

Background

Indiana jail data lacks statewide standardization

- Each county operates independently
- No uniform system for data collection

Counties record and categorize data inconsistently

- Methods vary widely between counties
- Data entries use different terms for the same charges

Some counties have large gaps in jail data

- Missing key data points or entire categories
- No standard to follow consistent reporting guidelines

Standardizing data is key to system-wide improvements

- Enables accurate tracking and analysis
- Supports reform efforts and decision-making across the state

Analysis

Analyze Trends

- Uncover jail data patterns to guide criminal justice system improvements

Assess Data Gaps

- Clarify available data and identify missing information

Optimize Database

- Recommend better organization within the system for easier analysis

Standardize Processes

- Provide scalable data cleaning methods for multi-source datasets

Impact

Data Cleaning

- More effectively utilize the ICJI jail database
- Connect with counties that aren't running as efficiently

Centralization of County Jail Data

- Improve accuracy and maintenance of data

Difficult to Identify Rates of Incarceration and Reoffending

- Better and more reliable data
 - ICJI runs more efficiently
 - More effective allocation of resources

Next Steps

- Determining shared protocols for county data management
- Looking into automated cleaning methods/tools to aid with database maintenance