Past, Present, and Future of NCRP Research

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The NCRP Data Platform

- Created by BJS in 1983, redesigned by BJS and Abt in 2010
- Select number of variables
  - Transaction dates and types
  - Offender demographics and identifying information
  - Offense and sentencing information
- Lengthy time series for some states, shorter for others
- Publicly available data series from the NACJD
Classic Statistics

- Description of prison populations
- Recidivism studies
  - Event-based (i.e. release-based) estimation
  - Offender-based (i.e. admission-based) development and estimation
  - Interstate recidivism
- Prison population projections
- Length of stay
- Incidence and cumulative incidence
Prevalence by Subgroups

- Neighborhood-level imprisonment rates
- Distance from last known address and place of imprisonment
- Demographic differences
- Offense types
Policy and Mass Incarceration

- General discussion about mass incarceration
- Policy prescriptions
- Causes of mass incarceration
  - Policing
  - Prosecution
  - Sentencing
Offender Characteristics

- Aging in prison
  - Simulation
  - Counting studies

- Mortality in prison
  - General mortality
  - Veteran mortality
  - Male mortality

- Sex offenders

- Imprisoned offenders convicted for hate crimes
Topics Surrounding Release and Re-entry

- Post-release linkage to HIV care
- Racial disparity in release practices
- Time served
- Studies using data linked by the US Census Center for Economic Studies
  - Post-release enrollment in Medicaid
  - Post-release public housing beneficiaries
Social Policy Impact on Recidivism

- Impact of Affordable Care Act and Medicaid on recidivism
- TANF and SNAP post-PRWORA
- Ban the box policies
- Technical violation revocations, using competing events
- Length of stay and recidivism
Availability and Use of the Data

- BJS Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT)
- Publicly available data series from NACJD at ICPSR
  - More detailed data require an analysis plan and IRB approval
  - Less detailed data are freely downloadable
- Decision rules, programming supports, documentation available at NACJD
- If you’re really stuck: askbjs@usdoj.gov
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