

CRG and Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) Grant Projects

2015 & 2016 BJS grant funded projects:

- o Law Enforcement Data Sharing & Data Quality
- o Criminal History Data Quality
- o Results First on Criminal Justice, Child Welfare, and Substance Abuse working with the Joint Fiscal Office
- o Traffic Stops & Race*
- o Opiates and Property Crime

2017 BJS grant funded the following projects:

- o Year 2 of Traffic Stops and Race*
- o Offender Characteristics

2018 BJS grant funded the following projects:

- o Domestic Violence in Urban and Rural Vermont
- o Law Enforcement Crime Analysis
- o Victimization of and Criminal Justice Response to Vulnerable Adults and Elderly

2019 BJS grant funded the following projects:

- o Equal Access to Alternative Programs in the Criminal Justice System
- o Exploring Racial Differences for Victims in Vermont
- o Retrospective Study on the Arnold Public Safety Assessment (risk assessment)
- o Offender Characteristics: Probation & Parole

CRG Provides Assistance with other Grant Projects

- o Center for Victims Services – OVC Human Trafficking Grant
- o Court Administrators Office – Process and Outcome Evaluation for the Washington County Treatment Court
- o CCVS – Vermont Legal Partnership – Developing Performance Measures for Legal Work

CRG Provides Assistance with the National Criminal Justice Reform Project (NCJRP)

- o NCJRP Technical Assistance Project: DPS collaborated with CRG to write the successful National Criminal Justice Reform Project application for technical assistance from the National Governors' Association and the National Criminal Justice Association.

CRG Responds to Crime Related Data Requests and Provides Technical Assistance

- o Court Adjudication Database: CRG has access to twenty-five years of up-to-date court data that is regularly “cleaned” for data analysis and data requests. CRG has recently converted the data to “R” and uses Tableau for data requests.
- o “Going rate” for sentences: To guide their work, both prosecutors and defense attorneys request lists of sentences for particular crimes or set of crimes - examples of data requests that CRG has responded to recently:
 - White collar crime, embezzlements, DUI fatalities, DLS, escapes, lewd & lascivious with a child, heroin/opiates, homicides, aggravated assaults, burglary of an occupied dwelling, stalking, attempted murder
- o Legislative Requests: Legislative Committees (House and Senate Judiciary Committees, House Corrections and Institutions, Senate Institutions, and the Appropriations Committees) often need information and data from CRG to inform their work on particular bills. CRG has provided data requests and analysis, consultation and/or research on criminal and juvenile justice issues, and evaluation services for specific projects. Examples of this work:
 - Misdemeanor and felony crimes by age for House Judiciary for H.9 the bill that increases the age for deferred sentences.
 - Marijuana statistics for House Judiciary and Justice Oversight Committees for the proposed marijuana decriminalization legislation.
 - Proposal for classifying crimes for House Judiciary, H. 308:
 - https://public.tableau.com/views/act61/Story1?:embed=y&:display_count=yes.
 - Top ten crimes in Vermont for the last ten years including a breakdown of violations of conditions of release (the top crime in VT) for Senate Judiciary.
 - Presentations on Results First to House Committees on Human Services, Appropriations, Corrections and Institutions and Senate Committees on Judiciary and Appropriations. This work looks at evidence-based programs as well as cost-effectiveness for criminal justice programs, substance abuse and child welfare.
 - Served on the Corrections Facility Assessment Committee, and testified on the report in Senate Institutions.
- o Examples of requests from others:
 - The Vermont Intelligence Center requested information on possession and sale of heroin and other opiates
 - Vermont Center for Crime Victims’ Services was looking for dispositions on domestic assault and sex assault crimes. CRG provided an interactive Tableau site for the last eight years of crimes by statute and age categories
 - The State Auditor requested information on crimes for the past nine years including unique incidents and trend lines