



Organization Overview

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Mission and Vision

- Provide research to policymakers, public and private sector clients, and the community.
- Encourage evidence-informed practices to promote a fair and effective justice system.
- Strengthening 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

Our Work

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 to provide a wide range of 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.

The research CRG provides essential evidence that policymakers use to guide decision-making. The SACs perform a variety of activities including:

- Collecting, analyzing, and distributing criminal justice data
- Conducting policy-relevant research
- Designing and implementing automated information systems
- Further the use of evidence-based practices in their states
- Promote the effective and efficient administration of criminal and juvenile justice

Our Team

Monica Weeber M.P.A., Executive Director; monicaw@crgvt.org

Monica Weeber joined CRG as Executive Director in January of 2023. She brings over 20 years of well-rounded experience in the criminal justice and non-profit sectors to CRG, with a focus on program implementation, oversight, measurement, and reporting. Prior to joining CRG she held several positions at the VT Department of Corrections where she managed the policy development, research, and offender management system units. She has extensive experience working with criminal justice partners on data-driven initiatives aimed at improving prison administration and reducing recidivism.

Weeber holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Vermont as well as a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Rutgers University.

Robin Joy, J.D., Ph.D., Director of Research; robin@crgvt.org

Dr. Joy joined the Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) in 2005 and has been, since 2014, the Director of Research for Crime Research Group. She has over 20 years of research experience in Vermont. Prior to the creation of CRG, Dr. Joy was the Research Director at the Vermont Center for Justice Research where she designed and implemented numerous studies that impacted Vermont criminal justice policy. She held lecturer positions at Norwich University, Northeastern University, and the University of Massachusetts. She is responsible for all aspects of research and evaluation for CRG, including program evaluation, research design, developing new ways to merge and analyze administrative records data, as well as developing new data sets, and conducting analysis.

Dr. Joy has won two national awards for her research including for spearheading a collaborative working group of criminal justice data and for work exploring domestic violence case processing by merging multiple administrative data sets.

Her Ph.D. is in Law, Policy, and Society.

Our Services

Research and Partner Services

- We work with federal and state partners through the Bureau of Justice Statistics to explore statewide trends in criminal, juvenile, and social justice issues. We support organizations to develop research designs for grant proposals.

Program Evaluation

- We're experts in creating program evaluation designs to collect and report on process, performance, and outcome data.

Administrative Data Analysis

- We are the only research organization in Vermont that links data sets from law enforcement, judiciary, corrections, and community organizations to evaluate and describe outcomes.

Qualitative Analysis

- We are skilled in developing surveys and focus groups to help explore a specific topic of interest.

Strategic Planning and Technical Assistance

- We help organizations develop data driven plans and implement strategies to achieve your goal. Respond to data requests from both governmental and non-governmental entities, organizations, and individuals using years of cleaned and coded court data.

Data Sets and Questions to Ask

Data Set	Sample Questions
<p>Criminal Court Filings and Dispositions Monthly extract of all charges filed and disposed of in Vermont Criminal Court. Updated every quarter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the sentences for disorderly conduct? • Do the sentences differ by county? • How many charges are filed? How long does it take to resolve them? • How many cases are represented by a public defender?
<p>Juvenile Dispositions Offenses that would be crimes, save for the person's age. Received quarterly and update as needed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The same types of questions can be asked of the juvenile data as of the criminal data.
<p>Traffic Data Data from judicial bureau hearings, this includes traffic violations, hunting violations, liquor and marijuana violations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many speeding tickets are reduced at hearing? • What types of offenses are challenged?
<p>Civil Suspensions Data Data about civil suspensions of licenses because of DUI. The data reflect hearings and outcomes of the hearings.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many civil suspensions happen each year? • How many Vermonters are subjected to a suspension each year? • How many suspensions are denied? Why?
<p>National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Data Information about most crimes in Vermont. It includes information about the type of crime, who allegedly committed it and who was arrested.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many minor children are victims of violent crimes? • What is the average loss reported in retain theft cases? • How many sexual assaults were cleared by arrest?
<p>Relief From Abuse Filings Biannual extract of relief from abuse filings.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many requests were approved/denied? • Were weapons ordered held/relinquished? • How many cases were filed and disposed by county?
<p>Other data sets used for research: DOC Public Used Data Set Census Information Vermont Statutes and Penalties</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Risk Surveys Crash Data</p>	

Our Projects and Reports

Alternative Programs

[Equal Access to Alternative Programs \(2022\)](#)

[Vermont Court Diversion Recidivism Study and Cost Analysis \(2019\)](#)

[Windham County Electronic Monitoring Program Process Evaluation \(2016\)](#)

[Lamoille Restorative Center: Resilience Beyond Incarceration Program - Outcome Evaluation \(2016\)](#)

[Vermont Court Diversion Programs - Outcome Evaluation \(2014\)](#)

[Lamoille County Community Justice Program - Outcome Evaluation \(2014\)](#)

[Vermont Community Justice Center Reparative Panel Programs - Outcome Evaluation \(2014\)](#)

[Chittenden County Rapid Intervention Community Court - Outcome Evaluation \(2013\)](#)

[Rapid Referral Program: Spectrum Youth & Family Services - Phase I - Control Group Evaluation \(2013\)](#)

[Windsor County Sparrow Project - Outcome Evaluation \(2013\)](#)

Corrections

[Department of Corrections Risk Intervention Services Outcome Evaluation \(2023\)](#)

[Department of Corrections Risk Intervention Services Process Evaluation \(2023\)](#)

Court and Court Programs

[Washington County Treatment Court - Process Evaluation & Recidivism Analysis \(2019\)](#)

[Windsor County DUI Treatment Docket - Outcome Evaluation and Benefit-Cost Analysis \(2017\)](#)

[Windsor County DUI Treatment Docket In-Program Outcome Evaluation \(2015\)](#)

[Windsor County DUI Treatment Docket Process Evaluation \(2015\)](#)

[Rutland County Treatment Court - Control Group Evaluation \(2014\)](#)

[Chittenden County Treatment Court - Control Group Evaluation \(2014\)](#)

[Bennington County Integrated Domestic Violence Docket Project - Process Evaluation \(2013\)](#)

[Chittenden County Mental Health Court - Outcome Evaluation \(2013\)](#)

Sexual Assault Case Processing in Vermont (2012)

Bennington County Integrated Domestic Violence Docket Project - Outcome Evaluation (2011)

Crime Data Analysis

Washington County Treatment Court - Process Evaluation & Recidivism Analysis (2019)

Windsor County DUI Treatment Docket - Outcome Evaluation and Benefit-Cost Analysis (2017)

Windsor County DUI Treatment Docket In-Program Outcome Evaluation (2015)

Windsor County DUI Treatment Docket Process Evaluation (2015)

Rutland County Treatment Court - Control Group Evaluation (2014)

Chittenden County Treatment Court - Control Group Evaluation (2014)

Bennington County Integrated Domestic Violence Docket Project - Process Evaluation (2013)

Chittenden County Mental Health Court - Outcome Evaluation (2013)

Sexual Assault Case Processing in Vermont (2012)

Bennington County Integrated Domestic Violence Docket Project - Outcome Evaluation (2011)

Crime Victims

Applying Routine Activity Theory to Crimes Against Vulnerable Adults and the Elderly (2022)

Criminal Justice System Responses to Black Victimization in Vermont (2022)

Vermont Legal Partnership for Crime Victims Performance and Outcome Measures (2019)

Use of Victim Compensation Fund - Crossover Between Respondents in RFA Petitions and Defendants (2018)

Vermont Victims Compensation Program: A Needs Assessment for People with Disabilities (2015)

Criminal Histories

Data Quality Assessment NCIC Criminal Histories for Scoring the Arnold Public Safety Risk Assessment (2022)

Retrospective Study for the Use of the Arnold Public Safety Assessment (PSA) (2022)

Offender Characteristics of Those on Probation and Parole (2022)

Criminal History Audit Final Report (2017)

Criminal Justice Systems

Vermont National Criminal Justice Reform Project Data Integration Report (2022)

Act 61 Criminal Code Reclassification (2015)

Criminal Justice Consensus Cost-Benefit Working Group (2014)

Report: Increasing Evaluation Capacity Among Criminal Justice Agencies and Service Providers (2014)

An Outcome Evaluation of the Special Investigation Units Established Under the Sexual Violence Prevention Act of 2006 (2013)

Vermont National Criminal Justice Reform Project Data Integration Report

Domestic Violence

Relief from Abuse Case Processing and Firearm Relinquishment (2024)

Washington County Safety Audit - Consensus Report - Violations of RFA Orders (2018)

An Analysis of Domestic Violence and Arrest Patterns in Vermont Using NIBRS Data (2012)

Domestic Assault Recidivism in Vermont, 2004-2008 (2011)

Domestic Violence Case Processing in Vermont, 2004-2008 (2011)

Relief From Abuse Orders in Vermont Case Processing, 2004-2008 (2011)

Relief from Abuse Case Processing and Firearm Relinquishment (2024)

Juvenile Justice

Juvenile Recidivism Study: 2008-2011 (2015)

Disproportionate Minority Contact Assessment - Court & Diversion Referral Decisions in Vermont's Juvenile Justice System (2014)

Recidivism of Youth Ages 18-19 Adjudicated in Criminal Court: 2016-2019 (2022)

Law Enforcement

Law Enforcement and Mental Health Encounters in One Jurisdiction (2024)

Law Enforcement Data Quality Assessment (2017)

Law Enforcement Data Access and Dissemination (2017)

Staffing at Fair Haven Police Department: A Preliminary Report (2015)

Tool: Evidence-Based Policing - Annotated Bibliography And Literature Review - MS Word Format (2015)

Tool: Evidence-Based Policing - Annotated Bibliography - Excel Format (2015)

Legislative Reports

Act 40 of 2023 Criminal Justice Investments and Trends Report

Criminal System Data Pyramid (2024)

Data Brief Analyzing Female Offenders (2024)

Drug Charge Filings and Dispositions (2024)

Research Brief: Violation of Conditions of Release (2024)

Retail Theft in Vermont Using Court Data (2024)

Retail Theft in Vermont Using NIBRS Data (2024)

Racial Equity

Traffic Stops & Race in Vermont - Part One - Data Collection and Analysis (2021)

Traffic Stops & Race in Vermont - Part Two - A Study of Six Jurisdictions (2021)

Race and Sentencing in Vermont (2015)