Joining Forces to Measure Crime

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An Unlikely Partnership?

• BJS, the principal Federal statistical agency within the Department of Justice (DOJ)

• CJIS Division within the FBI, the national law enforcement information broker within the DOJ
Respective roles

• BJS mission – To collect, analyze, publish and disseminate information on crime, criminal offenders, victims of crime, and the operation of justice systems at all levels of government

• FBI/CJIS Division mission – To equip our law enforcement, national security, and intelligence community partners with the criminal justice information they need to protect the United States while preserving civil liberties
Unanswered questions from UCR and NCVS?

UCR – Crimes reported to law enforcement:
• How much crime is committed against women?
• Against Children? By a stranger?
• What proportion of crime is street crime?

NCVS – Crimes not reported and reported:
• What percentage of sexual victimizations involve children under the age of 12?
• What types of drug crimes occur in different neighborhoods?
Emerging needs for better data

• We are witnessing, indeed *participating* in an important paradigm shift in contemporary policing
  – Massive expansion in the nature and volume of information available in policing
  – Evolution of evidence-based, intelligence-lead, data-driven, predictive policing models
  – Growing demand for;
    • Greater transparency and accountability in policing
    • Data aggregation allowing for victim analysis and reporting
  – Shift from *Summary* to *Incident-Based* Crime Reporting
  – Practitioners, policymakers, and the public want and expect more information to understand and address crime at the national and local levels
  – Completing a nationally representative system of incident level records on offenses known is essential – it is in everyone’s best interests
A Nationwide Transition to NIBRS
What can we learn about sexual assault using NIBRS?

Juveniles ages 12 to 17 were assaulted most often from 8-9am, 12-1pm and 3-4pm

Young adults ages 18 to 24 were most likely assaulted from 2am-3am
What can we learn about sexual assault using NIBRS?

![Graph showing the peak age of victimization of sexual assault for males, females, and overall.](image-url)

- **Females =**
- **Males =**
- **Residence = 76%**
- **Before School, Lunchtime, After School**
- **Friends/Acquaintance, Family, Strangers & Intimates**

**What can we learn about sexual assault using NIBRS?**

- Graph showing the rate per 100,000 population by victim age for male victims, female victims, and overall.
The NIBRS Reporting Landscape

16 STATES
NIBRS Only Reporting States

18 STATES
Summary Reporting System (SRS/NIBRS) States

14 STATES
No NIBRS Capability at the State Level

1 STATE
Establishing a State UCR Program that is NIBRS-only

1 STATE
No State UCR Program; Agencies Direct-Submit SRS to FBI

*NIBRS Direct Contributions

Hoover, Alabama
D.C. Metro Transit Authority
Rockford, Illinois
Indiana State Police
Adams County, Mississippi

Biloxi, Mississippi
Byram, Mississippi
Gulfport, Mississippi
Harrison County, Mississippi

Other Outlying Areas

American Samoa
Guam
Puerto Rico
U.S Virgin Islands
National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X)

NCS-X is a joint program of BJS & FBI to expand NIBRS reporting into a nationally representative system of incident-based crime statistics.

By adding 400 strategically identified agencies to the 6,600 already reporting NIBRS, NCS-X will provide a nationally representative system.
NCS-X Partnership

• Joint Governance between BJS-FBI via the NCS-X Steering Committee

• Signed Memorandum of Agreement between BJS and the FBI to acquire funding for NCS-X
  • Awarded $5.5 million to 7 states in FY 2016, in addition to 14 states receiving funding in FY2015
  • Awarded $18.7 million to 16 of the largest local agencies

• Focusing on quality: system edits, validation, trending, feedback and outreach to State UCR programs
Additional Collaborative Initiatives

• Define key measures and national estimation practices for NIBRS data
• Crime Data Explorer - FBI will provide the American public on-line access to UCR data in a search/view solution
• National Use-of-Force Data Collection
Our Government Has No Idea How Often Police Get Violent With Civilians

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We can’t solve what we can’t see: How a lack of national police reporting obscures local problems

On November 28, 2011 the Las Vegas Review Journal published an article in which it was reported:

“The nation’s leading law enforcement agency (FBI) collects vast amounts of information on crime nationwide, but missing from this clearinghouse are statistics on where, how often, and under what circumstances police use deadly force. In fact, no one anywhere comprehensively tracks the most significant act police can do in the line of duty: take a life.”
National Use-of-Force Data Collection

Support
Email: <useofforce@ic.fbi.gov>
Website: <www.fbi.gov/use-of-force>
Future Opportunities for Collaboration

- The FBI and BJS continue to improve existing and look for new data sets with a value to the American public
  - Hate Crime
  - Animal Cruelty
  - Human Trafficking
  - Cyber Crime
  - Domestic Violence
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