

Survey ID:

JUSTICE RESEARCH AND STATISTICS ASSOCIATION
IMPROVING CRIME DATA
POLICE CHIEF SURVEY

This survey can also be completed online. Please visit www.jrsa.org/survey.

PLEASE CHECK ONE OR MORE RESPONSES AS INDICATED.

1. Which of the following criminal justice data do you find useful in managing your agency?
(check all that apply)

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| <input type="radio"/> calls for service | <input type="radio"/> incident report data | <input type="radio"/> traffic stop data |
| <input type="radio"/> clearance rates | <input type="radio"/> drug/gun seizure data | <input type="radio"/> state crime publications |
| <input type="radio"/> arrest data | <input type="radio"/> "hot spots" data | <input type="radio"/> police pursuits |
| <input type="radio"/> disposition data | <input type="radio"/> court caseloads | <input type="radio"/> corrections data |
| <input type="radio"/> cost data | <input type="radio"/> drug use surveys | <input type="radio"/> victimization survey rates |
| <input type="radio"/> recidivism rates | <input type="radio"/> other: (please specify) _____ | |

2. Which of the following non-criminal justice data do you find useful in managing your agency? (check all that apply)

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| <input type="radio"/> emergency room data | <input type="radio"/> medical examiner data | <input type="radio"/> census data |
| <input type="radio"/> treatment program data | <input type="radio"/> education data | <input type="radio"/> health data |
| <input type="radio"/> other (please specify) _____ | | |

3. How do you use the data? (check all that apply)

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| <input type="radio"/> assessment of overall department performance | <input type="radio"/> deployment and other tactical decisions |
| <input type="radio"/> budget decisions | <input type="radio"/> responses to inquiries |
| <input type="radio"/> comparisons with other jurisdictions | <input type="radio"/> COMPSTAT-type processes |
| <input type="radio"/> promotion decisions and performance reviews | |
| <input type="radio"/> other (please specify) _____ | |

4. If not currently used, which of the following criminal justice data would you find useful if they were accessible to you? (check all that apply)

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| <input type="radio"/> other (please specify) _____ | | |

6. How often do data and statistics help the performance of your agency?

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| <input type="radio"/> very often | <input type="radio"/> often | <input type="radio"/> seldom | <input type="radio"/> rarely | <input type="radio"/> never |
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7. How often do data and statistics affect the planning of programs or policies in your agency?

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| <input type="radio"/> very often | <input type="radio"/> often | <input type="radio"/> seldom | <input type="radio"/> rarely | <input type="radio"/> never |
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8. Which best describes the response of your agency's officers when they are required to gather data for records and reports?
 very supportive supportive indifferent unsupportive very unsupportive
9. How thorough would your agency's officers be if required to record/report more data about incidents than they currently are?
 very thorough thorough somewhat thorough not very thorough not at all thorough
10. Does your agency collect and report incident-based (NIBRS) data? yes no
◆ If no, has your agency ever reported NIBRS-compatible data? yes no
◆ Does your agency plan to report NIBRS-compatible data?
 within the next year within next 3 years no definite plan never
11. If your agency does not report NIBRS data and has no plan to do so, what are the reason(s) for this? (*check all that apply*)
 costs associated with meeting reporting requirements
 NIBRS more useful for national or macro-level analyses than for local strategic analysis and planning
 possible "increases" in local crime statistics due to shift from UCR Summary to NIBRS and related changes in how/what data are collected
 doubtful commitment of state/federal resources to local agencies for continued implementation
 strict, rigid guideline requirements for certification and reporting data
 conflicting definitions of statutes and offenses on different government levels
 other (*specify:*) _____
12. Is your department currently involved in a multi-agency effort to share/integrate data?
 yes no
◆ If yes, how valuable would you say this effort is?
 very valuable somewhat valuable not very valuable
◆ If yes, what is the position/job title of the person who represents your department in this multi-agency effort? _____
13. What proportion of your agency's overall budget would you estimate goes to support data collection and analysis functions? _____ %
14. How often do community leaders (mayor's office, city council, community groups) ask for data or statistics from your department?
 3 or more times a week 1 -2 times a week 1 -2 times a month 1 -2 times a year never
15. How would you rate the media's understanding and reporting of data and statistics that you provide them?
 excellent very good good fair poor

RECOMMENDATION

If you could make one change in your current system of data sharing and integration to improve its role in developing programs and policies, what would it be?

Thank you for your time!