



# Justice Counts



**BJA**  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
U.S. Department of Justice



Justice  
Center

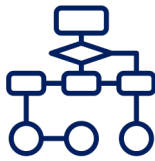
Justice Counts is founded on the belief that it should be easy for criminal justice agencies to share key data about their work and their achievements and easy for policy makers to use that data to make smart, informed decisions that advance public safety, equity, and fairness.

Justice Counts provides tools, resources, and support to help agencies achieve this vision and to help policy makers most effectively utilize criminal justice data.

[www.justice-counts.org](http://www.justice-counts.org)

[justicecounts@cs.gov](mailto:justicecounts@cs.gov)

## What is Justice Counts?



**Cross-system consensus-based metrics**



**Technical tools to help agencies share data**



**Clear and compelling data visualizations**



**Hands-on support sharing data**

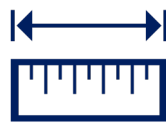
## How does participating in Justice Counts benefit my agency?



**Tell your story.** Justice Counts helps agencies showcase their work and can help agency leaders better advocate for the resources they need.



**Save time and resources.** Rather than running the same report for every stakeholder that asks, Justice Counts data are available at the ready and reduces strain on staff.



**Measure impacts.** Justice Counts can help agencies measure how policy changes at their agency impact their trends compared to a control group of other participants.



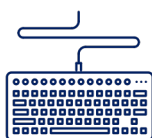
**See full-system impact.** Justice Counts creates a system-wide view that connects steps in the justice system process that are often siloed.



**Learn from other agencies.** Justice Counts can connect similar agencies and systems nationwide, creating peer learning opportunities and collaborations on strategy.

## How do agencies share data?

*Available now*



**Basic.** Agencies can simply type in their numbers and press publish.

*Coming soon*



**Automatic.** Justice Counts can help agencies set up automated systems.



**Bulk.** Agencies can use an Excel/CSV file to upload all data at once.



**RMS Package.** Vendors create Justice Counts packages to share data.



# Justice Counts



## Project Partners

American Jail Association

American Probation and Parole Association

Correctional Leaders Association

CNA

International Association of Chiefs of Police

Justice Management Institute

Measures for Justice

National Association of Counties Research Foundation

National Association of State Budget Officers

National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors

NRI

National Criminal Justice Association

National Center for State Courts

National Conference of State Legislatures

National District Attorneys Association

National Governors Association

National Legal Aid & Defender Association

National Sheriffs' Association

RAND Corporation

Recidiviz

University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute

## What data do agencies share?

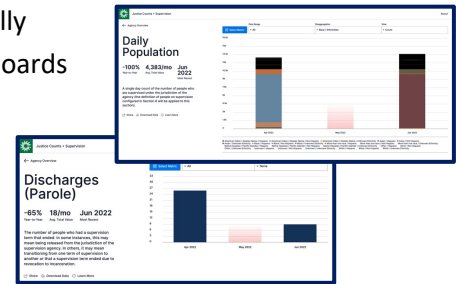
Justice Counts invites agencies to leverage aggregate data they already collect to populate [consensus-based metrics](#). Aggregate data means that no data share agreement is necessary to participate in Justice Counts and that with little or no additional data manipulation, agencies can start sharing data through Justice Counts today.

Justice Counts provides a tool called *Publisher* for agencies. *Publisher* helps agencies identify which metrics they will share data for, define in granular detail what their data means, and then easily publish data.

Data already shared to aggregating efforts (such as NIBRS) can easily be incorporated to avoid duplications of effort by agency staff.

## What happens once agencies share data?

Once shared, agency data will be automatically published to public dashboards. These dashboards will present visualizations of trends and snapshots, and while they may provide analysis of those trends, they will not include specific policy recommendations.



## What does technical assistance look like?



Access to specialized tools and resources



Guided onboarding support



Support in defining your data



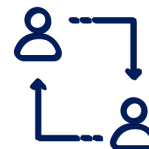
Assistance making a data-sharing strategy



Support in delivering data to Justice Counts



Opportunities to shape data visualizations



Peer collaboration opportunities



Support in putting the metrics to work for you

## How does my agency participate?

Complete this simple opt-in form to join Justice Counts and get started sharing your data today: <https://justicecounts.csjusticecenter.org/opt-in/>.