Survey ID:

JUSTICE RESEARCH AND STATISTICS ASSOCIATION
IMPROVING CRIME DATA
POLICE CHIEF SURVEY
This survey can also be completed online. Please visit www.jrsa.org/survey.

PLEASE CHECK ONE OR MORE RESPONSES AS INDICATED.

1. Which of the following criminal justice data do you find useful in managing your agency?
   (check all that apply)
   - ❍ calls for service
   - ❍ clearance rates
   - ❍ arrest data
   - ❍ disposition data
   - ❍ cost data
   - ❍ recidivism rates
   - ❍ incident report data
   - ❍ drug/gun seizure data
   - ❍ "hot spots" data
   - ❍ court caseloads
   - ❍ drug use surveys
   - ❍ other: *(please specify)*_____
   - ❍ traffic stop data
   - ❍ state crime publications
   - ❍ police pursuits
   - ❍ corrections data
   - ❍ victimization survey rates

2. Which of the following non-criminal justice data do you find useful in managing your agency? *(check all that apply)*
   - ❍ emergency room data
   - ❍ treatment program data
   - ❍ other *(please specify)* _____
   - ❍ medical examiner data
   - ❍ education data
   - ❍ census data
   - ❍ health data

3. How do you use the data? *(check all that apply)*
   - ❍ assessment of overall department performance
   - ❍ budget decisions
   - ❍ comparisons with other jurisdictions
   - ❍ promotion decisions and performance reviews
   - ❍ other *(please specify)*_____
   - ❍ deployment and other tactical decisions
   - ❍ responses to inquiries
   - ❍ COMPSTAT-type processes

4. If not currently used, which of the following criminal justice data would you find useful if they were accessible to you? *(check all that apply)*
   - ❍ calls for service
   - ❍ clearance rates
   - ❍ arrest data
   - ❍ disposition data
   - ❍ costs data
   - ❍ recidivism rates
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   - ❍ health data

6. How often do data and statistics help the performance of your agency?
   - ❍ very often
   - ❍ often
   - ❍ seldom
   - ❍ rarely
   - ❍ never

7. How often do data and statistics affect the planning of programs or policies in your agency?
   - ❍ very often
   - ❍ often
   - ❍ seldom
   - ❍ rarely
   - ❍ never

PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE

8. Which best describes the response of your agency's officers when they are required to gather data for records and reports?
    ❍ very supportive ❍ supportive ❍ indifferent ❍ unsupportive ❍ very unsupportive

9. How thorough would your agency's officers be if required to record/report more data about incidents than they currently are?
    ❍ very thorough ❍ thorough ❍ somewhat thorough ❍ not very thorough ❍ not at all thorough

10. Does your agency collect and report incident-based (NIBRS) data? ❍ yes   ❍ no
    ♦ If no, has your agency ever reported NIBRS-compatible data?   ❍ yes ❍ no
    ♦ Does your agency plan to report NIBRS-compatible data?
       ❍ within the next year   ❍ within next 3 years ❍ no definite plan   ❍ never

11. If your agency does not report NIBRS data and has no plan to do so, what are the reason(s) for this? (*check all that apply*)
    ❍ costs associated with meeting reporting requirements
    ❍ NIBRS more useful for national or macro-level analyses than for local strategic analysis and planning
    ❍ possible "increases" in local crime statistics due to shift from UCR Summary to NIBRS and related changes in how/what data are collected
    ❍ doubtful commitment of state/federal resources to local agencies for continued implementation
    ❍ strict, rigid guideline requirements for certification and reporting data
    ❍ conflicting definitions of statutes and offenses on different government levels
    ❍ other (*specify:*) _____

12. Is your department currently involved in a multi-agency effort to share/integrate data?
    ❍ yes   ❍ no
    ♦ If yes, how valuable would you say this effort is?
       ❍ very valuable   ❍ somewhat valuable   ❍ not very valuable
    ♦ If yes, what is the position/job title of the person who represents your department in this multi-agency effort? _____

13. What proportion of your agency's overall budget would you estimate goes to support data collection and analysis functions?   _____ %

14. How often do community leaders (mayor's office, city council, community groups) ask for data or statistics from your department?
    ❍ 3 or more times a week ❍ 1 –2 times a week ❍ 1 –2 times a month ❍ 1 –2 times a year ❍ never

15. How would you rate the media's understanding and reporting of data and statistics that you provide them?
    ❍ excellent   ❍ very good   ❍ good   ❍ fair   ❍ poor

RECOMMENDATION
If you could make one change in your current system of data sharing and integration to improve its role in developing programs and policies, what would it be?
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Thank you for your time!