

TABLE 2.3

Comparing the NVSS Fatal Injury Reports and the UCR Supplementary Homicide Reports

	NVSS	SHR
Purpose	Track all deaths	Track crime statistics
Reporting source	State vital registrars	Law enforcement agencies
Initial report	Death certificate	Police report
Report responsibility	Medical examiners and coroners	Law enforcement officers
Homicide definition	Injuries inflicted by another person with intent to injure or kill by any means	Willful killing of one human being by another; includes murders and nonnegligent manslaughters
Reporting is:	Mandatory	Voluntary
Data collection methods	Manner/cause of death determined by medical examiners/coroners; demographic information is recorded by funeral directors on death certificates	In most states, reports from individual law enforcement agencies are compiled monthly by state-level agencies and then forwarded to the FBI

Source: Regoeczi, W., Banks, D., Planty, M., Langton, L., Annett, J. L., Warner, M., & Barnett-Ryan, C. (2014). *The nation's two measures of homicide*. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Justice, p. 3.