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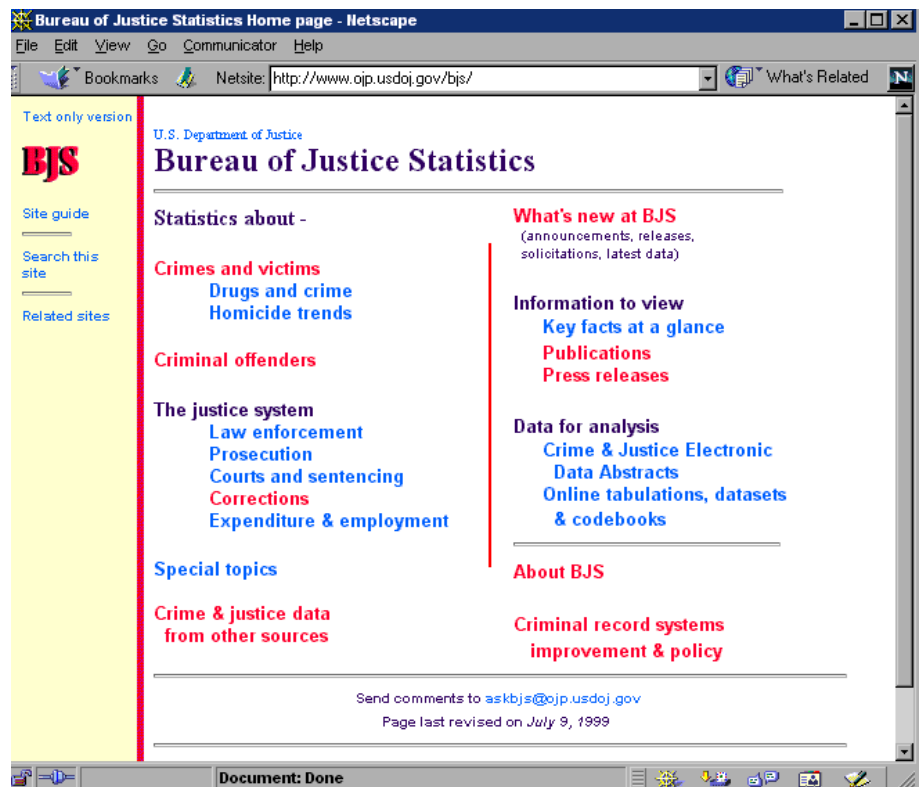
In addition to the traditional paper publications, the Bureau of Justice Statistics electronically publishes a variety of materials including statistical graphics and spreadsheets on the BJS website (<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>). Every publication produced by BJS since 1994, when the website was launched, is available electronically. This guide is issued periodically to notify you of updates and additions to **the material that is available on the website and not otherwise published.**

To keep up with the latest at BJS visit **What's new at BJS** <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/whatsnw2.htm>. This page consists of —

- Announcements of BJS sponsored conferences and other BJS activities
- The latest BJS publications (released in the past 6 months)
- Solicitations for BJS grant programs
- The latest data available from the BJS website.

BJS also announces new releases in JUSTINFO, the electronic newsletter from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service. To automatically receive this biweekly newsletter, subscribe to **JUSTINFO** at — <http://www.ncjrs.org/justinfo/index.html>

For more information about the site, take the tour of the BJS website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/tour/intro.htm>



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- Spreadsheets of tables in new publications.

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New from BJS partners

- Justice Research Statistics Association, Incident-Based Reporting Resource Center
- American Statistical Association's Guide to Abstracts and Bibliographies
- National Clearinghouse for Criminal Justice Information System, new look and address

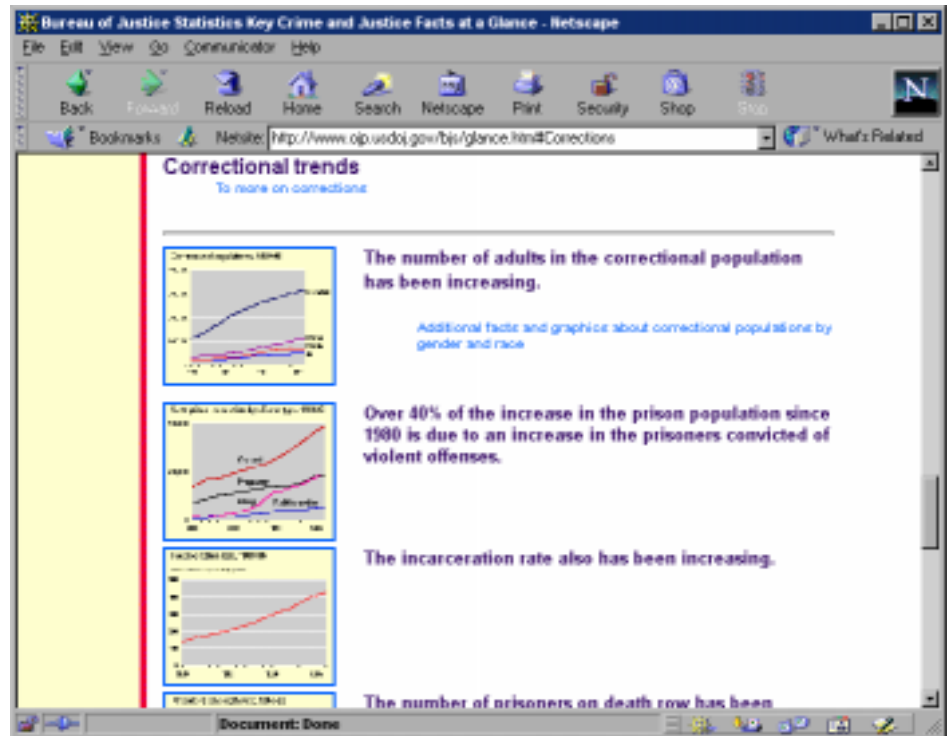
Key Crime & Justice Facts at a Glance

Key Facts at a Glance presents trends in crime and justice in 36 charts including 7 new charts (see list below). The charts in *Key Facts at a Glance* are updated as new data become available. Most have been updated since the first edition of the *Guide to BJS website* (NCJ 172208 May 1999). A complete list of the charts in *Key Facts at a Glance*, including the date of the most recent update, is in Appendix 1.

You can find *Key Facts at a Glance* at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/glance.htm>. Small versions of the charts (thumbnails) and brief statements of findings are presented. Click on the thumbnail and you will go to a page that contains a full-sized version of the chart and additional information about the data and findings. Click on the full-sized version of the chart and a table with the data used in the chart will appear. This table is a text file which you can save to your hard drive and import into most spreadsheet, charting, and word processing programs.

In addition, an electronic file is available that contains full-sized color versions of selected charts suitable for overheads or handouts. This file is updated at the same time the charts are updated on the website.

Paper versions of these charts are available from the BJS Clearinghouse. Please reference *NCJ 170087* when ordering.



New additions to *Key Facts at a Glance*

Crime trends

Since 1993, the number of crimes committed with firearms has declined but has not fallen to levels experienced before 1990.

Crime committed with firearms, UCR 1973-98

Date added
11/99

Correctional populations

Demographic trends in correctional populations

The number of male adults in the correctional population increased by two-thirds from 1986-96 while the number of females doubled.

Correctional populations, by gender 1986-96, BJS correctional surveys

8/99

Almost 5% of the adult males and 1% of the adult females in the United States were under some form of correctional supervision in 1996.

Adults under correctional supervision by gender 1980-96, BJS correctional surveys

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For all races, the number of adults in the correctional population increased from 1986-96; the number of blacks almost doubled and the number of whites rose by nearly three-fifths.

Correctional populations by race, 1986-96, BJS correctional surveys

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In 1996, about 9% of the black population in the U.S. was under some form of correctional supervision compared to 2% of the white population and over 1% of other races.

Adult under correctional supervision by race, 1986-96, BJS correctional surveys

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Demographic trends in jail populations

The numbers of juveniles and female adults in the jail population have been increasing faster than the number of male adults although almost 9 out of every 10 inmates were male adults.

Number of jail inmates by age and gender, 1986-98, BJS correctional surveys

8/99

For both blacks and whites, the number of adults in the jails increased at about the same rate from 1986-97.

Number of jail inmates by race, 1985-97, BJS correctional surveys

8/99

The rate of jail incarceration for blacks is five times inmates higher than the rate for whites.

Jail incarceration rates by race per 100,000 U.S. residents, 1985-97, BJS correctional surveys

8/99

Crime & Justice Electronic Data Abstracts

Crime & Justice Electronic Data Abstracts (CJEDA) are a series of spreadsheets that contain data from a wide variety of published sources, usually by jurisdiction and over time. You can use these spreadsheets to find the answer to a particular question, include the data in other analyses, or create your own graphs or maps. These spreadsheets are updated as new data become available.

The additions and updates to the CJEDA for the past 6 months are announced on *What's New from BJS*. A complete list of spreadsheets is available in Appendix 2.

You can download these spreadsheets to your computer and open or import them into most spreadsheet, charting, and word processing programs. Most of these files are in .wk1 format. (The MIME type for these files is application/spreadsheet and the file extension is wk1.) Many browsers can be configured to automatically launch a spreadsheet program to display these files. Consult the documentation of your browser for specific instructions.

A few of the holdings are a collection of files that are archived into one .zip file to facilitate transfer from the Internet. Additional help to unzip these files is available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/help.htm>. If you do not have Internet access you can order them on diskette from the BJS Clearinghouse.

To allow you to find what you want, these spreadsheets are indexed in two ways: by topic (Crime and arrest data, Criminal justice data, Corrections data, Demographic data) and by jurisdiction level (National, Federal, State, County, City).

New additions

Criminal justice expenditure and employment trends

Twelve new spreadsheets concerning trends in justice expenditure and

Year	Population	Crime Index total	Violent crime	Property crime	Murder	Forcible rape	Robbery
1960	179,323,175	3,384,200	288,460	3,095,700	9,110	17,190	107,640
1961	182,992,000	3,488,800	289,390	3,198,600	8,740	17,220	106,670
1962	185,771,000	3,752,200	301,510	3,450,700	8,530	17,550	110,860
1963	188,403,000	4,109,500	316,970	3,792,500	8,640	17,650	116,470
1964	191,141,000	4,564,600	364,220	4,200,400	9,360	21,420	130,390
1965	193,526,000	4,738,400	387,390	4,352,000	9,960	23,410	138,690
1966	195,576,000	5,223,500	430,180	4,793,300	11,040	25,820	157,990
1967	197,457,000	5,903,400	499,930	5,403,500	12,240	27,620	202,910
1968	199,399,000	6,720,200	595,010	6,125,200	13,880	31,670	262,840

employment were recently added. These spreadsheets compare justice expenditure to spending for other governmental services, adjust the data for inflation, and analyze trends in justice spending and employment. The expenditure data provided are for 1982 to 1996 and employment and payroll data are for 1980 to 1996.

Arrest data

Another new addition is arrests by age group, number and rates for all offenses, index offenses, violent offenses, and property offenses, 1970-98.

Recent updates

Crime data

- The number of crimes reported to police and crime rates, 1960-97, U.S. totals and by State, from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports.

Homicide data

- Homicide victimization and offending rates of juveniles and young adults, by State, 1976-98 based on the FBI's Supplementary Homicide Reports.

- Number of homicides and population for cities with estimated population 100,000 or more, from 1985-97.

Crime and related data for large counties and cities

- Selected crime data, as well as data on police, prosecutorial, and jail resources, and employment, income, and educational variables, 90 most populous counties.
- Selected crime data, as well as data on police, and criminal justice expenditures, 25 largest cities.

Arrest data

- Number of arrests for violent crimes of juveniles (under age 18) and adults (age 18 or older), 1970-98.

Law enforcement data

- Number of full-time sworn law enforcement officers, rate per 100,000 residents, and percent change since 1975 in the United States.

Capital punishment data

- Prisoners executed under civil authority in the United States, by year, Federal, State-by-State, and region, 1977-99.

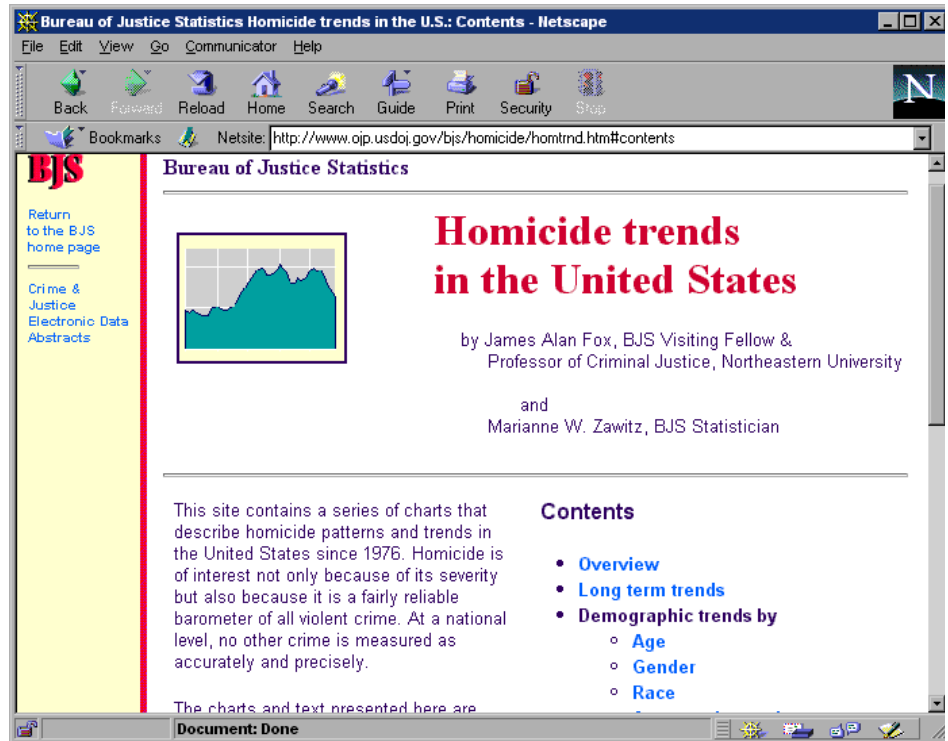
Homicide trends in the United States

This recently updated site contains a series of charts that describe homicide patterns and trends in the United States since 1976. The latest updates and additions are listed on *What's new in Homicide trends in the United States* (<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/homicide/homtrnd.htm>).

All charts, tables, and other information have been updated with the 1998 preliminary and 1997 final Supplementary Homicide Reports data and the 1998 Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted data. Most tables which support the graphics now contain the numbers on which the percentages and rates are based.

The recent update added 18 charts, including two animated trend charts on homicide offending and victimization rates by age from 1980 to 1999. A new section on eldercide — homicides of persons age 65 or older — has been added. The updated sections and additions are listed in the box on this page.

To ease printing, a consolidated version of all of these pages in *Homicide trends in the United States* is provided.



New additions to *Homicide trends in the United States*

Trends by age

- Homicide victimization rates by age, 1980-98, an animation
- Homicide offending rates by age, 1980-98, an animation
- Percent of homicides in which the offender was known to the victim, 1976-98

Infanticide

- The number of homicides of children under age 5 by age of victim, 1976-98

Eldercide

- Homicides of persons age 65 and older by gender of victim, 1976-98
- Homicide victimization and offending rates of persons age 65 and older, 1976-98
- Percent of homicides committed during a felony by age of victim, 1976-98 aggregate

Intimate homicide

- Proportion of all homicides involving intimates by gender of victim, 1976-98
- Number of homicides of intimates by relationship of the victim to the offender, 1976-98
- Intimate homicide rates by race, gender, and relationship, 1976-98

Multiple victim or offender homicides

- Percent of homicides involving multiple victims by number of victims, 1976-98
- Percent of homicides involving guns by number of victims, 1976-98

Circumstances

- Percent of homicides involving guns by circumstance, 1976-98

Weapons

- Percent of homicides involving guns by age of victim, 1976-98 aggregate

Regional trends

- Teen homicide offending rates by region, 1976-98

City trends

- Number of homicides in urban, suburban, and rural areas, 1976-98
- Percent of all homicides involving intimates by urban, suburban, and rural areas, 1976-98

Clearances

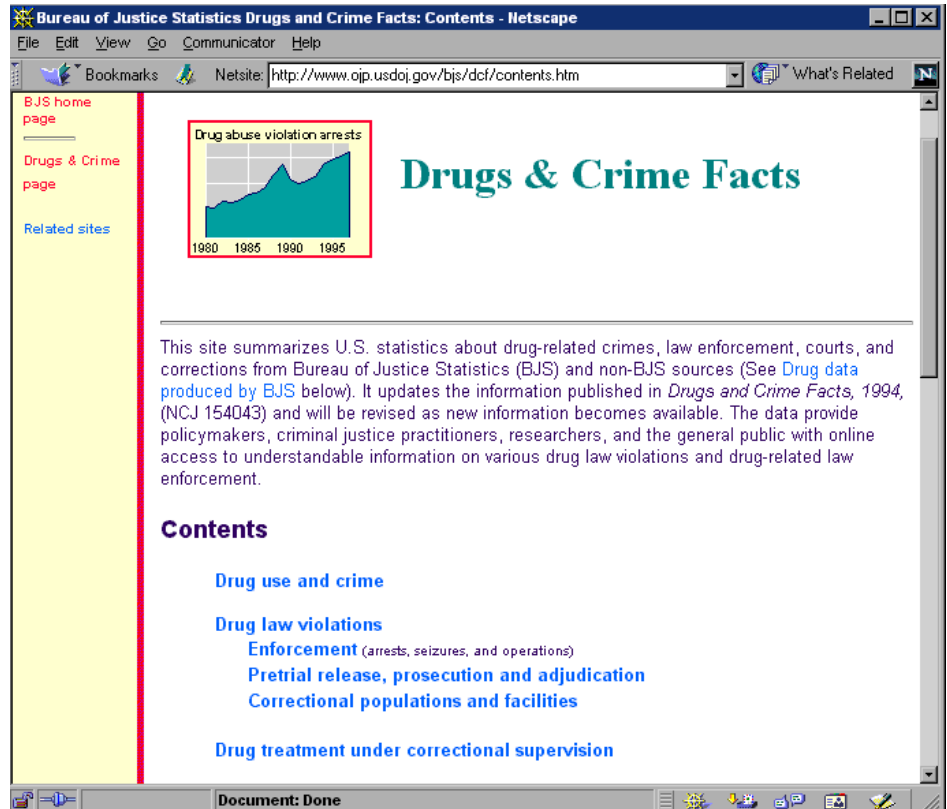
- Percent of homicides cleared by age of victim, 1976-98 aggregate

Drugs & Crime Facts

This section of the BJS website is an updated web version of the publication, *Drugs and Crime Facts, 1994*. Statistics on drug-related crimes, law enforcement, courts, corrections, drug use, and public opinion are summarized in an easy to use format. Data from BJS series as well as other government sources provide an online overview of drugs and crime in the United States.

Drugs & Crime Facts

(<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/dcf/contents.htm>) has been updated with information from 25 statistical publications issued since the launch in May 1999. A new section that focuses on drug use at arrest has been added. Links to the source materials for each entry are provided for users seeking more detail. As new data become available, the site is updated and enhanced with the latest data about drugs and crime. The table below lists the publications used to update the site.



New sources used in *Drug & Crime Facts*, by agency

Bureau of Justice Statistics

DWI Offenders under Correctional Supervision
Criminal Victimization and Perceptions of Community
Safety in 12 Cities, 1998
Felony Sentences in State Courts, 1996
Felony Defendants in Large Urban Counties, 1996
Indicators of School Crime and Safety, 1999, jointly with the
U.S. Department of Education
Law Enforcement Management and Administrative Statistics,
1997: Data for Individual State and Local Agencies with 100 or
More Officers
Local Police Departments, 1997
Mental Health and Treatment and Inmates and Probationers
Prior Abuse Reported by Inmates and Probationers 1998
Prisoners in 1998
Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear 1998
Probation and Parole in the United States, 1998
Sheriffs' Departments, 1997
Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics, 1998

National Institute of Justice

1998 Annual Report on Cocaine Use Among Arrestee,
Arrestees Drug Abuse Monitoring (ADAM),
1998 Annual Report on Marijuana Use Among Arrestee,
Arrestees Drug Abuse Monitoring (ADAM),
1996-1997 Update: HIV/AIDS, STDs, and TB in Correctional
Facilities

Office of National Drug Control Policy

Fact Sheet: Drug Use Trends
Fact sheet: Drug Data Summary
The National Drug Control Strategy, 1999

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Institute on Drug Abuse

The Monitoring the Future Study

U.S. Sentencing Commission

1998 Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics

Substance Abuse and Mental Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) Annual Medical
Examiner Data 1997
Summary of Findings from the 1998 National Household Survey on
Drug Abuse
Year-end 1998 Emergency Department Data from the Drug Abuse
Warning Network

Other electronic materials and publications from the BJS website

Electronic releases

Tables from various BJS' series which were printed in the past are now being offered exclusively online in spreadsheets. Collections of these spreadsheets are archived together in zip files to facilitate downloading. The following is a list of recent electronic releases by topic.

Corrections

HIV in Prison 1998, *NCJ 181758*

National Corrections Reporting Program

Time served in State prison,

1993, *NCJ 175662*

1994, *NCJ 175663*

1995, *NCJ 175664*

1996, *NCJ 175665*

1997, *NCJ 181754*

Sentence length of State prisoners,

1993, *NCJ 175666*

1994, *NCJ 175667*

1995, *NCJ 175668*

1996, *NCJ 175669*

1997, *NCJ 181755*

Most serious offense of State prisoners,

1993, *NCJ 175670*

1994, *NCJ 175671*

1995, *NCJ 175672*

1996, *NCJ 175673*

1997, *NCJ 181756*

Expenditure and Employment

Justice Expenditure and Employment

Extracts —

1993, *NCJ 163068*

1994, *NCJ 175706*

1995, *NCJ 175707*

1996, *NCJ 180883*

Users who do not have Internet access can order the spreadsheets on diskette from the BJS Clearinghouse (please use the NCJ number to order.)

Spreadsheets that support publications

BJS also provides data from the tables of most BJS publications in spreadsheet format. Over 1,265 spreadsheets are available on the website. In many instances, these files include not only the published tables but also additional detail used to calculate published rates or percentages and the formulas used. You can use these spreadsheets to include the data in other analyses, create your own graphs or maps, or in some instances, view details that are not in the published report.

Like the Crime and Justice Electronic Data Abstracts, these files can be downloaded and imported into most spreadsheet, charting, and word processing programs. The table on this page lists recent publications for which such data are available. A link to these spreadsheets is included on the publication's web abstract. The address of the abstract is included on the table below.

Most of these files are either text files or spreadsheets in .wk1 format, although half of the holdings are a collection of files that are archived into one .zip file to facilitate transfer from the Internet. From the abstract, click on spreadsheets and the file will download to your computer where you can open it and use it. Additional help to unzip these files is available at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/help.htm>.

Users who do not have Internet access can order the spreadsheets on diskette from the BJS Clearinghouse (please use the NCJ number to order.)

Datasets and publications on CD-ROM

A list of datasets, publications, and software available on CD-ROM was added to the website in July 1999.

New publications with accompanying spreadsheets

Document title	URL (file in www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/)	NCJ number
Capital Punishment 1998	cp98.htm	NCJ 179012
Civil Trial Cases and Verdicts in Large Counties, 1996	ctcvlc96.htm	NCJ 173426
Civil Rights Complaints in U.S. District Courts, 1990-98	crcusdc.htm	NCJ 173427
Compendium of Federal Justice Statistics, 1997	cfjs97.htm	NCJ 176328
Correctional Populations in the United States, 1996	cpus96.htm	NCJ 170013
Contract Trials and Verdicts in Large Counties, 1996	ctvlc96.htm	NCJ 179451
Crime against Persons Age 65 or Older, 1992-97	cpa6597.htm	NCJ 176352
Criminal Victimization, 1998: Changes 1997-98 with Trends 1993-98	cv98.htm	NCJ 176353
DWI Offenders under Correctional Supervision	dwiocs.htm	NCJ 172212
Federal Law Enforcement Officers, 1998	fleo98.htm	NCJ 177706
Felony Defendants in Large Urban Counties, 1996	fdluc96.htm	NCJ 176356
Felony Sentences in State Courts, 1996	fssc96.htm	NCJ 173939
HIV in Prisons and Jails, 1996	hivpj96.htm	NCJ 174437
HIV in Prisons 1997	hivp97.htm	NCJ 178284
Justice Expenditure and Employment in the U.S., 1995	jeeus95.htm	NCJ 178235
Law Enforcement Management and Administrative Statistics, 1997	lema97.htm	NCJ 171681
Local Police Departments, 1997	lpd97.htm	NCJ 178934
Mental Health of Inmates and Probationers	mhip.htm	NCJ 174463
Prisoners in 1998	p98.htm	NCJ 175687
Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear 1999	pjim99.htm	NCJ 181643
Probation and Parole in the United States, 1998	ppus98	NCJ 178234
Profile of State Prisoners under Age 18, 1985-97	pspa1897.htm	NCJ 176989
Sheriff's Departments, 1997	sd97.htm	NCJ 179011
Survey of DNA Crime Laboratories, 1998	sdnacl98.htm	NCJ 179104
Women Offenders	wo.htm	NCJ 175688
Veterans in Prison and Jail	vpj.htm	NCJ 178888

New sections available on the BJS website (cont.)

The latest additions include:

Datasets

- *Civil Justice Survey of State Courts, 1996*
- *Federal Justice Statistics Programs, 1994-96*
- *National Correction Reporting Program 1983-1986.*

Publications

- *The Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics* 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998.

Software

- Crime Victimization Survey (CVS) Software

These CD-ROMs can be ordered from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service. A detailed description of the content of each CD-ROM and information about the cost and the NCJ number for ordering are available at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/cd.htm>

Questionnaires

Most of BJS publications are developed through data gathered from BJS' surveys. A description of these surveys and data series can be found under the topical references on BJS home page. Links to many of the questionnaires are available on the topical pages with the survey descriptions and on a new page at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/quest.htm. The following questionnaires are available electronically.

Crime and victims

- National Crime Victimization Survey
 - NCVS Survey instrument
 - NCVS Crime Incident Report
 - Police Public Contact Survey: A Supplement to the NCVS
- Criminal Victimization Software
- Standard Survey questions (includes questions about community policing)

Corrections

- Summary of Sentenced Population Movement (NPS-1)
- Report of Inmates Under Sentence of Death (NPS-8)
- Census of Jails
 - CJ-3: 1999 Census of Jails
 - CJ-3A: Jurisdiction Data
 - CJ-3A Addendum: Facility Data
 - CJ-3B: Multi-Jurisdiction Facility
 - CJ-3C: Private Facility
 - CJ-3D: In Indian Country
- 1996 Survey of Inmates in Local Jails
- 1997 Survey of Inmates in State Correctional Facilities
- 1997 Survey of Inmates in Federal Correctional Facilities
- Inventory of data elements questionnaire

Law enforcement

- 1997 Sample Survey of Law Enforcement Agencies (CJ-44)
- Survey of State Police Agencies (SSP-1)
- 1998 National Study of DNA Laboratories

Prosecution

- 1996 National Survey of Prosecutors

Courts and sentencing

- 1999 National Survey of Indigent Defense Systems
 - Program Survey
 - County Survey

Job opportunities

BJS employs a variety of positions to fulfill its mission, including: statistician, editor, grant program specialist, and policy and program analyst.

In addition, BJS offers a variety of opportunities for recent graduates and students at the graduate and undergraduate level, including the Presidential Management Intern Program and Summer Education Employment Program. The types of positions available include statistical clerk, statistical

assistant, administrative clerk, and administrative assistant. To get a detailed description of each position mentioned above and links to a description of current openings, visit <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/jobs.htm>

BJS also sponsors the Visiting Research Fellowship Program in which experienced scholars and practitioners participate in a specifically designed research project of particular operational relevance to the national or international justice system. To find out more about the Visiting Fellows Program visit www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/fellows.htm.

Requirements for Federal assistance

BJS Human Subjects/Confidentiality Requirements elaborates on how all recipients of funding from BJS are required to comply with the Federal requirements concerning human subjects research and confidentiality of any personally identifiable information.

All applicants should review the following materials prior to submission of an application: Protection of Human Subjects and Privacy Certificate Requirements for Applicants for Funding from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, BJS Screening Sheet for Protection of Human Subjects, and Privacy Certificate. These materials are available on BJS website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/hscr.htm>

Instructions for Applicants for Federal Assistance provides detailed descriptions of what is required for applications for Federal assistance from BJS. Links to electronic versions of all forms (portable document format, pdf) are available on BJS website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/apply.htm>

BJS partners roll out new web capabilities

Justice Research Statistics Association (JRSA) Incident-Based Reporting Resource (IBR) Center (<http://www.jrsa.org/ibrcc/>) This new site supported by BJS provides comprehensive information on accessing and using incident-based reporting data for the analysis of crime and reporting of justice statistics. The goal of the website is to facilitate the use of State incident-based reporting (IBR) systems and the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) by crime analysts, researchers, and other justice professionals. The Center seeks to put practical analytical information and tools into

the hands of analysts who want to work with incident-based data and to provide a forum where analysts can exchange information and ideas about using IBR data.

American Statistical Association's Guide to Abstracts and Bibliographies (www.la.utexas.edu/research/crime_criminaljustice_research/) The purpose of this site is to inform researchers and statisticians about BJS data sets they can use in their research. Abstracts and bibliographies of many studies that used BJS data sets are available on this site.

National Clearinghouse for Criminal Justice Information Systems (<http://www.search.org/clearinghouse/>) This website, sponsored by BJS and operated by SEARCH, the National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, has a new look and URL. The site provides the criminal justice community with on-line access to a host of justice information resources, including impartial information on available software solutions and a comprehensive, interactive database of justice agency requests for proposals.

Appendix 1. Trend charts in *Key Facts at a Glance*

Crime trends

Updated
or added

Violent crime

Serious violent crime levels declined between in 1998.	Four Measures of Serious Violent Crime, from the NCVS and the UCR, 1972-98	10/99
Violent crime rates have declined since 1994.	Violent crime rates, NCVS, 1972-98	7/99
Homicide rates recently declined to levels last seen before 1969.	Homicide rates, Vital Statistics, NCHS, 1900-1996	7/99
Rape rates showed no change from 1996 to 1998.	Rape rates, NCVS, 1972-98	7/99
Robbery rates remained relatively stable from 1997 to 1998 after earlier declines.	Robbery rates, NCVS, 1972-98	7/99
Assault rates have declined since 1994.	Assault rates, NCVS, 1972-98	7/99
Since 1993, the number of crimes committed with firearms has declined but has not fallen to levels experienced before 1990.	Crime committed with firearms, UCR, 1973-97	11/99

Property crime

Property crime rates continue to decline.	Property crime rates, NCVS, 1972-98	6/99
Burglary rates have been declining.	Burglary rates, NCVS, 1972-98	7/99
Theft rates continue to decline.	Theft rates, NCVS, 1972-98	7/99
In 1998, motor vehicle theft rates reached the lowest level ever recorded.	Motor vehicle theft rates, NCVS, 1972-98	7/99

Crime victim characteristics

Violent crime rates declined between 1997 and 1998. Rates for men and women are getting closer.	Violent crime rates by sex, NCVS, 1973-98	7/99
Teens experience the highest rates of violent crime.	Violent crime rates by age group, NCVS, 1972-98	10/99
The Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) overall homicide rate declined for 1998. The homicide rate is highest for teens and young adults.	Homicide rates by age, UCR, 1970-98	10/99
Blacks experience the highest rates of serious violent crime.	Violent crime rates by race, NCVS, 1972-98	7/99

Arrests

The number of arrests for drug abuse violations remained relatively unchanged 1997 to 1998 for both juveniles and adults.	Drug arrests by age, UCR, 1970-98	10/99
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Trends in Federal investigations and prosecutions

The proportion of those convicted in Federal district court who are sentenced to prison has been increasing.	Defendants in cases concluded in U.S. district court, Federal Justice Statistics, 1982-98	9/99
Of cases concluded in Federal district court in every year since 1989, there have been more drug cases than other types of cases.	Defendants in cases concluded in U.S. district court, by offense type, Federal Justice Statistics, 1982-98	9/99

Trends in felony convictions in State courts

Almost 1 million adults were convicted of a felony in State courts in 1996.	Felons convicted in State court, National Judicial Reporting Program 1996	5/99
Of the felons convicted in State court, over two-thirds were sentenced to prison or jail in 1996.	Felons convicted State courts and sentenced to prison, jail, or probation, National Judicial Reporting Program	5/99

Appendix 1. Trend charts in *Key Facts at a Glance* (cont.)

Corrections

The number of adults in the correctional population has been increasing.	Number of persons on probation or parole or incarcerated in prison or jail, BJS correctional surveys	5/99
Over 40% of the increase in the prison population since 1980 is due to an increase in the prisoners convicted of violent offenses.	Number of persons incarcerated in prison by conviction offense, National Prisoner Statistics, 1980-96	5/99
The incarceration rate also has been increasing.	Number of offenders incarcerated per 100,000 population, National Prisoner Statistics, 1980-96	4/99
The number of prisoners on death row has been increasing.	Prisoners on death row, Capital punishment, 1953-98	12/99
Since the death penalty was reinstated by the Supreme Court in 1976, white inmates have made up the majority of those under sentence of death.	Prisoners on death row by race, Capital punishment, 1968-98	12/99
In 1999, 98 inmates were executed, more than in any other year since the early 1950's.	Prisoners executed trends, Capital punishment, 1930-99	1/00

Demographic trends in correctional populations

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Demographic trends in jail populations

The numbers of juveniles and female adults in the jail population have been increasing faster than the number of male adults although almost 9 out of every 10 inmates were male adults.	Number of jail inmates by age and gender, 1986-96 BJS correctional surveys	8/99
For both blacks and whites, the number of adults in the jails increased at about the same rate from 1986-97.	Number of jail inmates by race, 1986-97 BJS correctional surveys	8/99
The rate of jail incarceration for blacks is 5 times higher than the rate for whites.	Jail incarceration rates by race per 100,000 U.S. residents 1985-97, BJS correctional surveys	8/99

Expenditures

Direct expenditure for each of the major criminal justice functions (police, corrections, judicial) has been increasing.	Direct expenditure by criminal justice function, Expenditure and Employment 1982-96	11/99
States now spend more on criminal justice than municipalities, counties, or the Federal Government.	Direct expenditure by level of government, Expenditure and Employment 1982-96	11/99

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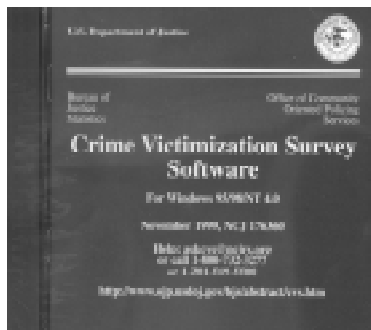
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Topic and Subject	Jurisdiction	Date revised or added	NCJ number for ordering		
Crime and arrest data					
The number of arrests for violent crimes of juveniles (under age 18) and adults (age 18 or older), 1970-98	National	11/99	NCJ 172776		
Arrests by age group, number and rates for total offenses, index offenses, violent offenses, and property offenses, 1970-98	National	11/99	NCJ 177619		
Homicide victimization and offending rates of juveniles and young adults, by State, 1976-98, based on the FBI's Supplementary Homicide Reports.	State	1/00	NCJ 172721		
Number of homicides and population for cities with estimated population 100,000 or more, from 1985-97.	Cities	7/99	NCJ 172723		
Uniform Crime Reports crimes and rates, State-by-State and U.S. totals, 1960-97	State & National	6/99	See table below		
Crime, criminal justice, and demographic variables					
Selected crime data, as well as data on criminal justice resources, and demographic variables					
90 most populous counties	Counties	12/99	NCJ 172777		
25 largest cities.	Cities	12/99	NCJ 172778		
Criminal justice data					
Number of full-time sworn law enforcement officers, rate per 100,000 residents, and percent change since 1975 in the United States	National	11/99	NCJ 175674		
Criminal justice expenditure and employment					
Total direct and intergovernmental expenditure, fiscal years 1982-96					
By type of government	All governments*	11/99	NCJ 178268		
By activity and type of government	All governments*	11/99	NCJ 178272		
Total direct expenditure					
By type of government	All governments*	11/99	NCJ 178269		
By activity and type of government	All governments*	11/99	NCJ 178273		
Per capital total justice expenditure by activity or all governments	All governments*	11/99	NCJ 178278		
State government direct corrections expenditures for institutions and other corrections	State	11/99	NCJ 178277		
Criminal justice employment,					
October 1980-96					
Total employees, by activity and type of government	All governments*	11/99	NCJ 178274		
Justice payroll. October payroll, by activity and type of government	All governments*	11/99	NCJ 178275		
Total justice employment per 10,000 population by activity for all governments	All governments*	11/99	NCJ 178279		
Total police full-time equivalent employees, sworn police full-time equivalent employees, and percent sworn of all police employees, by type of government	All governments*	11/99	NCJ 178276		
October 1982-96					
Total employees by type of government	All governments*	11/99	NCJ 178270		
Justice payroll. October payroll by type of government	All governments*	11/99	NCJ 178271		
Corrections					
Prisoners executed under civil authority in the United States, by year, Federal, State-by-State, and region, 1977-1999	Federal and State	1/00	NCJ 172800		
*Includes Federal, State, local, cities, counties, and municipalities.					
Uniform Crime Reports crimes and rates, State-by-State and U.S. totals, 1960-97					
State	NCJ number for ordering	State	NCJ number for ordering	State	NCJ number for ordering
Alabama	NCJ 172724	Kentucky	NCJ 172741	North Dakota	NCJ 172758
Alaska	NCJ 172725	Louisiana	NCJ 172742	Ohio	NCJ 172759
Arizona	NCJ 172726	Maine	NCJ 172743	Oklahoma	NCJ 172760
Arkansas	NCJ 172727	Maryland	NCJ 172744	Oregon	NCJ 172761
California	NCJ 172728	Massachusetts	NCJ 172745	Pennsylvania	NCJ 172762
Colorado	NCJ 172729	Michigan	NCJ 172746	Rhode Island	NCJ 172763
Connecticut	NCJ 172730	Minnesota	NCJ 172747	South Carolina	NCJ 172764
Delaware	NCJ 172731	Mississippi	NCJ 172748	South Dakota	NCJ 172765
District of Columbia	NCJ 172732	Missouri	NCJ 172749	Tennessee	NCJ 172766
Florida	NCJ 172733	Montana	NCJ 172750	Texas	NCJ 172767
Georgia	NCJ 172734	Nebraska	NCJ 172751	Utah	NCJ 172768
Hawaii	NCJ 172735	Nevada	NCJ 172752	Vermont	NCJ 172769
Idaho	NCJ 172736	New Hampshire	NCJ 172753	Virginia	NCJ 172770
Illinois	NCJ 172737	New Jersey	NCJ 172754	Washington	NCJ 172771
Indiana	NCJ 172738	New Mexico	NCJ 172755	West Virginia	NCJ 172772
Iowa	NCJ 172739	New York	NCJ 172756	Wisconsin	NCJ 172773
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