

Creating a sustainable future for the Criminal Justice Council of Dane County

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Vision: an integrated data platform and repository; independent research on policy and programs; collective power of local stakeholders to build a better future.

Basic Background

- Criminal Justice Council created in ordinance in 2006 ***The Dane County Criminal Justice Council shall: (a) provide an on-going forum for collaboration and coordinated leadership among criminal justice agencies, (b) Facilitate the implementation of effective, efficient, data-driven criminal justice policies and practices that maximize justice, equity, and the safety of the public, (c) Monitor and ensure accountability of the criminal justice system, (d) Provide program oversight for criminal justice initiatives.*** (Dane County Ordinance 15.46)
- CJC has limited meetings and utility from 2006-2009
- CJC uses 2009 TF on Racial Disparities as a launchpad for reduction of racial disparities and call to action among all stakeholders
- CJC re-energized and staff supported in 2011
- CJC adds advisory members in 2016 and 2019 (most recently Mayor or Appointee)
- Three subcommittees (RD, PT, BH)
- CJC adds dedicated research staff, beginning in 2016 with County Board funding

Justice Collaboration

Expands the dashboard section of the CJC website to include calls for service, crime trends, and other key indicators across the entire criminal justice system.

Engages CJC membership in national partnerships and learning opportunities specific to their agency and/or area of interest.

Ensures independence and neutrality in data analysis and policy with data sharing MOU, and review of national best practices

Learning from our past— Creating a better future

- Past experiences with CJC
 - 2006-2011: Dysfunctional and little cross pollination of ideas between stakeholders
 - 2011-2016: Structural growth. Addition of research staff and national partners
 - 2016-2022: Sustaining growth. More local partnerships, research staff and partners Added 2 additional subcommittees
- Future experiences with the CJC
 - The place for accurate data via dashboards, annual reports, and cue of research requests at the direction of the CJC members (advisory and non-advisory)
 - Engaging community in partnerships
 - Competing for national and state grants as a independent research hub within county government
 - Sustaining a path forward with neutrality, independence and accuracy

Past delays

- Departure of initial CJC Research Analyst in 2021
- Hire of Tamarine Cornelius in May 2022.
- Onboarding and access issues for new research analyst
- **Ongoing commitments:**
- Harvard's Access to Justice Lab MOU (2017-projected completion in 2023)
- MDRC
- Advancing Pretrial Policy and Research
- Staffing and advising each subcommittee
- Review and analysis of national best practices

Dashboard of the future

Goal: demonstrate
interconnectedness of components
of criminal justice system

Regularly updated data sourced
across the domains represented by
the CJC + beyond

Contrast to current CJC dash

Existing dashboards

Data and Dashboards:

Arrest Demographics

Arrest Trends 2016-2020

Dane County Jail Population Data

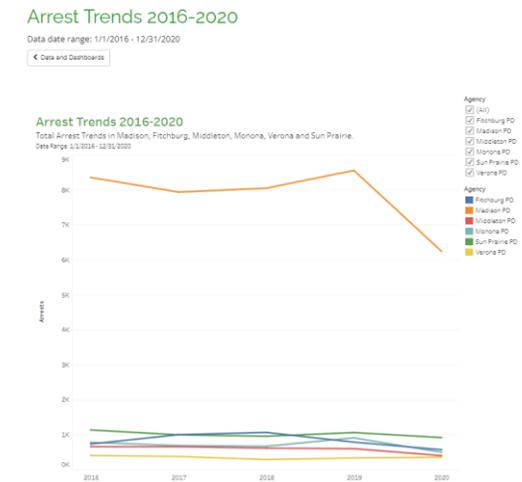
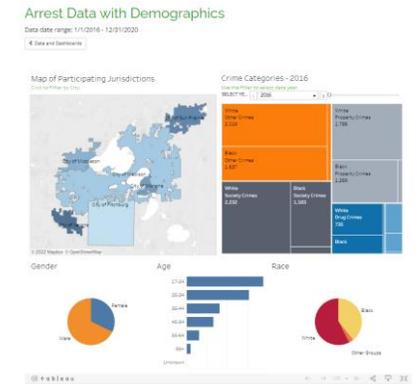
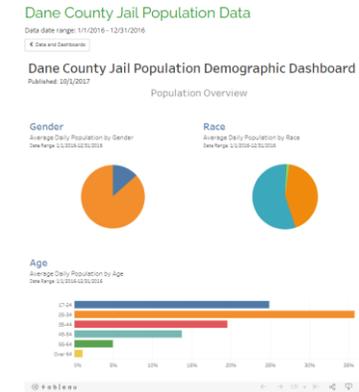
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Using Data to Move Dane Forward

About the Data

Public Safety Assessment (PSA) Reports

Trends in Jail Admissions and ADP 1990-2020



Proposed dashboard domains and phases



Phase 1

Phase 2

Phase 3

Process flow

- Data inventory
- Data owner consultation
- Analysis
- Draft to data owner
- CJC final approval
- Publication

Questions?

Do you approve of the dashboard work plan?

