National Criminal Justice Data Initiatives

This directory lists initiatives that provide data or catalogs of criminal justice data and are or strive to be national in scope. They are non-governmental, but most rely on local, state, or federal government data, often extending or improving upon the incomplete or flawed administrative data. The data are publicly accessible except where noted. (Revised 6/10/2018)

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Initiative	Focus Area	About	Level(s) and Coverage	Funders	Website
Gun Violence Archive	Crime	Formed in 2013, the Gun Violence Archive is an archive of gun violence incidents collected from over 2,500 media, government, and commercial sources daily in an effort to provide near-real time data about the results of gun violence.	Point-level for the U.S.	N/A	www.gunviolencearchive.org/
Incarceration Trends (Vera)	Incarceration	The Incarceration Trends Project at Vera Institute of Justice provides expansive data on county jail and prison incarceration over time via an interactive data tool.	State-level or County-level data for the U.S.	The Robert W. Wilson Charitable Trust and the MacArthur Foundation	www.vera.org/projects/incarceration-trends/overview
Mapping Police Violence	Policing	Mapping Police Violence combines and cross-checks data on killings by police from FatalEncounters.org, the U.S. Police Shootings Database, and KilledbyPolice.net.	Point-level for the U.S.	Small mix of private donors	mappingpoliceviolence.org
Measures for Justice	System-wide	Measures for Justice was founded in 2011 and track how criminal cases are being handled from arrest to post-conviction	County-level data in FL, NC, PA, UT, WA, and WI, with more states (like CA) coming aboard soon	Bureau of Justice Assistance, MacArthur Foundation, Laura and John Arnold Foundation, Google.org, Chan Zuckerberg Foundation	measuresforjustice.org

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National Justice Database (Center for Policing Equity)	Policing	The Center for Policing Equity engages with law enforcement agencies to collect administrative data, survey officers attitudes, and provide insights on policing and racial equity to departments and stakeholders. Website has example analysis and indicators, but no public data or data catalog.	Data collected at multiple levels and includes a significant number of jurisdictions, but neither the data or participants are publicly available.	Google.org, National Science Foundation, Open Society Foundations	policingequity.org
Police Data Initiative	Policing	Born out of the Obama Whitehouse and Taskforce on 21st Century Policing, the Police Data Initiative is a community of practice managed by the Police Foundation. The initiative's catalog links to open data sets published by participating agencies.	Varies according to data set, but many are point-level. The collection includes around 130 agencies sharing 200 data sets.	N/A	www.policedatainitiative.org
Stanford Open Policing Project	Policing	The Stanford Open Policing project collects and standardizes stop-level data on vehicle and pedestrian stops from law enforcement departments across the country.	All records have state codes, but some include county or fine-grained geographies. The data covers 31 states and the project has begun collecting data from major cities.	Knight Foundation	openpolicing.stanford.edu
U.S. City Open Data Census	Crime and Policing	The U.S. City Open Data Census is a crowdsourced catalog of open data in U.S. cities and towns. The project is run collaboratively by the Sunlight Foundation and Open Knowledge International, with the help of volunteers. The catalog includes crime reports and police use-of-force data (in addition to non-criminal justice topics).	Varies according to data set, but many are point-level. As of June 2018, the census catalogs data from 263 places.	N/A	us-cities.survey.okfn.org/