



Utah Commission
on Criminal and
Juvenile Justice

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The Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) was created to:

- Promote broad philosophical agreement concerning the objectives of the criminal and juvenile justice system in Utah.
- Provide a mechanism for coordinating the functions of various branches and levels of government concerned with criminal and juvenile justice.
- Coordinate statewide efforts to reduce crime and victimization in Utah.

CCJJ Updates

Mentally Ill Offender Initiative

The Mental Health Initiative worked to expand mental health courts throughout the state and to increase the number of law enforcement officers trained in mental health related crisis intervention (CIT officers). The Initiative is also creating a county by county resource manual that will identify the existing mental health programs and interventions across the state.

Gang Task Force

The Gang Task Force completed a state wide assessment of gang issues. The assessment included law enforcement, educators, intervention and prevention specialists, and community activists. The assessment identifies specific gang related

issues that individual communities are currently facing. The Task Force is also identifying best practices for gang intervention and prevention by conducting an ongoing literature review. Additionally, the Task Force is establishing a web site that will contain information and resources for parents, community members and policy makers.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

CCJJ was awarded \$9,964,861 from ARRA stimulus funding through the Justice Assistance Grant program for FY2010. These funds are being targeted at retaining or creating criminal justice jobs and maintaining basic services in the following six program purpose areas:

- 1) Prescription Drug Abuse
- 2) Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- 3) Criminal Justice Technology projects
- 4) Gang prevention, education and enforcement projects
- 5) Problem Solving Courts
- 6) Alternatives to incarceration programs.

Jail Reimbursement

In 2009, CCJJ was assigned responsibility for management of the state's Jail Reimbursement Program. A coordinator has been hired and a new program has been established.

Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission

Having appointed an executive director during the last weeks of 2008, the commission was well-positioned to move ahead with its statutory mandate in 2009. The commission promulgated its first administrative rules, and by mid-year had hired a third party contractor to develop, pretest, and implement all surveys mandated by statute. By the fourth quarter of the year, the commission was actively surveying jurors in courtrooms with judges standing for retention election in 2012 and 2014. The commission was also collecting pilot program survey data on litigants, witnesses, and court staff for judges standing for retention election in 2012. The attorney survey was in the final stages of development, with launch scheduled for early 2010. The commission also created a program of courtroom observation, hired a part-time program specialist to oversee it, recruited and trained volunteer observers, and implemented the pilot program in selected courtrooms around the state.

Domestic and Sexual Violence

The Utah Domestic and Sexual Violence Office staffs two councils: the Utah Sexual Violence Council and the Child and Family Cabinet Council. It has initiated two new projects: 1) the Domestic Violence

Justice Work Group to look at improving the judicial response to domestic violence through a sentencing matrix; and 2) a statewide sexual violence summit to explore the reasons victims of sexual assault do not report and to develop a plan to enhance service delivery to victims of sexual assault.

Criminal Justice Research

CCJJ research staff completed a study of domestic violence-related homicides. CCJJ works closely with the University of Utah Criminal Justice Center (CJC) to sponsor research relevant to the system.

Juvenile Risk and Protective Factors

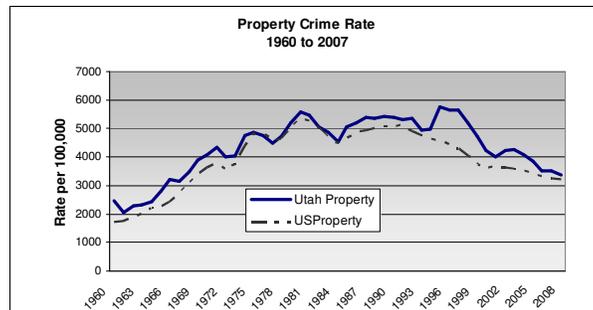
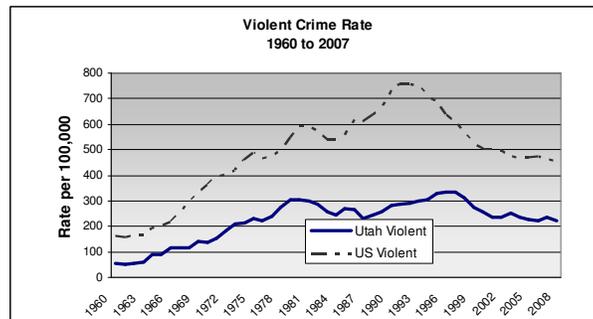
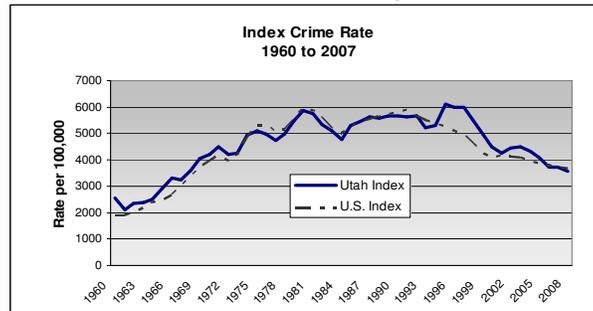
A web-based tool, designed by the University of Utah Criminal Justice Center and the Utah Board of Juvenile Justice, provides information on delinquency risk and protective factors by geographical area. The tool can be seen at www.juvenile.utah.gov.

Crime in Utah

Utah and U.S. Index Crime Rate 1960 to 2008

Utah's index crime rate in 2008 was 3,579.2 per 100,000, reflecting a 4% decrease when compared to 2007. Since its most recent peak in 1995, Utah's total index crime rate has consistently decreased, resulting in the lowest index crime rate since 1968. Index crimes include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Over the past 40 years, Utah's index crime rate has been similar to the national rate.

the national rate of 454.5 per 100,000. The only violent crime category in which Utah exceeds the national rate is rape.



Comparing violent crime rates from 2007 to 2008, crime rates in all categories decreased. Murder decreased by 36.4%, rape decreased

by 5.0%, robbery decreased by 3.4%, and aggravated assault decreased by 6.1%.

Utah and U.S. Property Crime Rate 1960 to 2008

Utah's property crime rate in 2008 was 3,357.4 per 100,000, a 4.1% decrease over 2007. Since its peak in 1995, Utah's property crime rate has consistently decreased, resulting in the lowest rate since 1968.

Utah's property crime rate has been similar to the national rate over the past four decades, with Utah's rate slightly higher than the national rate. The large gap between the two rates beginning in 1995 has narrowed considerably over the past seven years. Utah's property crime rate remained higher than the national rate in 2008.

Comparing property crime rates from 2007 to 2008, burglary increased by 1.1%, larceny decreased by 0.5%, and motor vehicle theft decreased by 13.5%.

Boards and Commissions

- Sentencing Commission
- Board of Juvenile Justice
- Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence Coordinating Council
- Sexual Violence Council
- Council on Victims of Crime
- Crime Victim Reparations Board
- Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission

Extraditions

CCJJ is the designated state agency responsible for coordinating out-of-state fugitive extraditions for state and local law enforcement agencies. CCJJ processes between 300 and 400 extraditions annually. During FY'09, CCJJ coordinated 316 extraditions at a cost of \$275,180.

Utah Byrne/JAG Grant

The U.S. Department of Justice awarded Utah \$845,950 in formula grant funding in FY2009 from the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program. The Utah JAG formula program is administered by CCJJ and allocated to units of state and local government along with private non-profit and faith-based organizations throughout the state. JAG grant awards are limited to criminal justice agencies and criminal justice service providers.

FY 2009 JAG formula funding was allocated to various criminal justice purpose areas including: Law Enforcement Programs, Prosecution and Courts Programs, Corrections and Community Corrections Programs, Drug Treatment and Enforcement Programs. In FY 2009 CCJJ awarded \$358,840 in JAG grant funding to Utah's multi-jurisdictional drug task forces.

Utah State Task Force Grant

The Utah Legislature passed H.B. 91 in 2007 creating the Law Enforcement Operations Account (LEOA). CCJJ is required to grant funds from the LEOA under the State Task Force Grant program (STFG). Grants are awarded to criminal justice service providers in order to address illicit drug use and other crime issues. The first priority of the STFG grant program is to provide operational support for Utah's established multi-jurisdictional drug and crime task force units. CCJJ will allocate up to \$2.5 million annually (depending on available resources) to the task forces in order to meet this priority. STFG funding may also be used to enhance drug abuse prevention projects. In FY2009 CCJJ awarded \$1,479,502 in STFG grant funding to Utah's multi-

jurisdictional drug task force projects.

JAG and STFG Results

FY2009 JAG and STFG grants (along with funding from the State Asset Forfeiture Grant program) were used to assist 17 multi-jurisdictional drug and crime task force projects serving 26 of Utah's 29 counties. Last year, Utah's task force projects produced the following results: *2,442 arrests and removal of 10 kilograms (kg) of cocaine, 29kg. of meth, 17,234 units of prescription medications, and 1,141kg. of marijuana. The task forces located and dismantled eight meth labs and made 504 public drug education presentations.*

State Crime Prevention Grant

Each year, the Utah Legislature appropriates monies to CCJJ for the State Crime Prevention Grant Program (SCPG). SCPG grants are awarded to governmental and non-governmental criminal justice service providers. The purpose of the program is to reduce and prevent crime in Utah communities.

CCJJ awarded \$200,000 in SCPG funding in FY2009 to nine projects offering crime prevention services throughout the state. The total number of individuals receiving crime prevention training from all FY2009 SCPG projects was 6,264 at a cost of approximately \$32 per individual trained.

Utah Sexual Exploitation of Children Prevention Grant

In 2006, the Utah Legislature approved House Bill 170 - *Prosecution and Prevention of Child Pornography Offenses Amendments*. H.B. 170 established a one-time, \$1 million grant program to be administered

by CCJJ. H.B.170 directs CCJJ to, "allocate and administer grants...for approved education programs to help prevent the sexual exploitation of children."

Beginning in January 2008, CCJJ awarded SECP grants to three service providers with a fourth provider receiving an award later that same year. The 2008 awards marked the second year of operation for the SECP grant program. As of October 1, 2008, SECP projects had provided NetSmartz training to 75,998 youth (K-12), 2,710 teachers and criminal justice professionals, 1,223 parents and care givers and trained 145 NetSmartz trainers. The Utah Education Network developed a comprehensive Internet safety website know as NetSafeUtah. Additional information on NetSafeUtah and the NetSmartz programs can be found at: www.netsafeutah.org. Three projects awarded funding FY2008 were continued in FY2009. No new funding was awarded in FY2009.

Utah State Asset Forfeiture Grant (SAFG)

In 2004 the Utah Legislature passed Senate Bill 175 making federal and state asset forfeiture funding available for use in criminal justice service projects. CCJJ developed the State Asset Forfeiture Grant (SAFG) program as a means of evaluating and distributing state forfeiture funds. SAFG grants are awarded to governmental agencies that provide criminal justice services. In FY 2009, CCJJ awarded approximately \$274,906 in SAFG grants (*\$92,840 to drug court programming, \$46,173 to drug task force programming and \$135,893 awarded to eleven state and local law enforcement*

agencies through a competitive RFP).

Justice Data Integration

Information systems contribute to every aspect of criminal justice. Utah's information technology is among the most advanced in the country. Utah is recognized as a leader in the coordination of information systems development and in the development of communication strategies to share data with our federal, state, and local partners.

The cornerstone of this effort is the Enterprise Service Bus (EBS) and the global justice XML standards which enable quicker development of integrated applications, enhance interagency work flow, and lead the way to the next level of integration. Using both state and federal money, Utah continues to work on this important project.

CEASE DUI

CEASE DUI is an innovative redesign of our citation system to ensure that data flows seamlessly between law enforcement agencies, the courts and our state criminal justice databases.

Using the CEASE DUI system a local law enforcement officer enters data directly into the UCJIS system eliminating much of the paperwork necessary to issue a citation. Once entered, the data flows directly to jails, prosecutors and courts improving both the timeliness and accuracy of criminal justice information data

How does it work?

- Arrest data is entered over the "Web" eliminating much of the paperwork necessary to issue a citation.

- Once entered, data flows directly to prosecution, jails and courts

What are the advantages?

- System can be used to enter all types of arrests
- Improved accuracy of data available to prosecutors and courts.
- Improved disposition reporting for DUI's, domestic violence, and other serious offenses.

What have we done?

- Major hardware infrastructure enhancement to handle the citations workflow
- Software upgrades at the local level to allow electronic transfer of citations

What are we working on?

- Enhancements to the Statewide Prosecutor Management System to accept citations directly from law enforcement agencies

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