



FRIENDS OF JUSTICE RESEARCH & STATISTICS

FY 2025 Stakeholder Recommendation for the Bureau of Justice Statistics & National Institute Of Justice

| | FY 2023 Enacted | FY 2024 Budget Request* | FY 2025 Recommendation |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bureau of Justice Statistics | \$42.0 | \$78.0 | \$75.0 |
| National Institute of Justice | \$35.0 | \$63.0 | \$60.0 |
| TOTAL: Office of Justice Programs – Research, Evaluation, and Statistics | \$77.0 | \$141.0 | \$135.0 |

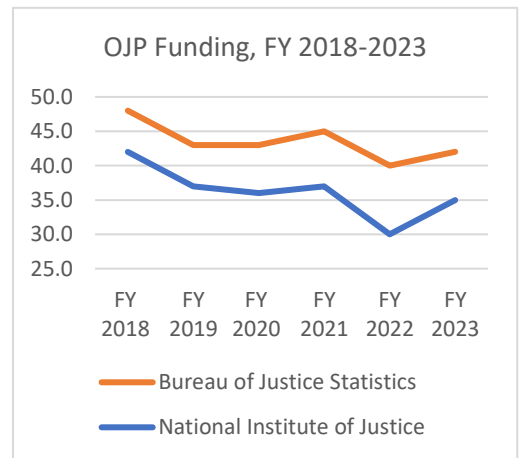
*FY 2025 Budget Request not yet available

INCREASING DEMAND, SHRINKING BUDGET

The nation’s justice system has reached an inflection point as we work to balance the continued pursuit of effective strategies to prevent and control crime, support law enforcement personnel, and advocate for victims with the need to confront the long-term effects of mass incarceration, over-policing, and racism in our legal system. It is more important than ever to invest in criminal justice research and data collection to develop a rigorous evidence base that can help inform equitable and just policies. Unfortunately, funding for these research and data collection efforts has declined in recent years.

BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) produces official statistics on the justice system, including corrections, courts, crime type, law enforcement personnel and expenditures, federal processing of criminal cases, Indian country justice statistics, and victims of crime. Despite growing demand from policymakers, researchers, and other stakeholders for high-quality criminal justice data across an expanding array of variables, BJS has faced significant budgetary challenges over the past decade. Since FY 2010, the BJS budget has decreased by 30%, not accounting for inflation. Steady declines in funding have resulted in antiquated systems and, especially, staffing shortfalls, which can only be resolved through sustained investment. ***Learn more at bjs.ojp.gov.***



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) provides funding for research, development, and evaluation projects at institutions across the country to shed light on the most pressing issues facing our nation’s criminal justice system today, including the drivers of domestic radicalization, addressing the drug epidemic, reducing violent crime, improving school safety, and fostering positive relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Despite the nation’s growing need for objective, science-backed solutions, NIJ’s budget has been on a gradual decline for more than a decade. Funding shortfalls limit NIJ’s ability to disseminate critical findings to law enforcement agencies and other stakeholders who need the most up-to-date information to improve policies and practices that promote public safety and equitable access to justice. ***Learn more at nij.ojp.gov.***