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A Guide to Sources of Texas Criminal Justice Statistics

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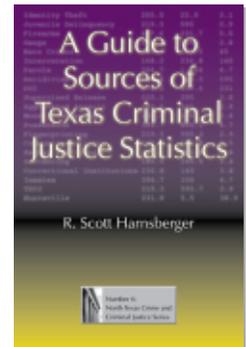
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Introduction

This book was compiled as a resource for those needing assistance in locating Texas criminal justice statistics, including students, faculty, researchers, government officials, and individuals in the law enforcement, correctional, and judicial professions. The following types of publications are included: annual, biennial, and biannual reports; reports issued in series; analytic and research reports; statistical compilations; budgets and other fiscal documents; audits, inspections, and investigations; census publications; polls; projections; rankings; surveys; continuously updated online resources; and datasets. The sources for these statistics originate primarily, but not exclusively, from federal and State of Texas agencies, boards, bureaus, commissions, and departments.

The beginning publication date for inclusion is 2000, although many resources contain data from earlier years. It should be noted that a considerable number of important criminal justice statistical resources do not contain data at the level of individual states. These are therefore not included in the book as main entries, although a few examples of this type are mentioned in the research notes. Also, peer reviewed journal articles are not included. These can be accessed through databases such as *Criminal Justice Abstracts* (EBSCO) and *Criminal Justice Periodicals* (ProQuest).

This book reflects data availability as of late 2010. However, it is likely that changes in policies and procedures regarding the dissemination of governmental information will be implemented in the future at both the state and federal levels. Whether this results in an expansion or a contraction in the public availability of criminal justice statistics remains to be seen. In any event, the archiving and preservation of criminal justice statistical reports, in both electronic and tangible formats, is of paramount importance to researchers. As a case in point, some back editions of statistical reports disappeared from governmental websites during the preparation of this book (adjustments in the corresponding entries were made accordingly).

Resources have been listed as “online only” when they either reside on continuously updated websites or are no longer issued in a tangible format, except perhaps for internal agency use or for distribution to legislators and policymakers. Certain online resources have been excluded, including those whose access is restricted to duly authorized criminal justice agencies (e.g.,

the National Crime Information Center) and statistical gateways of a general nature (e.g., FedStats and LexisNexis® Statistical Insight).

The annotations were written with the goal of providing sufficient detail to enable users to decide whether the listed resources merit further investigation. The research notes contain information regarding the scope of the published data; title changes; related publications; and the availability of earlier data, previous editions, online tables, and datasets.

The *National Criminal Justice Thesaurus: Descriptors for Indexing Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Information* was the principal source for terminology used in the chapter subdivisions and subject index. Some indexing terminology (e.g., mental defectives, physically handicapped) does not conform to current practice. Supplemental terminology was supplied by Library of Congress subject headings. Numbers in the indexes refer to entry numbers, not page numbers.

How to Use This Book

This book contains twelve chapters that cover sources for statistics on Texas crime, juvenile delinquency, law enforcement, courts, sentencing, capital punishment, corrections, victimization, driving/boating under the influence, substance abuse, governmental finances, and related subjects. Each chapter is arranged by topical subheadings. The subject index is the key to finding statistical data on specific subjects, whether they relate to criminal justice, corrections, and law enforcement, or to individual federal and State of Texas agencies. The listed resources report data either at the level of geographical areas (e.g., state, county, and city), or administrative/jurisdictional units (e.g., federal judicial district).

Statistical sources for many subjects will appear in more than one chapter. For example, data on illicit drugs can be found in Chapter 1 (arrests), Chapter 2 (production and trafficking), Chapter 3 (seizures), Chapter 4 (judicial case-loads and sentencing), Chapter 5 (use among adult inmates), Chapter 6 (use among juvenile inmates), Chapter 9 (driving under the influence), Chapter 10 (substance abuse and treatment), and Chapter 12 (state rankings for several of the foregoing topics).

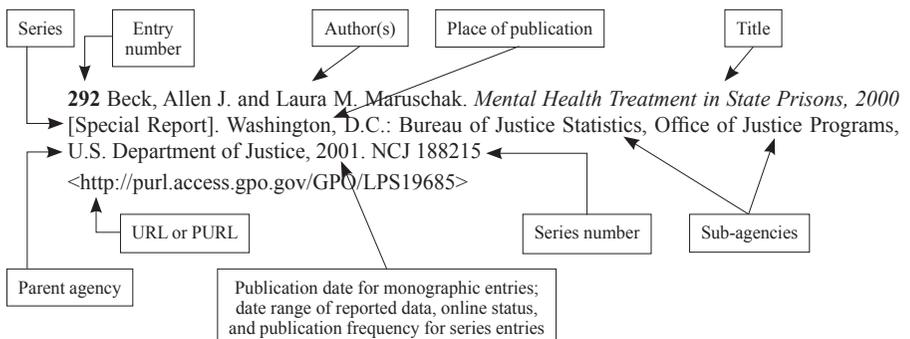
Although the majority of the annotations are fairly detailed, researchers are advised to use the URLs provided and connect directly online to any resource that looks promising. The abstract, table of contents, list of tables, and statistical appendixes can then be evaluated for relevance. Complete sets of statistical reports, particularly those published before the digital era, are generally not available on governmental websites. Researchers seeking historical statistics will often need to consult the print editions (WorldCat can be checked for the holdings of individual libraries). For those requiring in-depth statistics, the research notes provide information on locating related datasets (where available).

Researchers should be aware that some of the publication series listed in this book may undergo title changes as new editions are published.

Abbreviations

P.L.	Public Law
Stat.	United States Statutes at Large
Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann.	Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Annotated
Tex. Code Crim. Proc. Ann.	Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Annotated
Tex. Const.	Texas Constitution
Tex. Educ. Code Ann.	Texas Education Code Annotated
Tex. Fam. Code Ann.	Texas Family Code Annotated
Tex. Gov't Code Ann.	Texas Government Code Annotated
Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann.	Texas Health and Safety Code Annotated
Tex. Hum. Res. Code Ann.	Texas Human Resources Code Annotated
Tex. Occ. Code Ann.	Texas Occupations Code Annotated
U.S.	United States Reports
U.S.C.	United States Code

Format of the Entries



Important Federal Websites

Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts <<http://www.uscourts.gov/>>
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives <<http://www.atf.gov/>>
Bureau of Justice Statistics <<http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/>>
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <<http://www.cdc.gov/>>
Drug Enforcement Administration <<http://www.justice.gov/dea/index.htm>>
Federal Bureau of Investigation <<http://www.fbi.gov/>>
Federal Bureau of Prisons <<http://www.bop.gov/>>
National Criminal Justice Reference Service <<http://www.ncjrs.gov/>>
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration <<http://www.nhtsa.gov/>>
Office for Victims of Crime <<http://www.ovc.gov/>>
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention <<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/>>
Office of National Drug Control Policy <<http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/>>
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration <<http://www.samhsa.gov/>>
U.S. Census Bureau, Governments Division <<http://www.census.gov/govs/>>
U.S. Department of Homeland Security <<http://www.dhs.gov/index.shtm>>
U.S. Department of Justice <<http://www.justice.gov/>>
U.S. Marshals Service <<http://www.justice.gov/marshals/>>
U.S. Sentencing Commission <<http://www.ussc.gov/>>

Important State of Texas Websites

Attorney General of Texas <<http://www.oag.state.tx.us/>>
Legislative Budget Board <<http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/>>
Office of Court Administration <<http://www.courts.state.tx.us/oca/>>
Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division <<http://governor.state.tx.us/cjd/>>
Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles <<http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/bpp/>>
Texas Commission on Jail Standards <<http://www.tcjs.state.tx.us/>>
Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education <<http://www.tcleose.state.tx.us/>>
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts <<http://www.window.state.tx.us/>>
Texas Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center <<http://governor.state.tx.us/txsac/>>

Texas Department of Criminal Justice <<http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/>>

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services <<http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/>>

Texas Department of Public Safety <<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/>>

Texas Department of State Health Services <<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/>>

Texas Department of Transportation <<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/>>

Texas Juvenile Probation Commission <<http://www.tjpc.state.tx.us/>>

Texas Legislature Online <<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>>

Texas Youth Commission <<http://www.tyc.state.tx.us/>>