

The I-UCR Program has identified several instances where the number of Criminal Homicides reported by an agency in an Index Crime report was unreasonably high. Hundreds, even thousands, of homicides were submitted for the month. Submitting agencies were not aware of the issue until contacted by the I-UCR Program to validate the records.

It has been determined the issue was due to the use of AutoComplete (in Internet Explorer browser) or AutoFill (in Chrome browser) in the browser settings.

As a user enters the number of homicides and tabs to the next field, AutoComplete/AutoFill selects a number from a list of numbers recently used and populates it in the Criminal Homicide field. These numbers have always reflected an I-UCR offense code, i.e. 0486, 0488, 0810, and 1310, most likely used in Domestic Offense reporting.

The below changes should be made within users' internet browsers to prevent AutoComplete/AutoFill from populating the Criminal Homicide offense field:

In Internet Explorer, click on the 'gear' in the upper right-hand corner of the browser (next to the 'house' and 'star') and select Internet Options from the list. From the box, select the 'Content' tab and AutoComplete is displayed in the middle portion of the box. Selecting the 'Settings' button will bring up the AutoComplete box. Users can uncheck the boxes for 'Browsing history' and 'Forms', as this should correct the problem. Users can also choose the 'Delete AutoComplete history...' box, which will clear the browsers entire history of anything saved for frequent uses (i.e. cookies, website data, form data, etc.). Once changes are made, click the 'OK' button. Users can then exit the Internet Options box by clicking the 'OK' button or the red 'X' in the upper right-hand corner of the box.

In Chrome, click on the 'three dots' in the upper right-hand corner of the browser (next to the users id and address bar) and select Autofill from the Settings list on the left-hand side of the page. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on 'Advanced' button. This will produce a 'Privacy and security' list. From the list, select 'Clear browsing data'. From this pop-up, select the 'Advanced' tab, check the 'Autofill form data' box, and click on the 'Clear data' button. This will erase the AutoFill data and return you to the 'Privacy and security' list. Users can then close out of the Settings tab by clicking on the 'X' on the upper right-hand corner of the tab.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the I-UCR Program at 217-558-0044 or email ISP.IUCR.Program@Illinois.gov.