and measures of crime trends."

Two Ways to Measure Crime

Every year The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) creates a survey that reports what type of crimes were committed in every city, county, and state as well as the information about the people who were arrested for those crimes, the victims of the crime, and the weapons that may have been used to commit the crime, in addition to other data. This survey is called the Universal Crime Report (UCR). It divides crime into two categories: Part I offenses (index crimes) and Part II offenses. Part I offenses are more serious crimes than Part II offenses.

Another method of collecting information about crime is through a national self-report survey called *The National Crime Victimization Survey* (NCVS). The Bureau of Census together with the Bureau of Justice Statistics sends out this survey to about 50,000 people every year and asks them questions about any crimes that were committed against them.

Give at least four examples of what type of crimes are listed under each category in the Universal Crime Report.

Part I offenses (index crimes)

Examples:

Part II offenses

Examples: