

Crime Research Group Answers the Question: Is it a data request or is it research?

Question	Research or Data Request	Public Data?	Is it easy for a layperson to answer the question from the data?	Dates Available
What were the sentences for people who committed crime X? (probation, incarceration, splits, deferred)	Data request www.crgvt.org Data Tab – fill out form	No – Court data. CRG has an MOU with the courts to provide answers.	This is not public data.	1990-present. But try to stick to 2005 to the present. (different coding)
What crimes are people incarcerated for in Vermont?	Data Request	Yes - the DOC public use file.	You have to manipulate the data. The data are charge based. https://data.vermont.gov/Public-Safety/DOCPublicUseFile/vf3r-u4kv	2016- present Updated daily
How many people were arrested for X offense?	Data request	Yes - NIBRS data. No for non-NIBRS offenses. CRG has a file with that information.	For NIBRS data go to: https://crime-data-explorer.fr.cloud.gov/ You can also download the raw files, but that requires manipulation.	Vermont has been 100% NIBRS complaint since 1993 and the last year available right now is 2018. (5/1/20) For non NIBRS Offenses – we have a historical file that is updated every six months.
How many people did agency X arrest, how many were people of color?	Data Request	Yes - NIBRS Data.	For NIBRS data go to: https://crime-data-explorer.fr.cloud.gov/ You can also download the raw files, but that requires manipulation.	See above.
How many people who used a weapon during the commission of the offense received a sentence of X?	Research	No. This requires matching the incident number from the police data set into the court data.	Not public data.	You would provide the dates you were interested in.
Is there a difference in the way person X is treated from person Y in sentencing?	Research	No. This requires criminal histories, and merging data into NIBRS to get circumstances of the offense.	Not public data, although researchers are allowed access. CRG has developed the tools to turn the data into an analyzable form.	You would provide the dates you were interested in.
What is the recidivism rate for people in program X?	Research	No. This requires criminal histories.	Not public data, although researchers are allowed access. CRG has developed the tools to turn the data into an analyzable form.	You would provide the dates you were interested in.

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