Modernizing Crime Statistics
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Defining and Classifying Crime

- the suggested classification should not be limited to current crime statistics’ traditional focus on violent or street crime and should encompass new and emerging crime types

- the suggested classification should satisfy all the properties of a fully realized classification for statistical purposes

- The suggested classification should follow — to the greatest extent possible — an attribute-based approach, yet should also be a hybrid with a code- or definition-based approach due to the nature of the topic

- the suggested classification should be designed in order to enable and promote comparisons between jurisdictions, between periods of time, and across state and national boundaries
New Systems for Measuring Crime

• avoiding the NIBRS development pitfalls
• ensuring data quality
• putting crime in context and enabling effective comparisons
• businesses and organizations as actors in crime statistics