

Using Criminal History Record Information to Examine Multijurisdictional Drug Task Force Activities

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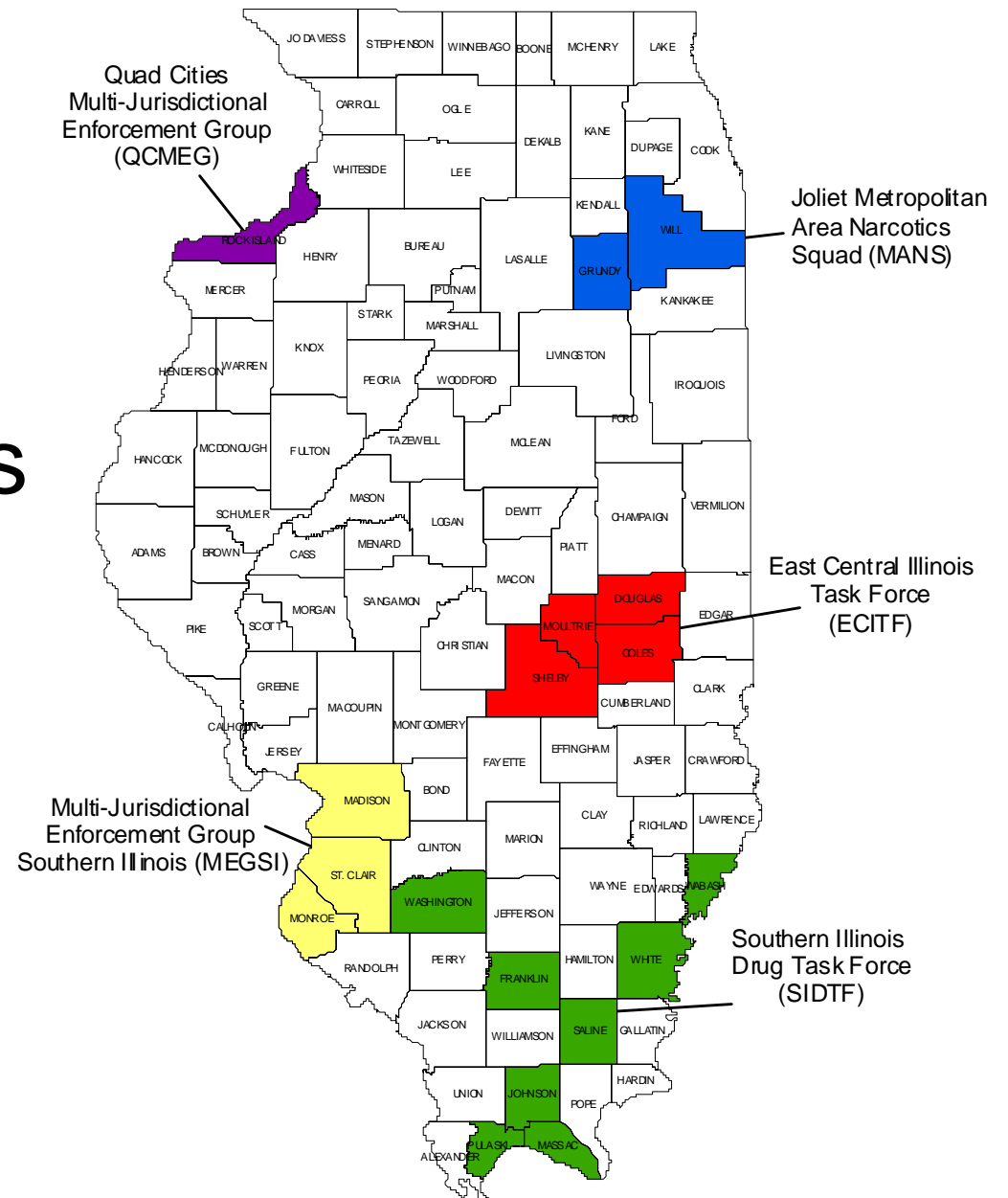
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Project Overview

- Research Supported through a BJA Partnership Grant
 - Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
 - Loyola University Chicago
 - Illinois State Police
 - 5 Multijurisdictional Drug Task Forces

Locations of the “sample” of Multijurisdictional Drug Task Forces Examined



Major Research Questions

- Are multijurisdictional drug task force ***arrests*** “different” than those made by traditional local police departments?
- Are multijurisdictional drug task force cases ***disposed*** of differently than drug arrests by local departments?
- Are ***individuals*** arrested by multijurisdictional drug task forces “different” than those arrested by local police departments?

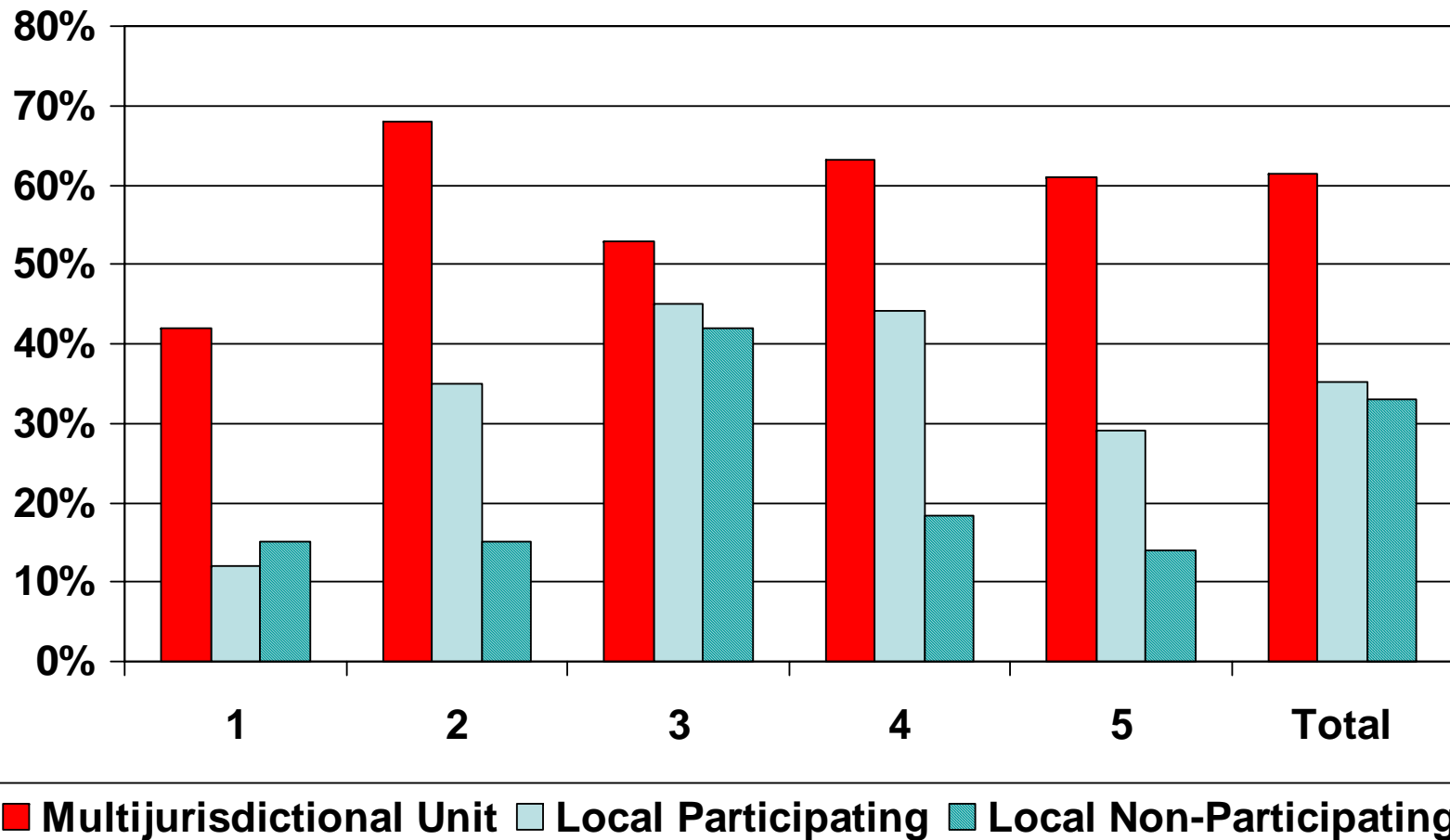
Data Sources - Methods

- Obtained detailed information from 5 multijurisdictional drug task forces regarding all 1998 arrests;
- Determined the multijurisdictional drug task force “coverage areas” and then identified which local police departments within that area participated in the unit (e.g., contributed staff or money) and those that did not participate;
- Using Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) and Uniform Crime Report (UCR) data, compared arrests/arrestees across unit, participating and non-participating agencies for 1998 drug arrests.

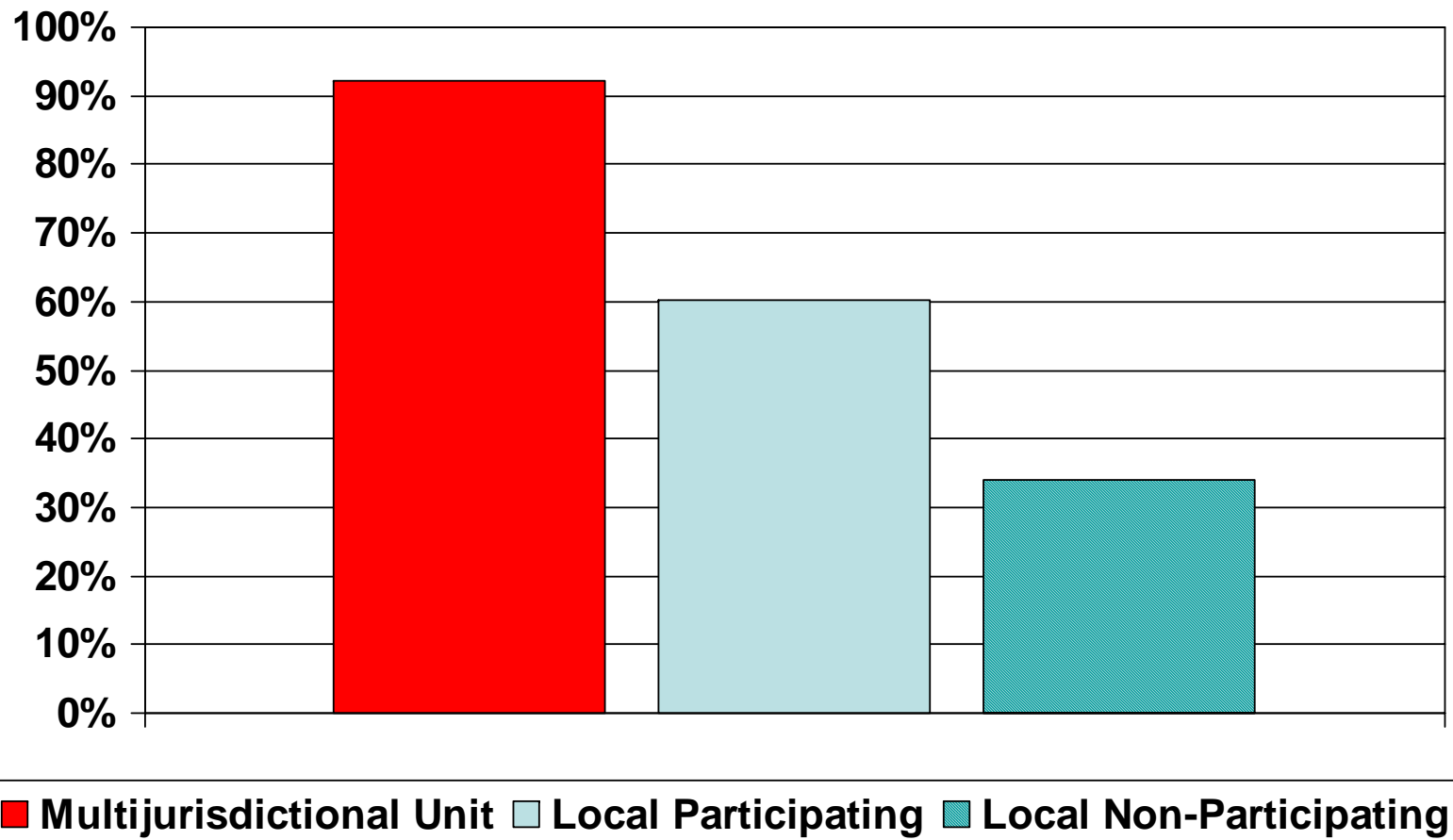
Unit Characteristics

	Environment	Number of Participating Agencies	Percent of Population Served	Cases Examined Unit / Participating / Non-Participating
Unit 1	Rural	7	64%	71 / 145 / 62
Unit 2	Urban	12	82%	185 / 286 / 93
Unit 3	Urban	17	48%	212 / 304 / 181
Unit 4	Urban/ Rural Mix	4	83%	191 / 293 / 13
Unit 5	Rural	13	61%	212 / 266 / 89

Comparing the “Nature” of Drug Arrests (Percent Involving Cocaine, Heroin, and Methamphetamine) *Using UCR*



Comparing the “Nature” of Drug Arrests (Percent Involving Felony Offenses) *Using CHRI*



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