

Criminal Justice Data Analysis

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In this seminar, we will discuss the major public access criminal justice databases used by researchers in the United States. In addition to covering the two major sources of crime data (data from the Uniform Crime Reporting Program and the National Criminal Victimization Survey), we will also discuss other data sources that provide micro-level information on criminal procedure, including the State Court Processing Statistics, the periodic Survey of State and Federal Corrections Facilities, and the National Corrections Reporting Program. The seminar will highlight innovative uses of these data products and discuss potential for future research. We will also touch upon the use of administrative data from criminal justice agencies in non-experimental and experimental research, and the potential for linking criminal justice information to other administrative data sets such as vital statistics and employment data.