

IDENTIFYING SECONDARY DATA SOURCES

DAY 2: THE SHARE PROJECT PCORI TRAINING

CONSIDER THE SOURCE:

UNITED STATES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The United States Federal government has multiple surveys that may be useful for your research, including:

- U.S. Decennial (10 year) Census
- The American Community Survey
- National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)
- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
- Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System

U.S. CENSUS DATA

The U.S. Census is a survey which happens every 10 years

- The census is a valuable source of data about people for the U.S. Government.
- It's a **survey** of (almost) all people in the country.
- It is representative at the national, state, city/town, and census tract levels.
- When we use census data for our study, it is a **secondary source**, however for the U.S. Government, it is a **primary source**.



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CONSIDER THE SOURCE: STATE GOVERNMENT

The state also collects data, much of which is required by the federal government, this includes:

- Birth and Death data (vital statistics)
- Disease rates for many diseases including cancer, sexually transmitted infections
- Environmental data such as flooding patterns and weather

CONSIDER THE SOURCE: WHERE TO START

- U.S. Federal Government
 - HealthData.gov
 - CDC Wonder – Birth, death, and health data
<https://wonder.cdc.gov/>
 - US Department of Justice Bureau of Justice statistics
<http://www.bjs.gov/>
- State Government
 - Visit the state health department website
- Large organizations and foundations
 - Kaiser Family Foundation
<http://kff.org/statedata/>

HEALTHDATA.GOV

Welcome to HealthData.gov

This site is dedicated to making high value health data more accessible to entrepreneurs, researchers, and policy makers in the hopes of better health outcomes for all.

[Learn More](#)

- HealthData.Gov is a good place to start when looking for health and community level data.
- It is a searchable database of secondary data
- You will be surprised what you can find!



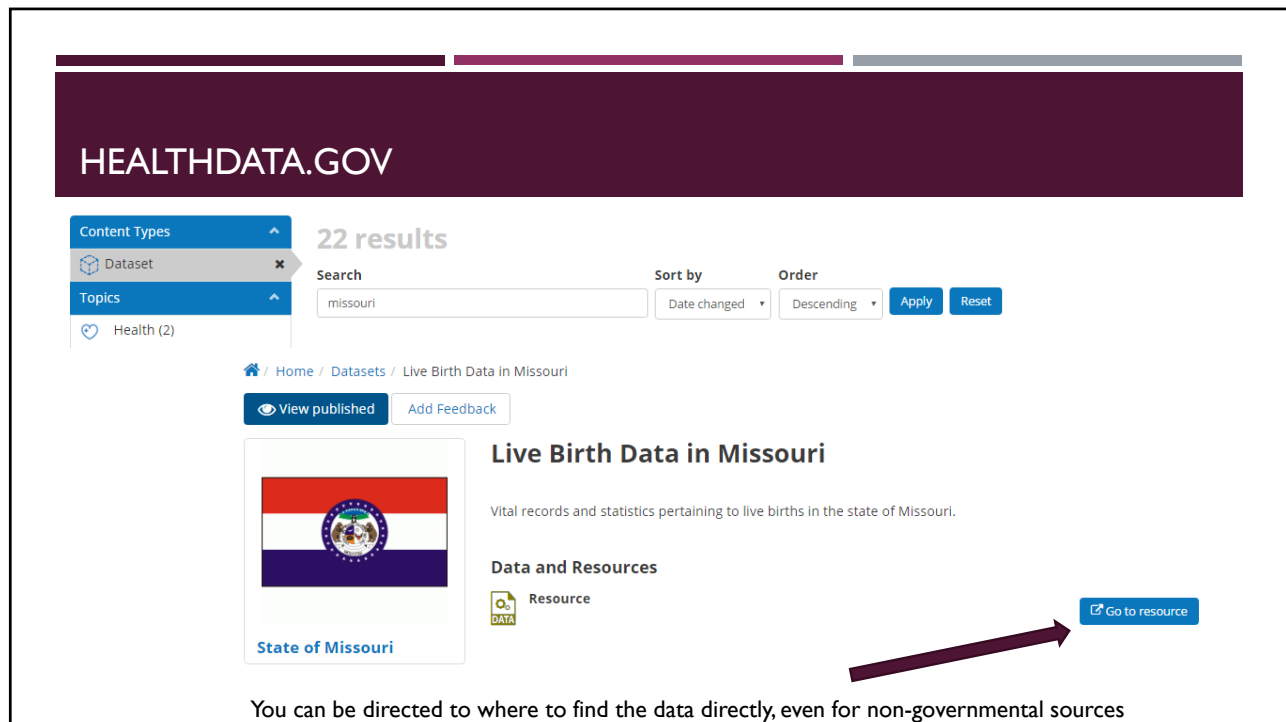
Community



Health



Quality



The screenshot displays the HealthData.GOV interface. At the top, the logo 'HEALTHDATA.GOV' is visible. Below it, a navigation menu includes 'Content Types' (with 'Dataset' selected), 'Topics' (with 'Health (2)' selected), and a search bar containing 'missouri'. The search results show '22 results' and sorting options: 'Sort by' (Date changed) and 'Order' (Descending). A breadcrumb trail reads 'Home / Datasets / Live Birth Data in Missouri'. Below this, there are buttons for 'View published' and 'Add Feedback'. The main content area features a card for 'Live Birth Data in Missouri' with the state flag and a description: 'Vital records and statistics pertaining to live births in the state of Missouri.' Underneath, the 'Data and Resources' section includes a 'Resource' icon and a 'Go to resource' button, which is highlighted by a red arrow.

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Content Types
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22 results

Search: missouri

Sort by: Date changed | Order: Descending | Apply | Reset

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Live Birth Data in Missouri

Vital records and statistics pertaining to live births in the state of Missouri.

Data and Resources

Resource

Go to resource

State of Missouri

You can be directed to where to find the data directly, even for non-governmental sources



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CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA SOURCES

LIMITATIONS OF POPULATION-BASED SURVEYS TO STUDY JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES



- There are several population-based studies in the community that aim to determine the prevalence or disease, however:
 - These surveys *rarely* ask about previous involvement with the justice system either for the individual or for family members
- This makes it difficult to understand health needs and disparities for community justice-involved individuals and families

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA SOURCES

- Population-based surveys on people involved in the Criminal Justice System (either themselves or their family) primarily come from two places:
 1. Directly from the CJS
 2. Surveys with justice-related questions

DIRECTLY FROM THE CJS



- The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) collects population-based data from people who are *currently incarcerated*. But:
 - Little is known about these people after release
- The BJS.gov has all publications released since 1995 including
 - Mortality
 - Segregation or Solitary Confinement
 - Sexual violence

OTHER POPULATION-BASED SURVEYS

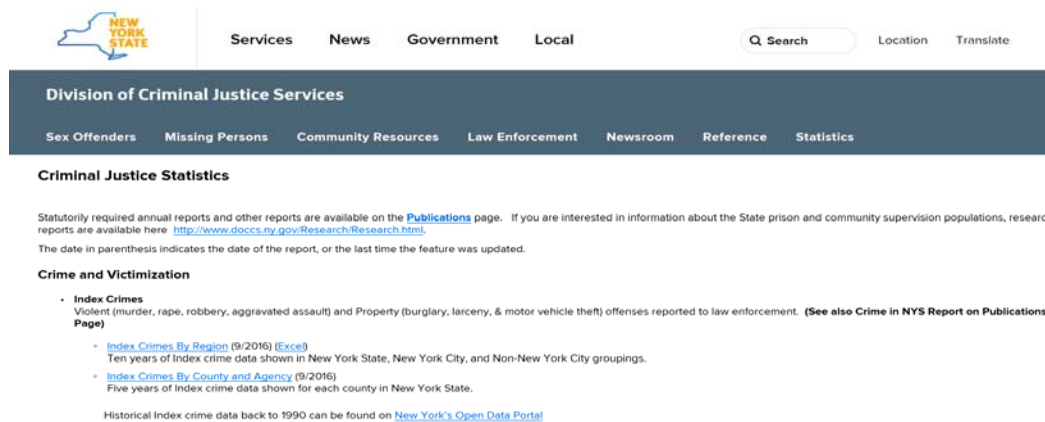


- The surveys that ask questions specifically about justice-involvement include:
 - Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
 - National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 (NLSY97)
 - National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979 (NLSY79)
 - NLSY79 Child & Young Adult
 - National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)
 - National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG)

OTHER POPULATION-BASED SURVEYS

Survey	Objective	Justice-related Questions?
The National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG)	Describe families, fertility, and health	Yes Self – only for men Family – Only for partner
The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)	Collect state-level data on risk behaviors, chronic health conditions, and use of preventive services	Yes but not sufficient to determine recent or lifetime involvement
The National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth (NLSY) 97, 79, and 79 Child and Young Adult	Describe lifetime trends in labor market activity, health, and significant life events	Yes; Self – Lifetime arrest and charges
The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)	Provide national and state-level data on alcohol and drug use	Yes for self – lifetime and past year

LOCAL ONLINE DATA PORTALS NEW YORK: THE KNOWLEDGE PROJECT



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Division of Criminal Justice Services

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Criminal Justice Statistics

Statutorily required annual reports and other reports are available on the [Publications](#) page. If you are interested in information about the State prison and community supervision populations, research reports are available here <http://www.doccs.ny.gov/Research/Research.html>.
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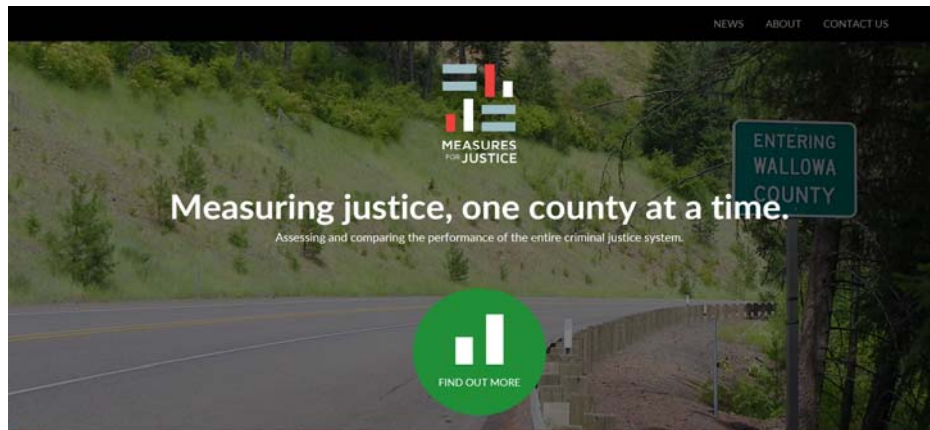
Crime and Victimization

- Index Crimes**
Violent (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault) and Property (burglary, larceny, & motor vehicle theft) offenses reported to law enforcement. **(See also Crime in NYS Report on Publications Page)**
 - [Index Crimes By Region \(9/2016\) \(Excel\)](#)
Ten years of Index crime data shown in New York State, New York City, and Non-New York City groupings.
 - [Index Crimes By County and Agency \(9/2016\)](#)
Five years of Index crime data shown for each county in New York State.

Historical Index crime data back to 1990 can be found on [New York's Open Data Portal](#)

[HTTP://WWW.CRIMINALJUSTICE.NY.GOV/CRIMNET/OJSA/STATS.HTM](http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/crimnet/ojsa/stats.htm)

LOCAL ONLINE DATA PORTALS ROCHESTER, NY: MEASURES FOR JUSTICE

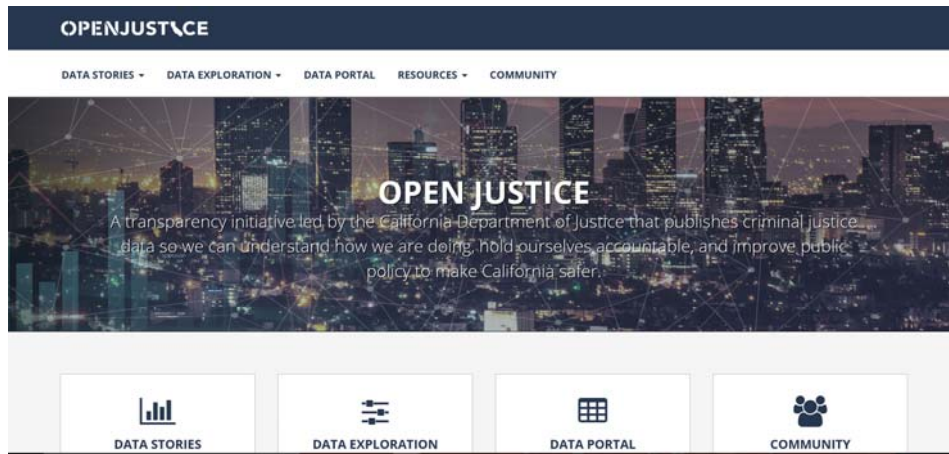


[HTTPS://MEASURESFORJUSTICE.ORG/](https://measuresforjustice.org/)

LOCAL ONLINE DATA PORTALS SAN FRANCISCO: SF OPENDATA

[HTTPS://OPENJUSTICE.DOJ.CA.GOV/INDEX.HTML](https://openjustice.doj.ca.gov/index.html)

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OPENJUSTICE

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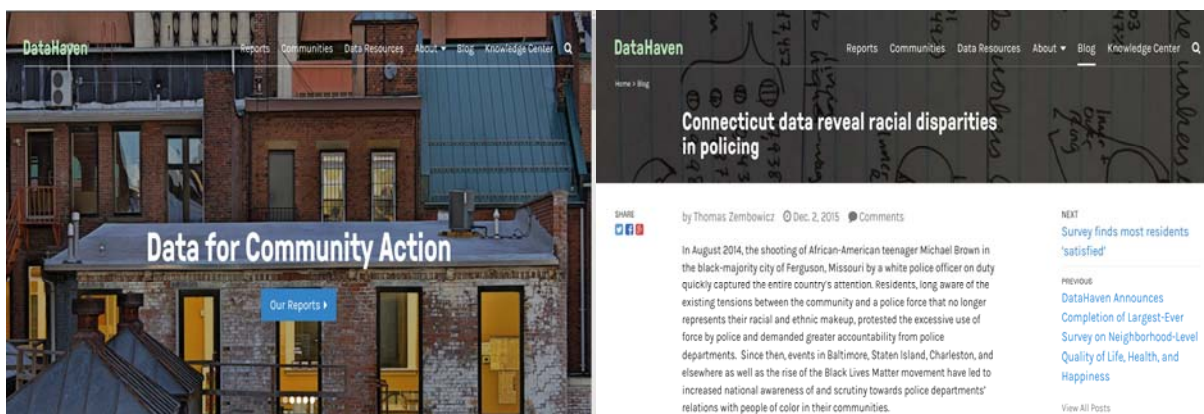
OPEN JUSTICE

A transparency initiative led by the California Department of Justice that publishes criminal justice data so we can understand how we are doing, hold ourselves accountable, and improve public policy to make California safer.

DATA STORIES DATA EXPLORATION DATA PORTAL COMMUNITY

[HTTPS://DATA.SFGOV.ORG/BROWSE?CATEGORY=PUBLIC+SAFETY](https://data.sfgov.org/browse?category=public+safety)

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Connecticut data reveal racial disparities in policing

by Thomas Zembowicz Dec. 2, 2015 Comments

In August 2014, the shooting of African-American teenager Michael Brown in the black-majority city of Ferguson, Missouri by a white police officer on duty quickly captured the entire country's attention. Residents, long aware of the existing tensions between the community and a police force that no longer represents their racial and ethnic makeup, protested the excessive use of force by police and demanded greater accountability from police departments. Since then, events in Baltimore, Staten Island, Charleston, and elsewhere as well as the rise of the Black Lives Matter movement have led to increased national awareness of and scrutiny towards police departments' relations with people of color in their communities.

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[HTTP://WWW.CTDATAHAVEN.ORG/](http://www.ctdatahaven.org/)

UTILIZE THE TCN DATA PLATFORM

The TCN Data Platform has information and data that is likely to be specifically relevant to this work.



- Explore the data
- What is something new that you've found?
- What is something missing from the site?

CONSIDER THE SOURCE: ACTIVITY

In groups – begin to identify sources of data to answer a research question that aligns with your interests or is specific to your city or state.

Try find at least one source data from:

1. Start with HealthData.gov
2. Check out the other websites to see if they collect information that is useful for you
3. Use a search engine to look for publications on your topic
 - A. See what data they use and if you can use it too
4. Determine if there are barriers to accessing or using the data



Community



Health



National



State



FROM THE HEALTH D.A.T.A PROGRAM – DATA, ADVOCACY, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Curriculum: <http://healthpolicy.ucla.edu/programs/health-data/trainings/Pages/data-democracy.aspx> Photo: <http://healthpolicy.ucla.edu/Pages>