

Montana Department of Corrections
Correctional Offender Network Search

<http://app.mt.gov/conweb/>

Montana Department of Justice
Division of Criminal Investigation

<https://app.mt.gov/choprs/>

To run a criminal background check for a nominal fee.

Montana Department of Justice
Sexual or Violent Offender Registry

<http://doj.mt.gov/svor/search.asp>

To search for sexual or violent offenders registered in Montana for a particular geographic area, enter your search criteria in the County, City and/or Zip Code fields. To search for a specific individual, enter the name in the Last Name field.

Number of Registered Offenders by County/City

<http://doj.mt.gov/svor/reportoffenderlocation.asp>

The number of registered offenders residing in each county and city in Montana, and subtotals by each offender type: sexual, violent, and sexual and violent.

Number of Convictions by Offense

<http://doj.mt.gov/svor/reportnumberconvictions.asp>

The number of different types of offenses committed by offenders currently registered in Montana.

Billings Crime Statistics

<http://www.ci.billings.mt.us/index.asp?nid=101>

National Criminal Justice Reference Service

Full text or summaries of federal, state, and local reports on crime, courts, law enforcement, juvenile justice, and the victims of crime

Statistics included in the reports although there are few statistical tables

NCJRS Abstracts Database

Indexes thousands of books, journal articles, and government reports

Provides lengthy summaries

Searchable by keyword (eg. domestic violence and workplace)

Virtual Library is a separate full-text data base

Justice Department Crime Statistics

Crime, firearms, courts, prisoners, and victimization

Describes on-line services and files available for ftp from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service

National Archive of Criminal Justice provides user-friendly data manipulation

Choose **Data Analysis System**

Choose the survey you would like and the "browse" option; start

Choose "Alphabetical Variable List"

Choose your variables and write down their corresponding code names

Go back to the original screen and choose "run crosstabulations;" start

Imagine the output as a spreadsheet and type in the desired vertical and horizontal code names; also choose output as statistics or percentages

Example of National Household Drug Survey

Time since last alcoholic beverage by 11 age groups

In "run crosstabulations," type in "agecat3" as vertical and "al03" as horizontal; check off percentaging as horizontal; run the table

State and Metropolitan Area Data Book (Census Bureau)

Updates 2000 Census on state and metropolitan area with data on various population and housing characteristics.

Includes data from non-Census sources, including medicaid, crime, energy, schools, motor vehicles

Entire file is approximately 3 MB in Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format

HTML files provide state and metropolitan area rankings on population, births and deaths, housing starts, crime, energy, and government grants

Uniform Crime Reports, 1995+ (FBI)

Full text of national, state, and place (10,000+ population) in Adobe Acrobat format

Preliminary data for the nation and places of 100,000 or more in text (ASCII) format

Uniform Crime Reports, 1990-2002 (UVA)

County level data on arrests and reported crimes by type of crime

Arrests includes total, adult, and juvenile

United States Crime Statistics (Disaster Center)

Annual data, 1960-2006, on types of crime for the U.S. and individual states

Columns include population, violent and property totals, murder, rape, assault, robbery, burglary, larceny, and vehicle theft

Separate tables on the crime index

CRIMES - INDIVIDUAL TYPES

Bomb Arson Tracking System (ATF)

BATS requires patron to sign up for a username/password

Arson and bombing incidents by type since 1991 for the nation and state

Includes targets, injuries and fatalities

Church bombings beginning 1996 on a national level and characteristics of perpetrators

The U.S. Bomb Data Center includes a few reports to the President on Church Arsons (1997-2000) and incident reports since 2000

Carjackings in the United States (Bureau of Justice Statistics)

Data on carjackings, 1993-2002

Includes characteristics of victims, how they defended selves, time of day, and whether vehicle recovered

Characteristics of carjacker and means used

Carjackings in the United States, 1992-96 is also available

Drugs and Crime Facts (BJS)

Data on drug use and circumstances behind a crime, drug use among inmates, and public opinion
Provides data and links to the full text of other Bureau of Justice statistics reports

Hate Crime Statistics (FBI)

Includes reports from 1995-2006

National data on hate crimes by motivation, type of offense, perpetrator, and victim

Includes total number of incidents by state

A microfiche version of the same title also provides city data and is located in the Documents Center as

ASI Microfiche 6224-9

Internet Crime Complaint Center

National and state data since 2001 on internet crime

Includes number of cases, amount of money lost, characteristics of the perpetrator and victim

Infanticide (Bureau of Justice Statistics)

Brief data on infanticide (children under 5) by race of the victim and perpetrator (mother, father, boyfriend)

Violence Policy Center

Fact sheets on firearm violence and manufacturing

Includes firearms production in U.S. since 1899

Deaths from firearms by demographic characteristics and type (unintentional, suicide, homicide)

Bibliographies and summaries of policy issues

See also **Comprehensive Crime Statistics** and **Domestic Violence**

CRIMES BY PERPETRATOR**American Indians and Crime Statistical Profile (BJS)**

Victims and perpetrators of crime by race, 1992-2002

Data on circumstances and types of crime

Concludes American Indian crime is more than twice the rate of the remainder of the population

Also see the **1999 American Indians and Crime Report**

Gun Crime in the Age Group 18-20 (Treasury, Justice)

Short pdf report on gun possession, violent and non-violent crimes, time-to-crime, and illegal weapons by juveniles 18-20

Time series data and data for selected cities

Updated by the **Youth Crime Interdiction Report** for 2000, the latest available

Homicide and Suicide Rates Associated with the Implementation of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act

Article appearing in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (August 2, 2000)

Compares the 32 states which implemented a waiting period to purchase a gun versus those who had implemented a waiting period prior to 1994

Authors conclude that the Brady Law had no effect in curbing homicide or suicide, except for the suicide of people 55+

Homicide and suicide rates were already declining

Infanticide (Bureau of Justice Statistics)

Brief data on infanticide (children under 5) by race of the victim and perpetrator (mother, father, boyfriend, etc)

National Instant Criminal Background Check System (FBI)

Laws and regulations regarding background checks for gun purchases (Brady Bill)
 Statistics on gun permits denied
 Link to state laws on background checks

Police Brutality

National Data Collection on Police Use of Force is a 1996 report outlining the problem of collecting accurate data

Use of Force by Police (BJS)

Six short chapters describe what is known and unknown about the use of police force
 Some statistics on the rate and circumstances appear in Chapter 3
 Text and pdf formats
 The report was issued in 1999

Contacts between the Police and Public, 2005 (BJS) has data on citizens who felt excessive force was used against them at traffic stops by their demographic characteristics

Historic public opinion about police brutality appears in the *Public Opinion* chapter of the **Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics**

The 1998 Human Rights Watch survey of police brutality in 12 American cities is no longer available on the web or in paper

Youth Violence: A Report of the Surgeon General (2001)

Report commissioned after the Columbine shooting
 Notes various causes for youth violence and effective intervention techniques
 Web site includes an executive summary, full report, and Webcast of an interview

Youth Violence Fact Sheets

Current national level data on youth violence
 Description of risk and prevention factors

See also **Comprehensive Crime Statistics**

CRIMES BY PLACE**College and University Campus Crime Statistics (Campus Safety)**

Campus crime by type of crime and university
 FBI and Chronicle of Higher Education are among sources
 Links to individual campus police web sites

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Workplace Crime

Workplace Crime (BJS)

Detailed national summary of workplace crime by occupation, type of workplace, type of violence, perpetrator and victim characteristics

Covers 1993-1999

ASCII and pdf formats with link to ICPSR codebooks and data

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Full text of national, state, and place (10,000+ population) in Adobe Acrobat format

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VICTIMS OF CRIME

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Crime and Victims (BJS)

National rates of criminal victimization with current trends by victim characteristics and type of crime

Tables, texts and graphs in various formats

National level data only

Infanticide (Bureau of Justice Statistics)

Brief data on infanticide (children under 5) by race of the victim and perpetrator (mother, father, boyfriend)

National Center for Victims of Crime

Criminal victimization, its cost, offender characteristics, terrorism, and long term effects on victim

Similar data by type of crime: domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, hate crimes, workplace crimes

Data taken from various U.S. government agencies

Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics

Detailed statistics on criminal offenses and arrests, the criminal justice system, judicial processing of offenders, and corrections

Most data is available at a national level only

Each chapter has a table of contents but is also searchable

Data appears solely in Adobe Acrobat

Status Report on Youth Curfews in America's Cities (US Conference of Mayors)

Survey of 347 cities with youth curfews, conducted in 1997

Lists name of city, type of curfew, and effectiveness in reducing crime

Not updated as of 2008

See also **Comprehensive Crime Statistics**

CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS

FBI Trac (Syracuse University)

Historical and current data on FBI operations (personnel, referrals, convictions, length of prison sentence)
Requires free registration

Federal Justice Statistics Resource Center (Urban Institute)

Interactive database for manipulating data on suspects and defendants in federal criminal justice cases
Use data dictionary to determine court characteristics, stage in criminal process, and type of offense
May require time to understand program

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PRISON POPULATION

State of the Bureau [of Prisons](DOJ)

Data on total FEDERAL prisoners by security level, gender, race, ethnicity, age, citizenship, type of offense, sentence, and type of offense
Total prison personnel breakdown by gender and race
Directory of federal prisons with total staff and inmate population but no data on demographic characteristics of individual prisons
Reports available from 1991-2006

Census of Jails(DOJ)

Combined data for prisoners held in JAILS OPERATED BY COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS (and 11 federal prisons operating as jails) with demographics by STATE but not individual prison
Includes information on facility characteristics, including: number of jails, facility ratings, % of occupancy, 25 largest jail jurisdictions, staff characteristics, facility health services, facility programs
Includes information on inmate characteristics, including: average daily population, gender breakdown, percentage of juveniles in local jails, conviction status, race, and hispanic origin
Paper copy of the 1978 Census of Jails is available in Hatcher Graduate Library (HV 7565 1978.C46 1981)

Census of State and Federal Correctional Facilities (DOJ)

Facilities, inmates, programs, and staff of STATE and FEDERAL correctional facilities throughout the Nation, and of private correctional facilities housing State or Federal inmates.
STATE-level data are presented on facility, inmate, and staff characteristics, as well as facility programs
No data for individual institutions
Census of State and Federal Correctional Facilities, 1995 is also available electronically
National demographic data and total prison population for states updated annually by **Prisoners in the United States** and **Prisoners at Midyear**

Correctional Populations of the United States (BJS)

Electronic reports available from 1993 to 1998
Prisoners sentenced by federal, state and local courts by age, sex, race or type of crime
Probation, parole, death penalty, and military corrections data
Earlier paper copies are available in Buhr (HV 8311.A49B) and Hatcher (HV 9465.C672)

More recent data found in [*Prisoners in the United States*](#)

Not Part of My Sentence (Amnesty USA)

Statistics on abuse of incarcerated women in the United States

Campaign Against Shackling Pregnant Women in Custody

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State and Federal Corrections Information Systems (BJS)

Report analyzing government capability for monitoring prisoners and parolees

Outlines types of data collected

Does not identify individual states collecting the data

Adobe Acrobat and spreadsheet formats

See also [Comprehensive Crime Statistics](#)

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Broken System: Error Rates in Capital Cases

[First Report](#) (Report issued by the Columbia University Justice Project on June 12, 2000)

Known as the Liebman Study

Shows that 68% of death penalty verdicts were thrown out when appealed

7% of cases were let go

Predominant cause is poor defense lawyers

Rates states on death penalty errors

[Second Report](#) (Report issued by the Columbia University Justice Project on February 11, 2002)

Capital Punishment Statistics (BJS)

National data on executions since 1930 and current prisoners on death row

State by state executions for last 30 years and state law

Race and sex data, reasons for execution

Various formats: text, pdf, and spreadsheet

Death Penalty Information Center

Executives by method and by state

Laws of individual states and the number of people on death row by race and gender

Names of people executed since 1976

Data on special topics: women, juveniles, the mentally retarded, costs, race, and innocence

Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics

Prisoners on death row and prisoners released from death row

Capital punishment data since 1930 by race, crime, and jurisdiction (federal and state)

Methods of capital punishment by state

Information in Adobe Acrobat format

Survey of the Federal Death Penalty System (Dept. of Justice)

Review decision to seek the death penalty in federal courts, 1988-2000

Statistics on Justice Dept. attorneys to seek death penalty by race of defendant and U.S. Attorney District

See also **Comprehensive Crime Statistics**