



**Our Vision:** CRG works to strengthen the justice system to reduce and prevent crime, reduce recidivism, achieve safer and healthier communities, and ensure fairness, justice, and equal treatment under the law.

<p><b>What We Are:</b>          CRG is a criminal and juvenile justice research center serving Vermont as independent non-profit that works with state, municipal, and other justice partners to collect, analyze, and disseminate data, and write reports based on those data. We perform our work primarily through a contract with the Department of Public Safety for Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) services, including policy-relevant research, to further the effective and efficient administration of criminal and juvenile justice programs and systems in Vermont. Through data sharing agreements we have unparalleled access to court and criminal history data.</p>	<p><b>What We Do:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Respond to data requests from both governmental and non-governmental entities, organizations, and individuals using 30 years of cleaned and coded court data.</li> <li>➤ Develop research projects with collaborative partners on issues important to the state.</li> <li>➤ Provide technical assistance to justice partners.</li> <li>➤ Work with federal and state partners through the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Justice Research and Statistics Association, focusing on statewide trends in criminal, juvenile, and social justice issues.</li> </ul>
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**As an independent and non-partisan organization we commit ourselves to focus on data-driven work using rigorous methodology and analyses supported by the most up-to-date research literature.**

**Recent Technical Assistance**

- Working with the Sentencing Commission reviewing all crimes and penalties to assist with recommendations to reclassify the criminal code.
- Working with the National Criminal Justice Reform Project (National Governors’ Association & National Criminal Justice Association) on a data integration and research project.
- Analyzed 1,500 surveys on police reform initiatives for the Social Equity Caucus.

**Some Current Projects** (for more information or a project description please be in touch or check out our website)

- *Equal Access to Alternative Programs* – exploring the impact of referrals on incarceration of BIPOC
- *Human Trafficking Study* – identifying human trafficking issues in Vermont
- *Domestic Violence in Urban and Rural Vermont* – analyzing injuries in rural vs urban areas of Vt
- *Victimization of and Criminal Justice Response to Vulnerable Adults and the Elderly*
- *Exploring Racial Differences for Victims in Vermont* – analyzing case processing for BIPOC victims
- *Law Enforcement and Mental Health* – identifying evidence-based practices - what more can be done in Vt

<p><b>Collaborative Partners</b></p> <p>Lund Family Center / Center for Crime Victims Services / Vt. Human Trafficking Taskforce / Dept. of Corrections / Vt. Judiciary / Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence / Community Justice Centers / Vt. State Police / Vt. Attorney General’s Office / Dept. of Aging and Independent Living / Dept. of Public Safety / Dept. of Children and Families / Racial Disparities in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice System Advisory Panel</p>
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