

# Developing a Historical Data Pipeline: Improving Access to Criminal Justice Data

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# Criminal Justice Employment and Expenditure

- Sponsored by Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)
- Special tabulation of Census public sector data
  - Police Protection
  - Corrections
  - Judicial and Legal

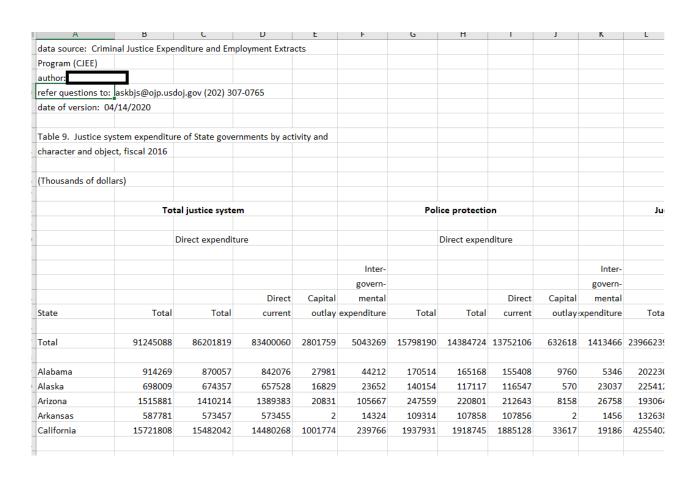




Local Spending on Jails Tops \$25 Billion in Latest Nationwide Data

Costs increased despite falling crime and fewer people being admitted to jail

# Problem: Disconnected Data



- Over 40 years of data
  - Only 30 years available on BJS website
- Disconnected databases
- Format not conducive to research

#### Goal: Accessible Data

- Scripts for output files
- Front end tool for data ingest
- Consistent migration of new data
- More timely delivery of new data





## Solutions







 Designed a relational database for CJEE and supplemental data

 Wrote scripts to migrate data from CSV files, Oracle and the Census API

 Built a web application for future data migration

### **Future Work**

- Refine migration tool
- Migrate data back to 1982
- Ensure template is compatible with other public sector data

