The following document provides a brief historical overview of Bias Motivation Code 31 (Anti-Arab), which law enforcement agencies use to submit anti-Arab hate crime data through the FBI UCR Program’s national hate crime data collections. The federal government eliminated Code 31 in 1992; it was reintroduced into the data collections during the 2015 UCR modifications. Since 2015, the national hate crime data collections have been structured to collect data on anti-Arab hate crime, and the data are reflected in the FBI’s annual report, Hate Crime Statistics.

Based on our research into the data collections and correspondence with individual state UCR programs and the FBI’s Crime Statistics Management Unit, we have managed to retrace the history of Code 31 from 1990, roughly, to 2015. A few questions remain regarding Code 31’s initial elimination from the data collections and reintroduction during the 2015 UCR modifications. Those questions will be the subject of future information requests from the Arab American Institute.