



# STATE JUSTICE STATISTICS PROGRAM FOR STATISTICAL ANALYSIS CENTERS (SJS-SACs – AL 16.550): DEFINITIONS AND QUESTIONS

The State Justice Statistics Program for Statistical Analysis Centers (SJS-SACs) enhances the capacity of state Statistical Analysis Centers (SACs) to collect, analyze, and publish statistical data that support strategic criminal justice planning and inform national priorities. The program focuses on building sustainable partnerships and agreements between state agencies, research organizations, and public agencies to broaden access to justice statistics and foster collaborative efforts among stakeholder groups. Performance measures track improvements in communication by monitoring the number and frequency of publicly accessible reports, project plans, and technical assistance materials, as well as website enhancements that increase the volume and accessibility of statistics. The program emphasizes data and deliverable quality by ensuring high percentages of project deliverables meet BJS quality standards and Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) goals, increasing accuracy and comprehensiveness of data products, and expanding the number of published reports that address priority policy areas. Finally, measures assess data security protocols to ensure staff and contractors maintain compliant practices for handling restricted or confidential statistical data, protecting respondent privacy and maintaining data provider trust. Together, these performance areas ensure SACs develop sustainable research capacity and produce high-quality, accessible statistical products that inform evidence-based criminal justice policy and practice.

The data collected through these performance measures is used to identify technical bottlenecks, advocate for continued program funding, and provide targeted technical assistance to grantees. Accurate reporting ensures the continued growth and success of statistical analysis centers.

PERFORMANCE AREA	DEFINITION/DIRECTION	PERFORMANCE MEASURE
<b>PARTNERSHIPS AND AGREEMENTS</b>		
<b>Formal Partnerships Established</b>	The number of formal partnerships established with public agencies or institutions of higher education.	Number of formal partnerships established with public agencies or institutions of higher education.
<b>New Data Access Agreements</b>	The number of new instances where access to data from other agencies was secured through formal agreements.	Number of new data access requests from other agencies.
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>		
<b>Public Reports and Summaries</b>	The number of publicly accessible reports and summaries on data collected.	Number of publicly accessible reports and summaries on data collected.
<b>Project Plan Updates</b>	The number of project plans that are developed, followed, and updated as needed, with appropriate BJS approval.	Number of project plans that are developed, followed, and updated as needed, with appropriate BJS approval.
<b>Website Enhancements</b>	The number of website enhancements (such as data dashboards) created, leading to more statistics being presented to the public.	Number of website enhancements (data dashboards) that lead to more statistics being open to the public.
<b>DATA AND DELIVERABLE QUALITY</b>		
<b>Milestone Completion Volume</b>	The total count of deliverables due and the subset completed on time.	Total number of deliverables/milestones due during this period and completed in a timely manner.

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<b>Milestone Completion Rate</b>	The percentage of all deliverables and significant project milestones completed on time as defined in the funding announcement.	Percentage of all deliverables and significant project milestones completed in a timely manner.
<b>Quality and Objective Alignment</b>	The percentage of deliverables that meet BJS goals and objectives as outlined in the SJS-SAC's NOFO.	Percentage of deliverables that meet BJS goals and objectives as outlined in the SJS-SAC NOFO.
<b>Public Report Completion Rate</b>	The percentage of scheduled reports that have been fully completed and made available for public viewing.	Percentage of reports completed for public viewing.
<b>Data Product Accuracy</b>	The percentage of data products that are comprehensive and accurate, as determined by BJS.	Percentage of data products that are comprehensive and accurate.
<b>TIMELINESS</b>		
<b>Deadlines Met Percentage</b>	The percentage of time deliverables and project milestones that were completed on time.	Percentage of deliverables completed in a timely manner.
<b>DATA SECURITY</b>		
<b>Security and Data Access</b>	The number of staff/contractors who have access to restricted or confidential statistical data and are compliant with the required training.	Number of staff/contractors who are compliant and have access to restricted or confidential statistical data.
<b>Compliance with Confidentiality Training</b>	The number of staff/contractors who have access to restricted or confidential statistical data and are compliant with the required training.	Number of staff/contractors compliant with training on handling restricted or confidential statistical data.
<b>Percent Security Compliant</b>	The percentage of staff or contractors who are compliant with training on handling restricted or confidential statistical data.	Percentage of staff or contractors who are compliant with training on handling restricted or confidential statistical data.
<b>DATA PRODUCTS</b>		
<b>Datasets Prepared for Archive</b>	The number of datasets prepared for archive that are transferred to BJS during the reporting period.	Number of datasets prepared for the archive that are transferred to BJS.
<b>Priority Area Reports</b>	The number of completed reports available to the public that specifically meet the priority areas of the SJS-SAC award program.	Number of reports completed and available to the public and meeting the priority areas of the SJS-SAC award program.