

**HJ 31: List of Research Questions Related to Criminal Justice Data**

For the Law and Justice Interim Committee

The following table lists research questions posed by legislators [and eventually will include whether the data collected by system stakeholders is sufficient to answer the question or whether additional data or research capability is needed to answer the question.] After a panelist at the LJIC's October 2021 data meetings suggested one place to start with data collection priorities to figure out what research questions legislators wanted to answer, the LJIC asked staff to start a list of questions. This list is an evolving document, meant to be a resource and starting point, not an exhaustive list of questions and answers.

Question(s)	Can it be answered with existing data and resources?	What data or resources are needed to answer the question?	Other information or notes
<b>Criminal Justice System, Generally</b>			
What are the trends in sentencing, releases, and arrests geographically?			Kerr-Carpenter
What services (outside of the criminal justice system) do folks utilize pre-arrest vs. post-arrest/release? (i.e. Medicaid, help with housing or food provided either by public agencies or private orgs, parenting help, etc.)			Kerr-Carpenter
How many “frequent fliers” do we have in the system? We would have to agree on a definition for what a “frequent flier” is but I’m thinking it is someone with multiple felony offenses from different episodes over a three year period or who has gone through all of the treatment and rehabilitation options appropriate for their situation multiple times. The follow up to this is: are there commonalities amongst these folks that we can discern by looking at the data?			Kerr-Carpenter
How many of our current offenders experience their first interaction with the CJ system as an adult vs. as a child?			Kerr-Carpenter

Are outcomes better for folks in our system who when they leave become primary caretakers of dependents?			Kerr-Carpenter
Is there a connection between how old a person is and their outcomes?			Kerr-Carpenter
How many people on pretrial release or pending revocation hearing, are arrested (or have warrant or summons issued) for new offenses, new felonies and new violent crimes, and how many do they commit?			
<b>Diversion</b>			
What municipalities have crisis intervention programs? What do they consist of? What are the numbers around their success?			Kerr-Carpenter
<b>Law Enforcement</b>			
The number of local law enforcement “pick-ups” that don’t result in a citation or arrest? (For example: transport to a hospital or homeless shelter?)			Kerr-Carpenter
<b>Prosecution</b>			
<b>Defense</b>			
<b>Courts and Pretrial Release</b>			
For folks that are routed through drug court or other diversionary programs what are the outcomes and what is the cost benefit analysis?			Kerr-Carpenter
Do folks with meth charges have less recidivism if they have longer sentences?			Kerr-Carpenter

<b>Jails</b>			
<b>Corrections (Prisons and Community Supervision)</b>			
Are there noticeable patterns in probationer and parolee success or failure based on their sentence or where they are released or any other factors?			Kerr-Carpenter
How many revocations are there system wide on a monthly basis? Where are they? What happens to those folks?			Kerr-Carpenter
Number of probationers transferred out of/to communities (by community)			Mercer
Total number of parolees, conditional releasees and probationers in each community			Mercer
Total number of probation and parole officer positions (including a count of unfilled positions) in each community			Mercer
How many people on parole, conditional releasee and probation commit are arrested (or have warrant or summons issued) for new offenses, new felonies and new violent crimes, and how many do they commit			Mercer
Reporting on what DOC does in response to conduct for those under supervision when violations of terms of release occur per category of violation			Mercer
Categories of release terms, including provisions of the judgment, that do not lead to revocation proceedings in a particular P&P region			Mercer
<b>Board of Pardons and Parole</b>			

Numbers of prisoners paroled and conditionally released into each community (by community) and out of state			Mercer
<b>Behavioral Health Nexus</b>			
Many of the folks in our system have a drug or alcohol problem, how many bouts of treatment do these folks need on average before they stop reoffending?			Kerr-Carpenter
How many people are in our criminal justice system and are receiving mental health care or Substance Use treatment for the first time?			Kerr-Carpenter
How many individuals who are arrested, detained and imprisoned need substance abuse treatment (and for what) and mental health treatment			Mercer

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