

NIBRS Tip of the Month



What is the Definition of a “RESIDENT”?

A “Resident” is a person who maintains his/her permanent home for legal purposes in the locality (i.e., town, city, community) where the crime took place. The law enforcement agency (LEA) should base the determination of residency on the town, city or community where the crime *occurred* rather than the broader geographical jurisdictions.

Concerning universities & college campuses, only a person living “on campus” (i.e. in a dormitory) would be considered a “Resident” if victimized within the confines of the school property and the crime is reported by a university/campus LEA.

Acceptable Resident codes are:

- R** = Resident
- N** = Nonresident
- U** = Unknown

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