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# Priorities for the Bureau of Justice Statistics

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# FY 2022 Highlights

- Maintain 50 data collections, 17 of which are annual data collections. 21 of 33 periodic data collections were in the field in FY 2022.
- Released 46 statistical reports, 6 press releases, 12 one-page summaries, 6 data tools, and 114 datasets.
- Responded to 220 media requests and 762 AskBJS emails.



# FY 2022 Highlights, cont'd.

- Assisted FBI CJIS with transition to all-NIBRS estimation of *Crime in the United States*.
- Launched two new data tools:
  - Law Enforcement Agency Reported Crime Analysis Tool
  - Justice Employment and Expenditures Tool



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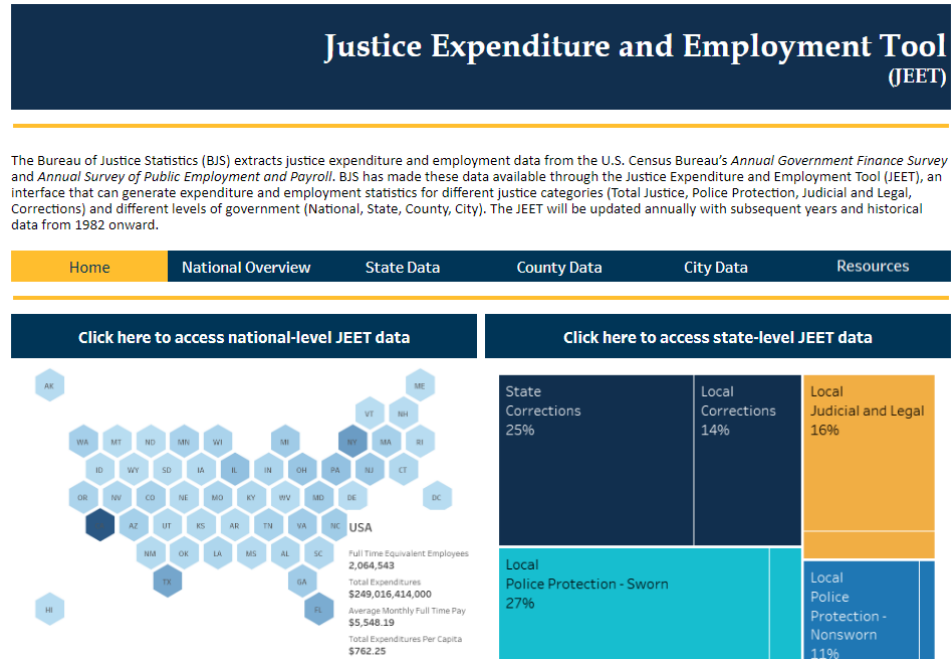
# Law Enforcement Agency Reported Crime Analysis Tool ([learcat.bjs.ojp.gov](https://learcat.bjs.ojp.gov))

The screenshot displays the LEARCAT (Law Enforcement Agency Reported Crime Analysis Tool) interface. At the top, the Bureau of Justice Statistics logo and the LEARCAT title are visible. The main header shows the current topic as 'Incidents > Crime' and provides navigation links for 'HOME' and 'METHODOLOGY'. On the left side, a summary of data is shown: 9,470,260 Incidents and 10,676,651 Victimitizations, with a note that these figures match current filters. Below this is a 'Filters' section with a 'RESET FILTERS' button and a 'Data Year' dropdown set to 2021. The filter categories include Geography, Crime, Victim, and Relationship filters. The 'View Results As' section is set to 'Count'. The main content area is titled 'Incidents' and has tabs for 'CRIME VIEW' (selected) and 'VICTIM VIEW'. Under 'CRIME VIEW', there is a sub-section 'Incidents: Crime View' which explains that the view visualizes offenses committed during each crime incident based on data from the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). It provides instructions on how to use the map and filters to view data for specific areas and agency types. A 'Geography' section on the right contains a map titled 'NIBRS population coverage, reporting states, 2021'. The map shows the percentage of each state's population covered by NIBRS-participating agencies, with a legend indicating five categories: 0%, 1-20%, 21-50%, 51-89%, and 50%+. The map shows that states like California, Texas, and Florida have high coverage (51-89% or 50%+), while many other states have lower coverage (0% to 20%).



# Justice Expenditure and Employment Tool ([bjs.ojp.gov/jeet](https://bjs.ojp.gov/jeet))

- Data extracted from Census Bureau surveys of public expenditures, employment and payroll related to justice functions
- Data cover state, county, and cities (for counties with populations of 500,000 or more and cities with populations of 200,000 or more).



# NCVS Dashboard ([ncvs.bjs.ojp.gov](https://ncvs.bjs.ojp.gov))

## This tool

This tool presents estimates from the NCVS as interactive data visualizations, providing users with a variety of views and analysis types to investigate questions of interest. Click one of the links or tabs on this page to get started.

For more information, see:

[User's Guide](#)   [Terms & Definitions](#)   [Main NCVS page](#)

### Tool Overview

An introduction to this tool's use, terms, and functions.

### Quick Graphics

A selection of charts covering key topics of interest.

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### Custom Graphics

Create custom charts based upon selected topics of interest.

Note that graphics included below are for illustration purposes only. For actual data, visit the Quick Graphics or Custom Graphics pages.

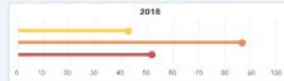
## ANALYSIS TYPES

### Multi-year trend comparison



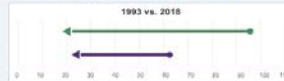
Compare changes over time—either across crime types or across groups within a selected characteristic of victimization.

### Single-year comparison



Compare crime types in combination with a selected characteristic of victimization or of two different characteristics of victimization for a selected year.

### Year-to-year comparison



Compare changes between two selected years, for crime types in combination with a selected characteristic of victimization or for two different characteristics of victimization.

- Displays NCVS estimates by victimization type, victim demographics, and others.
- Features over-time comparisons and indicates statistically significant differences.
- Updated annually.



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# New Leadership in OJP

- Alexis R. Piquero, Ph.D., new BJS Director, appointed August 2022
- Joins Kristina Rose (Office for Victims of Crime), Karhlton Moore (Bureau of Justice Assistance), Liz Ryan (Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and Nancy La Vigne, Ph.D. (National Institute of Justice).



# BJS Priorities

- Modernize: Develop systems and resources to ensure statistics are accessible, usable, and relevant
- Engage: Strengthen the relationships and strategic partnerships with academics, practitioners, political officials, all levels of government, and the general public
- Elevate: Encourage and support professional development of BJS team members in various ways
- Collaborate: Help others understand the methodological and statistical issues that underpin a lot of what the department does



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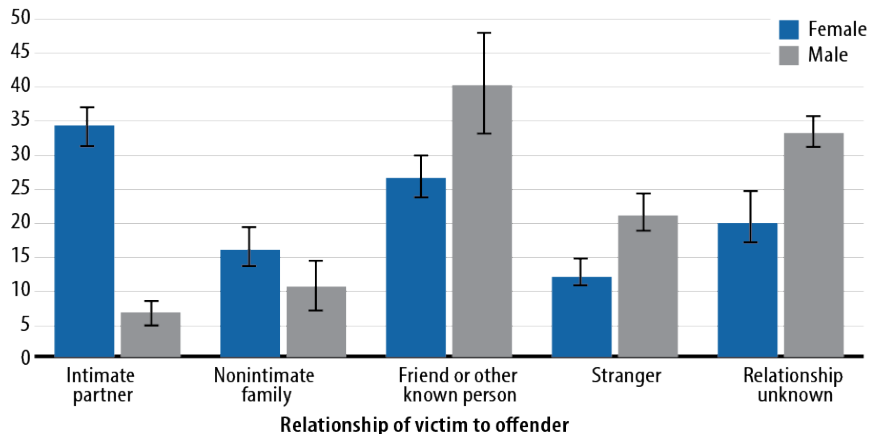


# Just the Stats

- Designed to provide key data on discrete topics
  - Carjacking
  - Female Murder Victims and Victim-Offender Relationship
  - New release Jan. 25.

**FIGURE 1**

Percent of murder victims, by sex and relationship of victim to alleged offender, 2021



Note: Bars indicate the confidence interval around each point estimate. For example, the estimated percentage of female murders perpetrated by an intimate partner in 2021 was 34%, plus or minus 1.8%. Findings are based on national estimates derived from National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). See *Estimation Procedures for Crimes in the United States Based on NIBRS Data* (NCJ 305108, BJS/FBI, August 2022) for more information.  
Source: National crime estimates based on data from the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System, 2021.



# Administration Priorities that Affect BJS Work

- Executive Order On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government
  - Includes an Equitable Data Working Group tasked with “identifying inadequacies in existing Federal data collection programs.”
- Executive Order on Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices To Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety
  - Creates a working group on Criminal Justice Statistics; directs changes to BJS data collections
- Review of Statistical Policy Directive Number 15
  - Governs how federal agencies collect race and ethnicity data



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# What to Expect in 2023

- Make BJS data available to “different people who need different data in different ways for different reasons.”
- Release BJS data as quickly as possible while maintaining quality
- Explore ways to reduce respondent burden in our data collections



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