

# Key Findings from SEARCH's Analysis of State RAP Sheets

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# Background

- **What is a RAP Sheet?**
- **What does a RAP Sheet contain?**
- **What is the JTF Standard?**
- **Adopting the JTF Standard**
- **Nlets created the CHIEF Format**

# Methodology

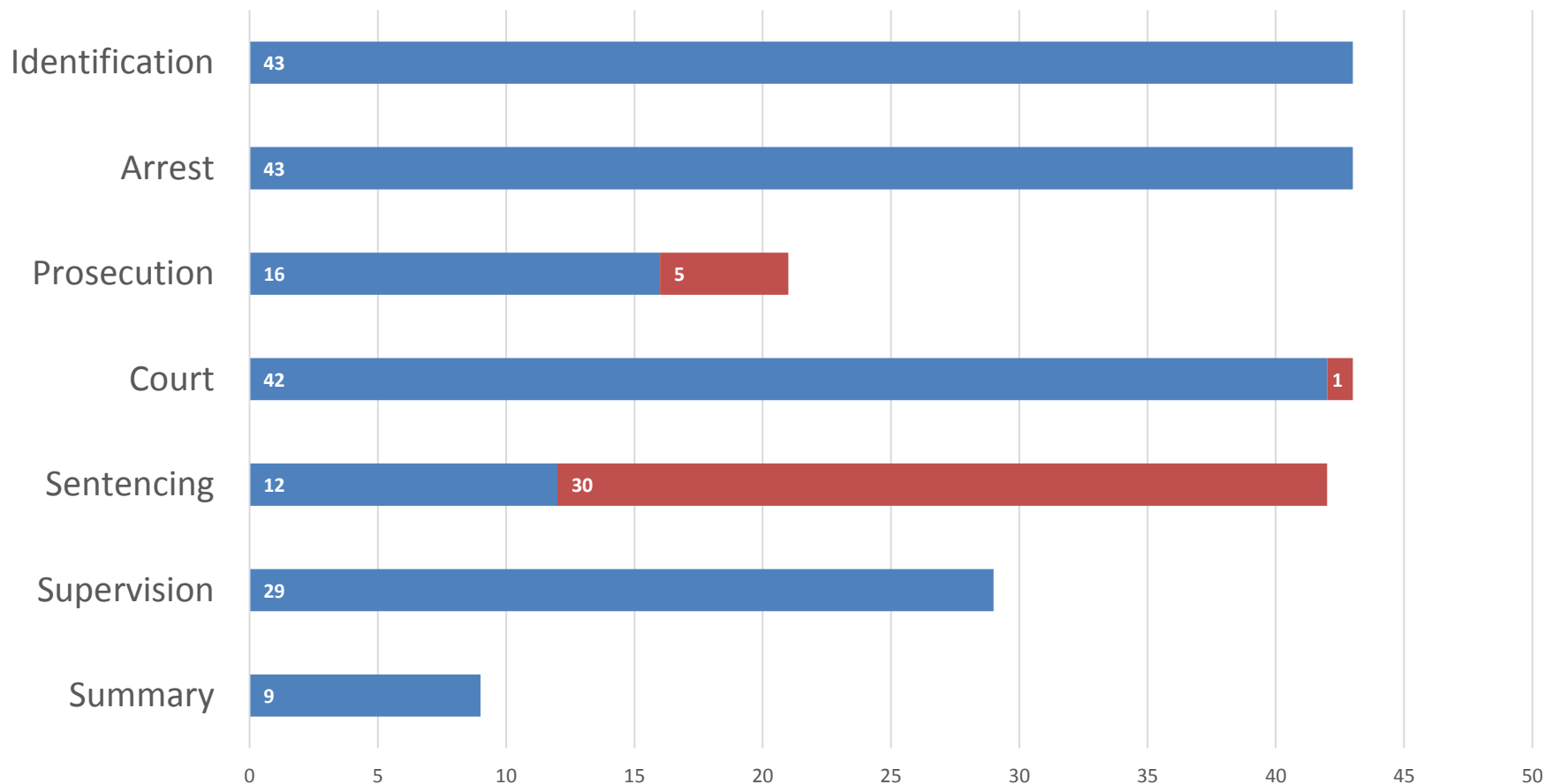
- **Collected sample RAP Sheets from 43 states between 2020-2022**
- **Compared the contents of state RAP Sheets against the JTF Standard**
- **Assessed how data elements are being used by states and how they align with the JTF Standard**

# How RAP Sheets Aligned with the JTF Standard

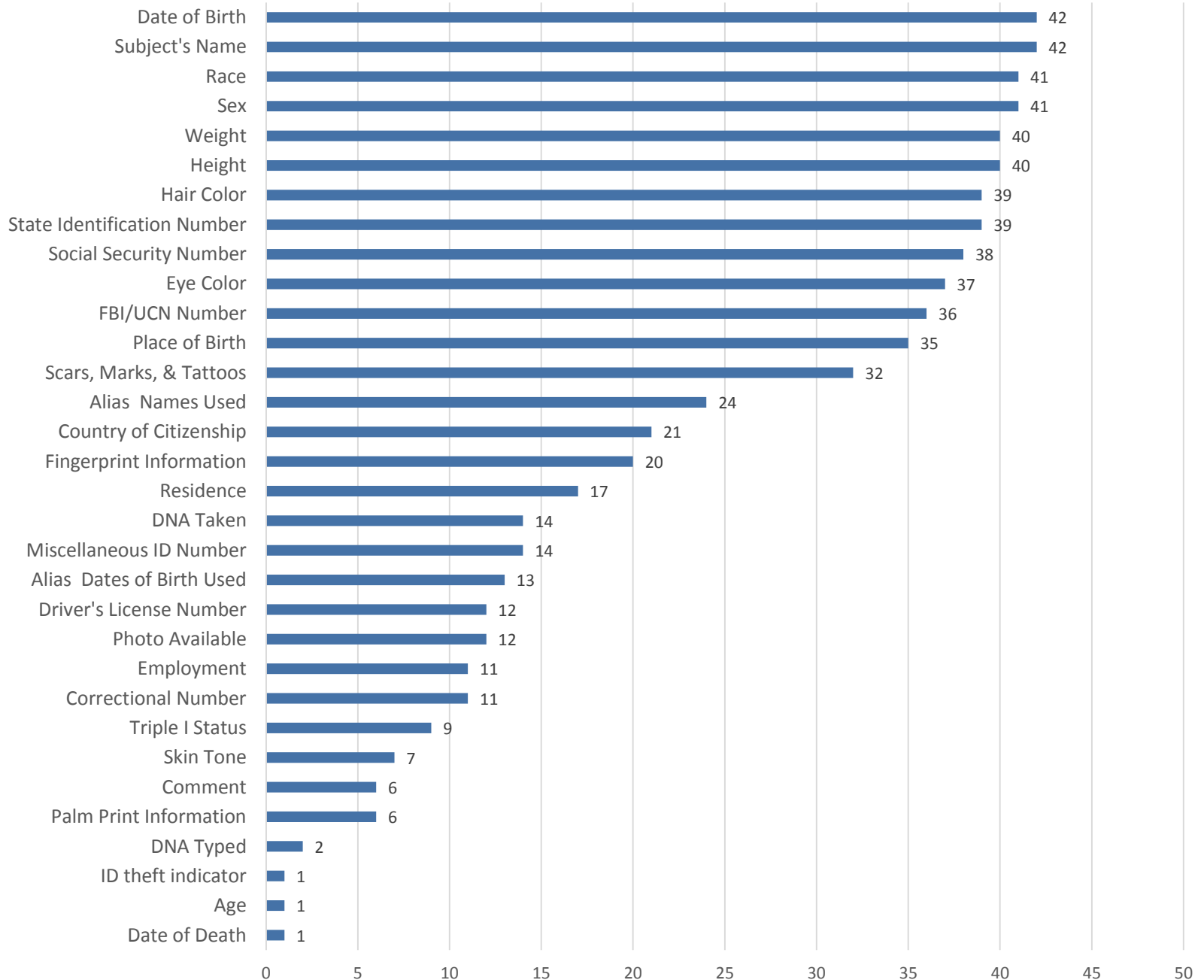
JTF Standard Segments and Sections	Location of Related Data In Practice on State RAP Sheets
<b>Section 1: Introduction</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Record Caveat Information</li> <li>● Rap Sheet Request Reference</li> </ul>	Additional RAP Sheet Information
<b>Section 2: Person Identification</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Subject's Name(s), Identification Numbers, and Descriptors</li> </ul>	Person Identification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cautions, Warnings, and Notices</li> </ul>	Additional RAP Sheet Information
<b>Section 3: Cycle</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Incident Segment</li> </ul>	Arrest
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Arrest Segment</li> </ul>	Arrest
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Juvenile Segment</li> </ul>	Additional RAP Sheet Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Booking Segment</li> </ul>	Arrest
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Prosecution Segment</li> </ul>	Prosecution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Court Segment</li> </ul>	Court
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sentencing Segment</li> </ul>	Sentencing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Supervision Segment</li> </ul>	Supervision
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Post-Sentence Segment</li> </ul>	<data elements not found>
<b>Non-Criminal Justice Information Section</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Non-Criminal Fingerprint Event Segment</li> </ul>	<data elements not found>
<b>Agency Index Section</b>	
<no JTF equivalent>	Additional RAP Sheet Information
	Summary

# Findings

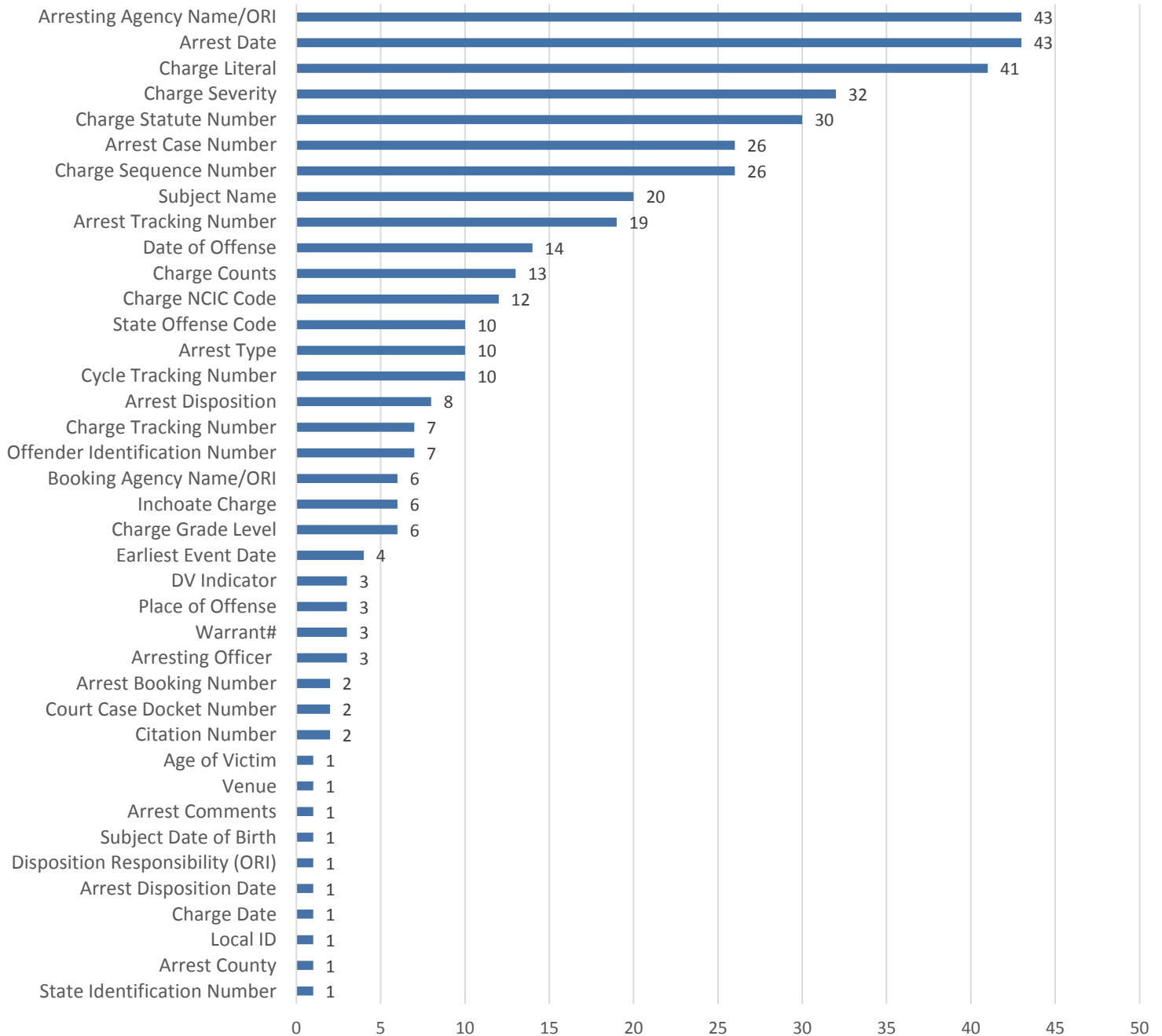
States Using Data Elements in JTF Standard Sections/Segments  
and Data Elements Found Outside the JTF Standard  
Sections/Segments



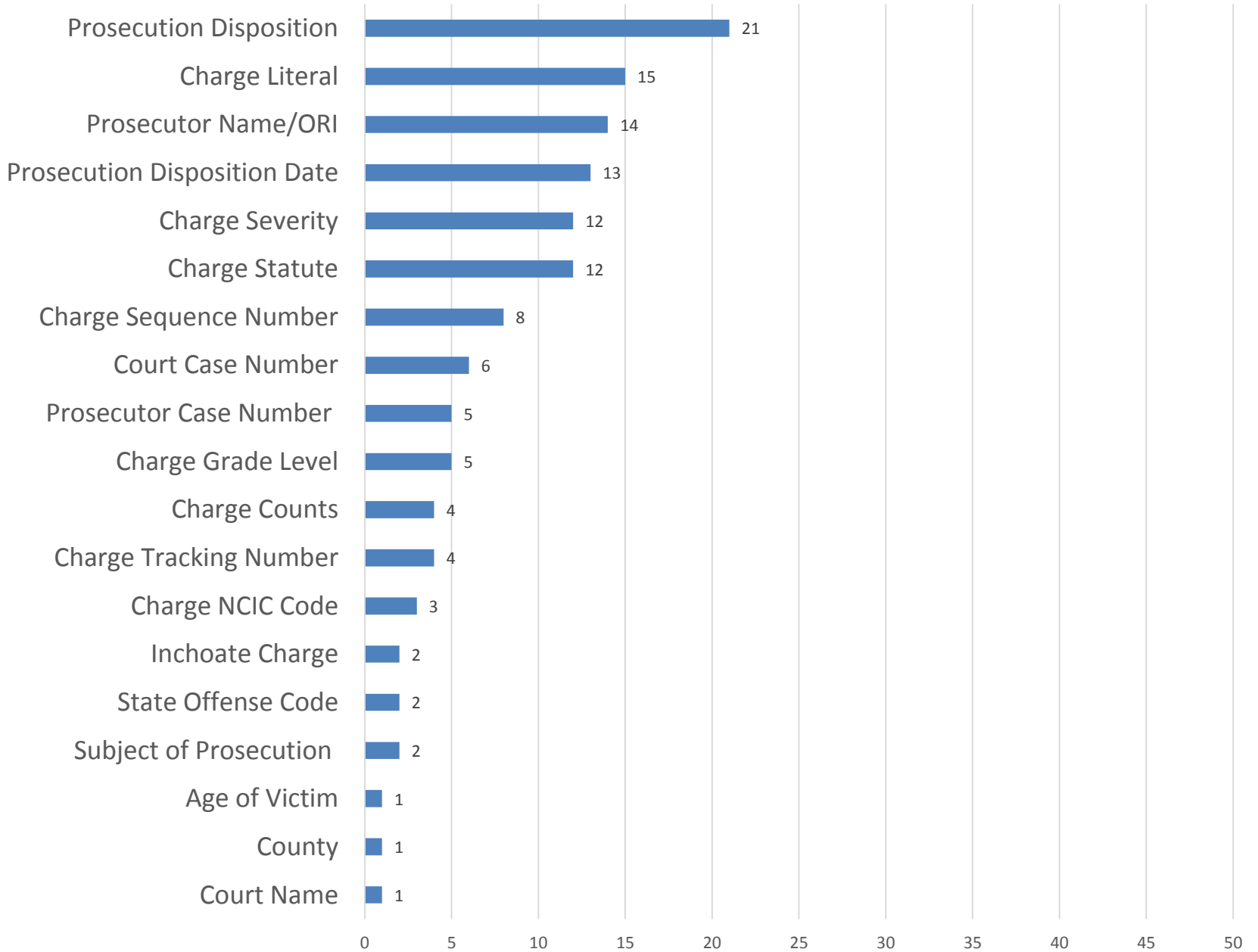
# Identification Data Elements: Counts



# Arrest Data Elements: Counts

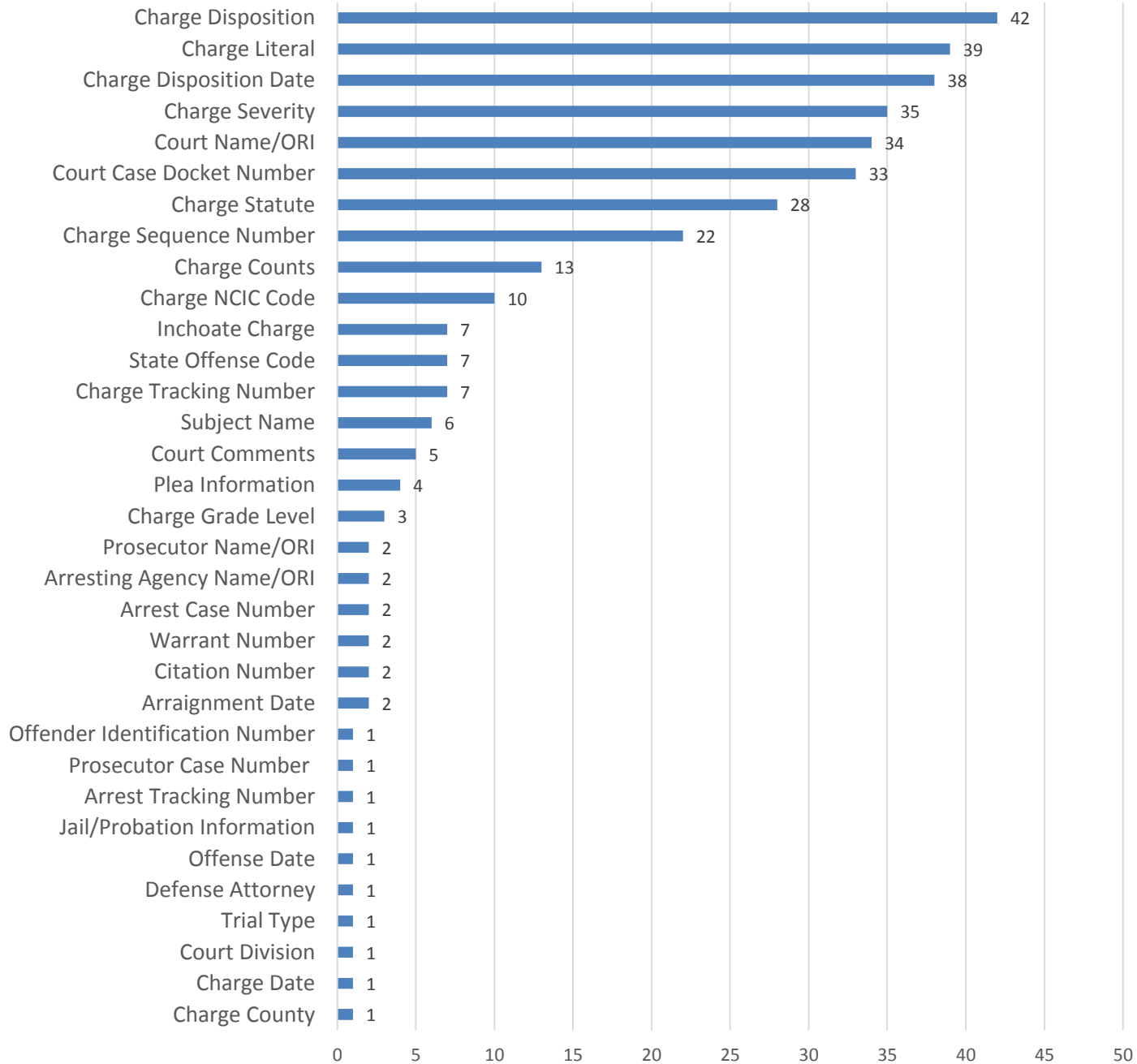


# Prosecution Data Elements: Counts

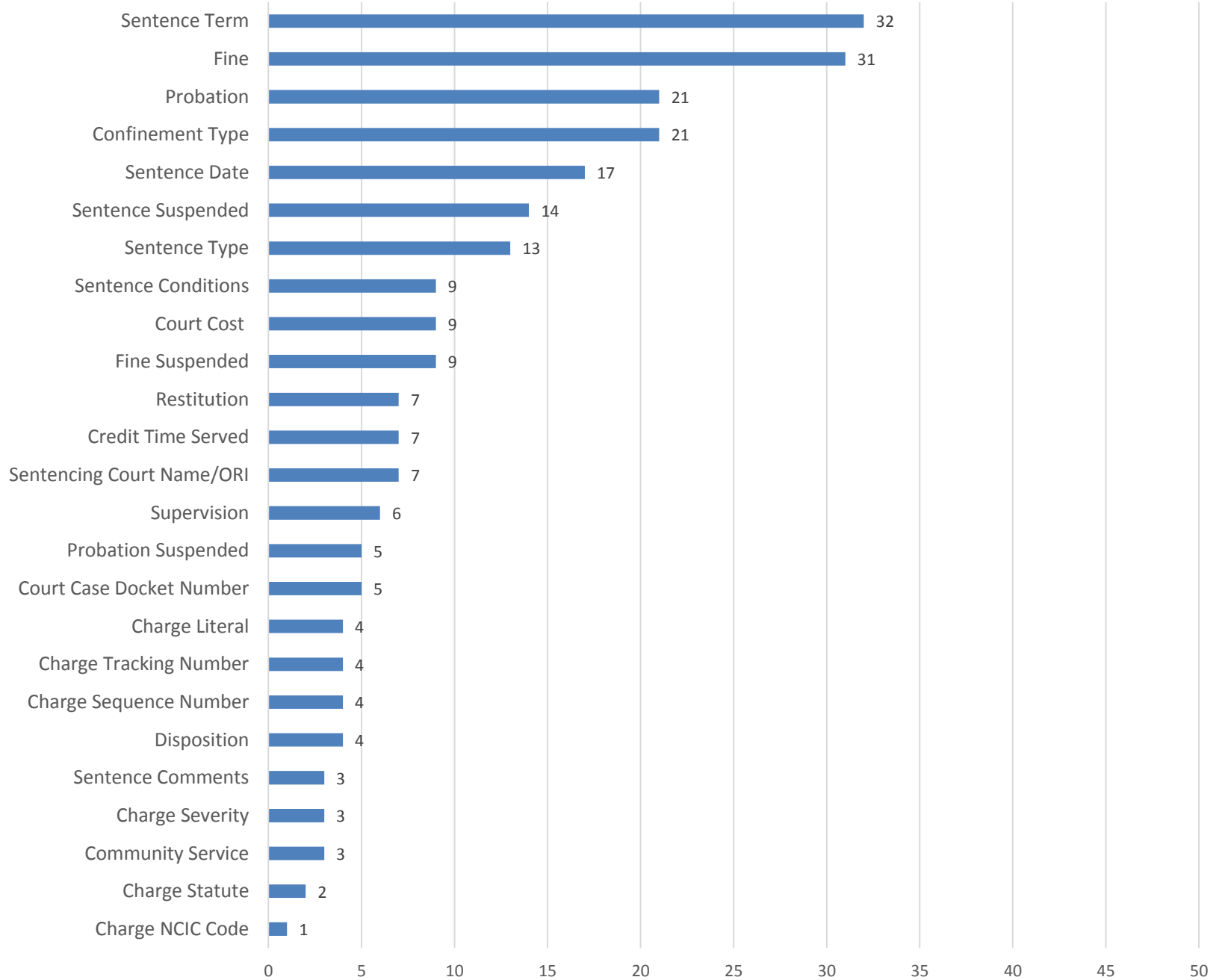




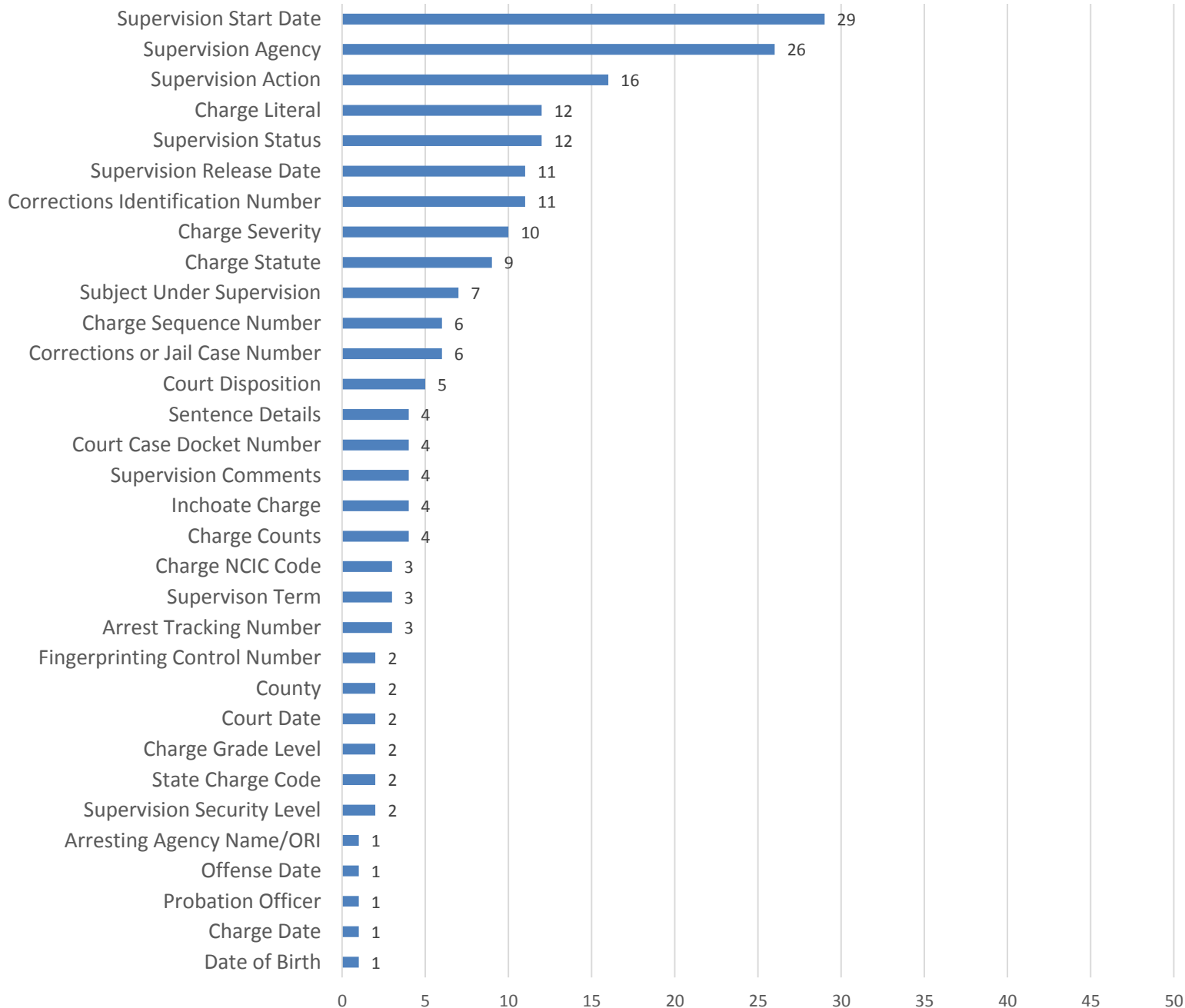
# Court Data Element Counts



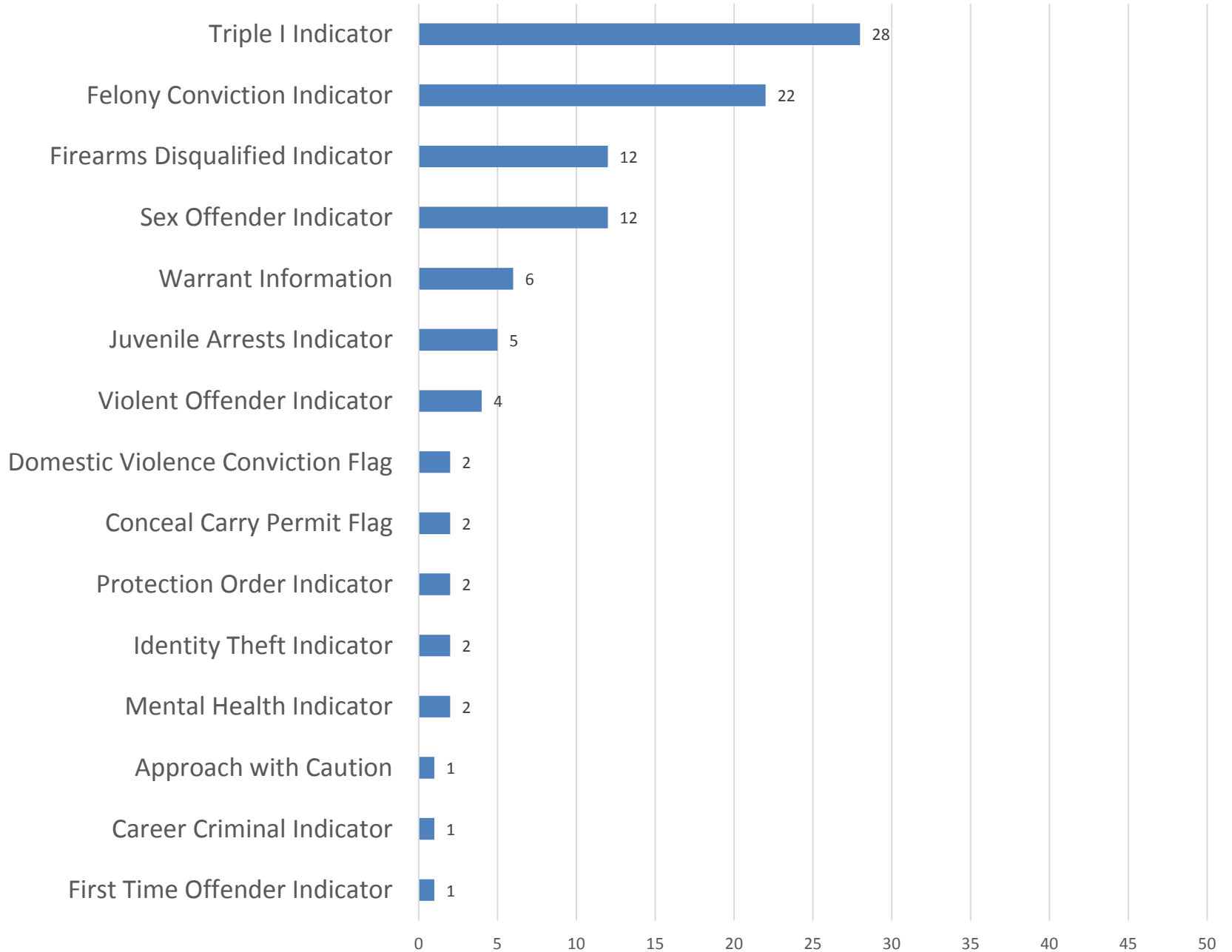
# States with Sentencing Data Elements



# Supervision Data Element Counts



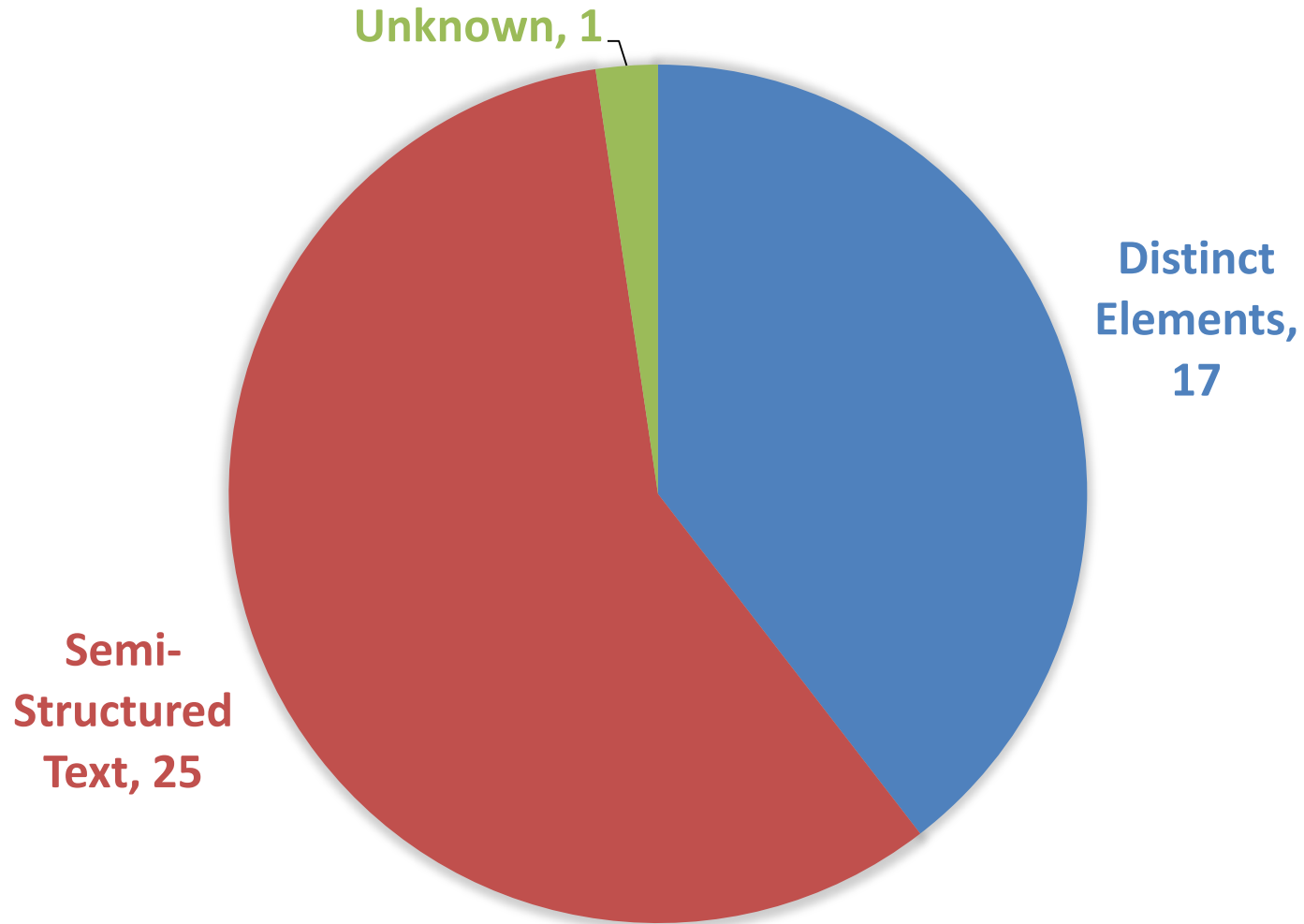
# Cautions, Warnings, and Notices Indicator Counts



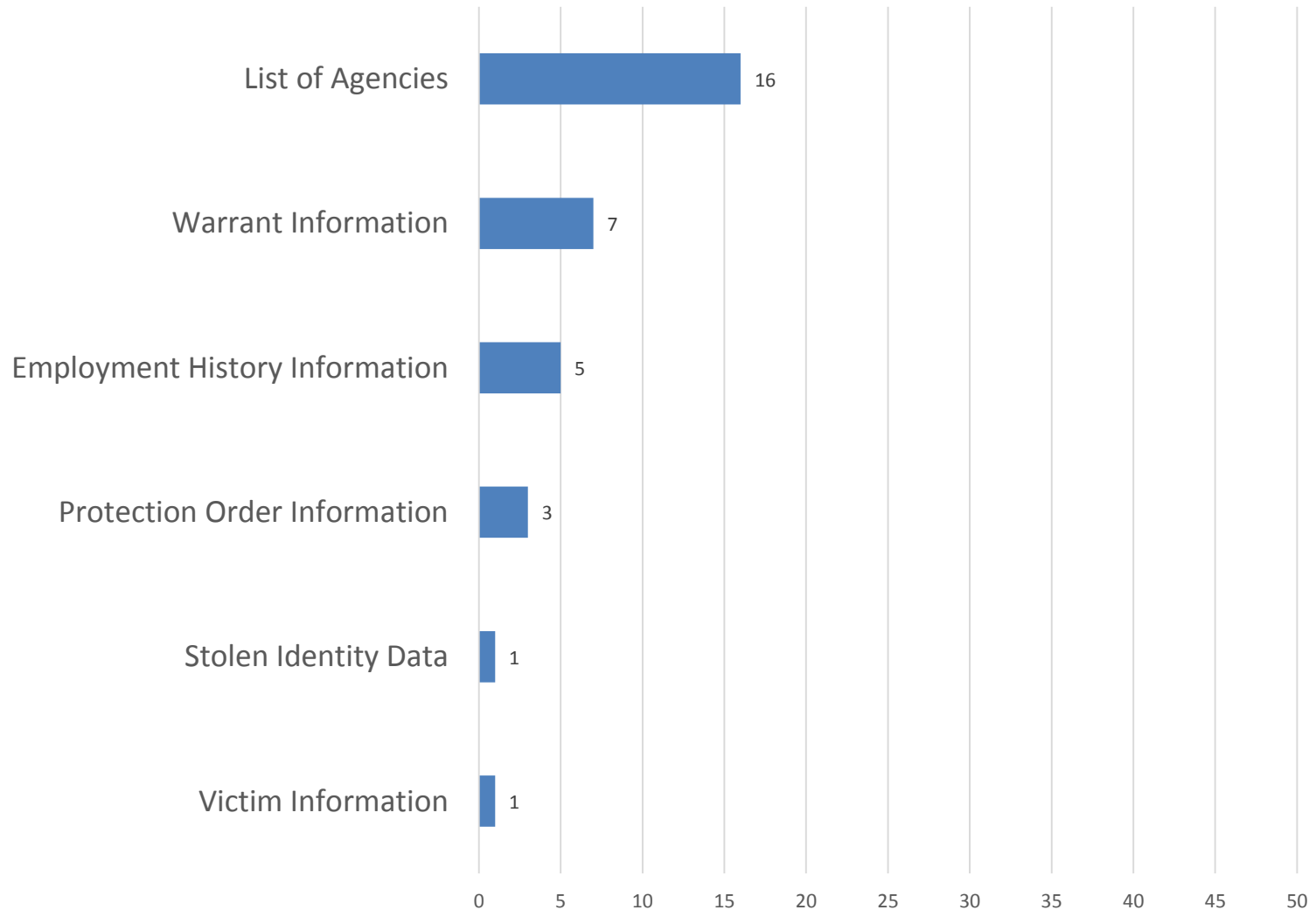
# Findings – Summary Section

- Nine states added a Summary section (outside the JTF Standard)
- **Hawaii** has Charge Summary Table that lists the number of arrests for each severity (Felonies, Misdemeanors, Petty Misdemeanors/Violations), Convictions, Non-convictions, and Pending Charges.
- **Kansas** provides a summary of the most recently reported criminal activity.
- **Louisiana** includes a list of all arrests by date along with the arresting agency and reason for the arrest.
- **Montana** displays the number of Felony and Misdemeanor charges & convictions.
- **New Jersey** includes information related to the offender's diversion program experiences with counts of family and drug court interventions, conditional discharges, and violations of probation.
- **New York** includes summary tables for arrests and convictions at the case level.
- **Utah** includes counts of incidents, convictions, felonies, and incidents without dispositions.
- **Vermont** lists supervision events, arrests, failure to appear charges, violation of court orders, and categories of crimes committed (e.g., sex crimes, assault charges, weapon charges, escape charges, and violations of probation or parole).
- **Washington** has a Summary of Convictions and Adverse Findings that lists the number of felony and misdemeanor convictions along with the charge and disposition date of the convictions.

# Findings – Structure of Sentence Data



# Findings – Other Data Elements



# Draft Recommendations: States

- **Use the JTF Standard, then expand beyond it**
- **Consider adopting the Nlets standardized presentation format**
- **Add indicators/flags that impact officer safety to Identification or Summary sections (DV's, Firearms Disqualifications, Violent Offenders, Protection Orders)**
- **Charges should be clearly identified by a consistent Charge Tracking or Charge Sequence Number, Statute Number, and an understandable Charge Description. Arrest Charges may not mirror the disposed charges.**
- **Each charge should include the Charge Severity and the NCIC Offense Code to allow consumers to compare offenses between states.**
- **Sentences should include distinct data elements for Confinement, Time Served, Supervision, Diversion, Suspended Terms, and other related data (Fines, Fees, Restitution)**
- **Consider including Supervision and Custody information. Relate it to a Court Disposition by including the Court Case or Docket Number.**



# Draft Recommendations: Research

- **Assess the utility of flags and indicators**
- **Explore expanding ID information beyond Name, DOB, UCN Number, SID, and Driver's License Number. Consider adding photographs.**
- **Assess the utility of complete Arrest Tracking information to the RAP Sheet, including the addition of a consistent number. Consider:**
  - *Providing Prosecutor Dispositions* on RAP Sheets to answer questions regarding the outcome of an arrest that was not prosecuted.
  - *Court Charge Tracking information* and *Court Dispositions* to better track the evolution to Court Charges from Arrest Charges.
- **Assess methods to connect Supervision/Custody events to Court events.**
- **Poll different user groups to identify additional useful data elements.**
- **Apply User Experience testing to understand how consumers digest its contents. This information could help optimize standard formats.**

# Questions and Comments?

