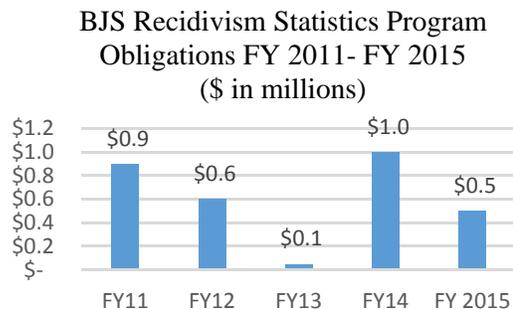


## OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

### Program Name: Criminal Justice Statistics Program -- Recidivism Statistics Program

**Funding:** Annual average of \$618.2K\*  
Between FY 2011 and FY 2015, a total of \$3.1M was awarded.



\*Includes funds from Criminal Justice Statistics Program (BJS base) & transfers from federal agencies.

### Program Description

**Purpose:** To produce accurate national and state recidivism estimates and to describe the criminal careers of offenders by leveraging criminal history record information.

The current recidivism data collection is [Recidivism of State Prisoners](#). Other BJS efforts support the recidivism program by improving criminal history records (see [National Criminal History Improvement Program](#)).

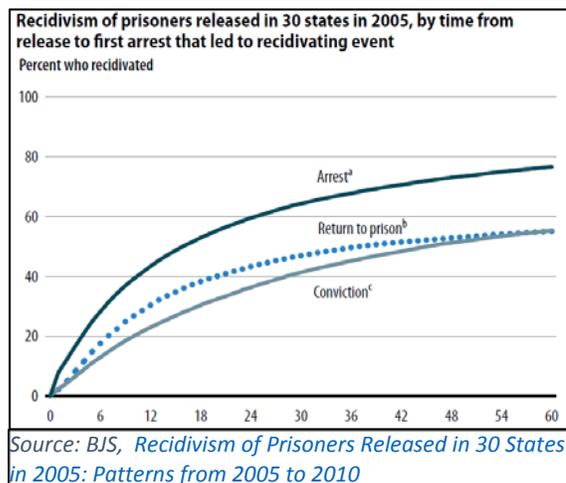
**Authorizing Legislation:** The Justice Systems Improvement Act of 1979

**Administering Agency:** Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)

**DOJ Strategic Objective 3.1:** Promote and strengthen relationships and strategies for the administration of justice with law enforcement agencies, organizations, prosecutors, and defenders through innovative leadership and programs

### Program Goals:

- Continually improve the nation's capability to collect and process criminal history records on a large sample of offenders into databases in order to generate accurate national and state recidivism estimates.
- Identify and improve upon systematic weaknesses, such as missing data, in criminal records information. Support states in improving the accuracy and comprehensiveness of their criminal history records.
- Use recidivism data to examine program outcomes such as recidivism rates of [Bureau of Justice Assistance \(BJA\) Second Chance Act \(SCA\) program participants](#).



### Accomplishments:

- The 2015 BJS report [Multistate Criminal History Patterns of Prisoners Released in 30 States](#) examined the interstate criminal history records of persons released from prisons in 30 states in 2005 and the characteristics of offenders whose criminal careers are in multiple states.
- BJS provides an online [Prisoner Recidivism Analysis Tool](#) that allows users to calculate recidivism rates for persons released from state prisons. The tool had 3,559 user sessions between November 2014 and November 2015.
- In a collaborative effort with the FBI, state record repositories, and the International Justice and Public Safety Network, BJS established a system to collect and transform the contents of criminal history records into databases that can be used to generate accurate national and state recidivism estimates.

**FY 2017 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2017 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** N/A

For additional information, please visit: [BJS Recidivism Statistics](#).