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## **CAP TIP #8**

### ***To Improve Public Awareness***

#### **How to Localize Crime and Victimization to Your State and Community**

##### **Introduction**

The 2013 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) *Resource Guide* published by OVC and many past, current and future CAP TIPs feature national statistics about crime and victimization. However, when promoting NCVRW, it's helpful to provide local statistics about crime and victimization – by state, county and even city. This will “personalize” the scope and impact of crime to your jurisdiction.

This CAP TIP provides useful tips and hyperlinks to websites that can help you identify state- and local jurisdiction-specific statistics.

##### **State and Local Statistics about Crime and Victimization**

For state-level crime statistics, simply enter (*state*) crime statistics into any search engine. A range of websites – from state Attorneys General offices to state-level justice agencies – provide such data. For example, in New York, crime statistics are available from the Department of Criminal Justice Services at <http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/crimnet/ojsa/stats.htm>.

All police departments are required to document local crime statistics; you can visit your local police departments' websites and type “crime statistics” into the search engine. For example, local crime statistics in Albany, NY are available from the Albany Police Department at <http://www.albanyny.org/Government/Departments/Police/stats.aspx>.

Every state has a Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) that use all components of the criminal justice system to conduct objective analyses of statewide criminal justice policy issues. The Justice Research and Statistics Association (JSRA) has links to every state's SAC contact information at <http://www.jrsa.org/sac>. JSRA also maintains the Infobase of State Activities and Research (ISAR) as a clearinghouse of state SAC research and activities. ISAR can be searched by going to <http://www.jrsa.org/database>.

## General Demographic Data

The U.S. Census Bureau “Quick Facts” features general demographic information for all states and counties and for cities and towns with more than 5,000 people, including data about overall population; gender; race; education level; and veterans. This can be accessed at <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/index.html>. Easy Access to Juvenile Populations provides national, state and county-level population data detailed by age, sex, race and ethnicity. This site features tools to create juvenile population profiles by state and county; and “comparison tabs” to compare juvenile population characteristics at the state and local levels. <http://ojidp.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/>

## State-level Statistics about Crime and Victimization

The Disaster Center (<http://www.disastercenter.com/crime/>) features extensive data about crime and victimization, including:

- Uniform Crime Reports (FBI) violent and non-violent crime statistics from local law enforcement agencies from 1980 to 2005 (these include crimes *reported* to local law enforcement that are included in the FBI’s biannual UCR Reports)
- UCR state-level and state-specific statistics from 1960 to 2011.

Easy Access to State and County Juvenile Court Case Counts provides quick access to state and county juvenile court case information about delinquency, status offenses and dependency cases at <http://www.ojidp.gov/ojstatbb/ezaco/>.

StateMaster.com (<http://www.statemaster.com/cat/crime-crime&all=1>) features crime statistics by state, and provides state rankings and (in some cases) access to data by bar graph, pie charts and map, including but not limited to:

- Aggravated assault
- Burglary
- Gun violence
- Hate crimes
- Homicide
- Murder
- Property crime
- Forcible rape
- Overall violent crime

As part of its Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving, MADD released its Fifth Annual Report to the Nation, which features an online state-by-state interactive map comparison of state efforts to combat drunk driving, along with a full report, which is available at <http://www.madd.org/media-center/press-releases/2011/madd-releases-national-and.html>.

The Century Council’s website (<http://www.centurycouncil.org/state-facts>) features an interactive state map that provides state-specific data on drunk driving arrests, underage drinking, and alcohol-impaired fatalities (including those involving drivers with a BAC of .15 or above).

## Violence Against Women and Children State Statistics

The Annual “Domestic Violence Counts” survey conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence provides a one day census of adults and children seeking domestic violence services. The Survey Report

features one page state-specific summaries of services provided and unmet service requests. Survey findings for 2011 and previous years' surveys are available at <http://www.nnedv.org/resources/census.html>. The results of the 2012 survey, which was conducted on September 12, 2012, are not yet available.

*Easy Access to NIBRS: Victims of Domestic Violence (EZANIBRSDV)* allows users to analyze state-level data on victims of domestic violence based on information collected by the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). With EZANIBRSDV, users can explore the characteristics of domestic violence victims, including demographic information of the victim (age, sex, and race), victim injury, and the victim-offender relationship. Data are based on incidents reported in 2010 from law enforcement agencies in 33 states. Users should be aware of the fact that the NIBRS data capture an unknown portion of the domestic violence victims known to law enforcement within a State (i.e., some agencies within a State do not report their information to the FBI). This database can be accessed at <http://ojdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezanibrsv/>.

*Child Maltreatment 2010*, published by the Children's Bureau of the HHS Administration for Children & Families, features state-specific data about child maltreatment and fatalities by age, gender, race and ethnicity. This publication is available at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/child-maltreatment-2010>.

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