



Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) - Probation User's Guide

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1. About the Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) for probation data

This dynamic analysis tool gives Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) web users access to data on probationers from the Annual Probation Survey. Users can quickly generate tables of the yearend adult probation population, supervision rates, and entries and exits. The web tool includes national, federal, and state-level data. The custom tables allow users to obtain counts of the yearend probation population by sex, race or Hispanic origin, felony or misdemeanor offense, most serious offense, and status of supervision.

2. How to access CSAT for probation data

You can access this analysis tool from the BJS home page at <http://www.bjs.gov/>.

- Select Data Analysis Tools on the top navigation bar, or select the probation tool from the drop-down menu (**figure 1**).

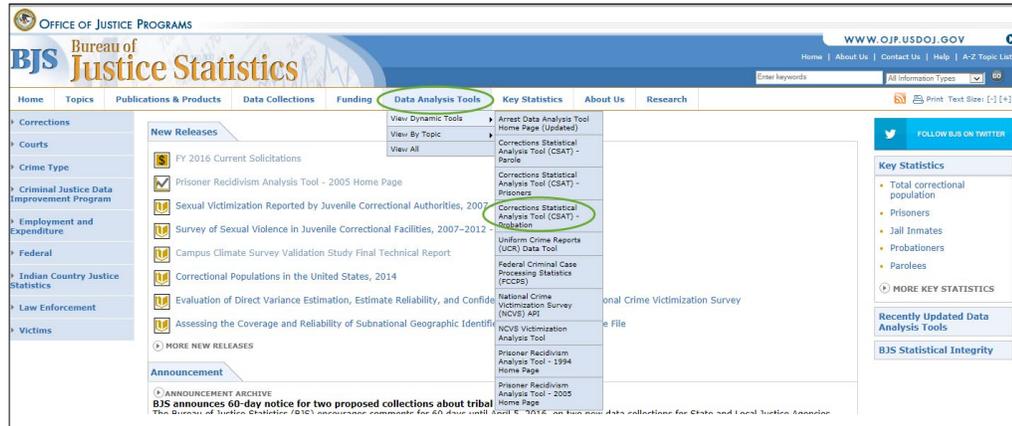


Figure 1: BJS home page

- The All Data Analysis Tools page lists all BJS and partner data analysis tools. Scroll down the items to locate Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) - Probation.

- Select the Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) - Probation home page (Resource Link) found after the short description under Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) - Probation (figure 2).

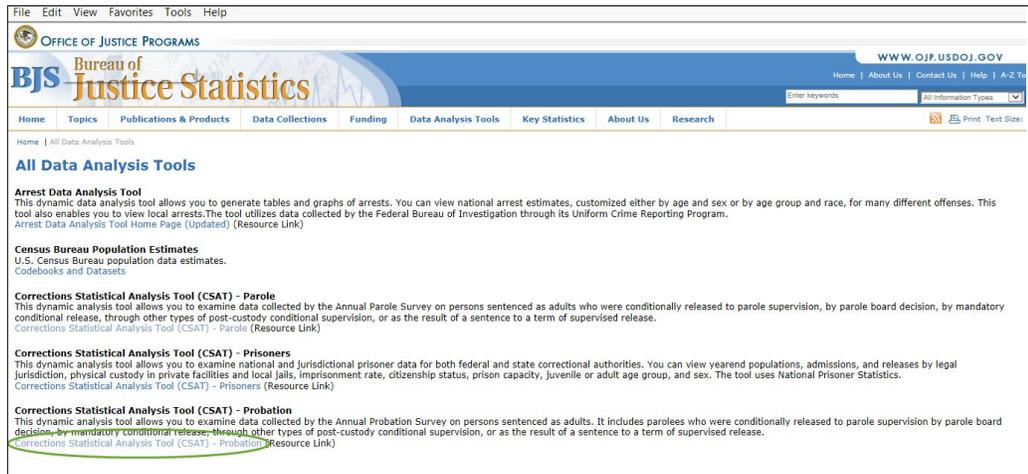


Figure 2: Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) - Probation home page (Resource Link) on the All Data Analysis Tools page

3. Quick tables

Select Quick Tables from the CSAT probation data tool home page (figure 3). The quick tables answer frequently asked questions from our data users.

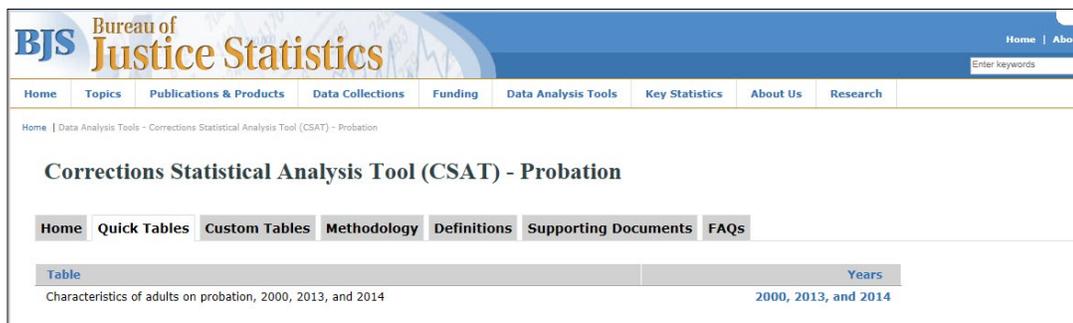


Figure 3: Quick Tables link on the Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) for probation data

- To download a quick table, select the hyperlink for the table that you would like to download. You may need to wait for a few seconds for the download dialog box to appear. BJS may continue to add quick tables based on user needs.
- For further analysis of probation data, select Custom Tables.

4. Custom tables

Select Custom Tables from the data tool home page (**figure 4**). This feature allows you to customize tables of probation data for specific jurisdictions and years. You may analyze yearend populations, entries, or exits.

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Jurisdiction	Years	Population*	Variable*
All	All	Select one measure	Select a population to display its variables
National Statistics (U.S. Total)	2005		
Federal	2006		
State (Total)	2007		
Alabama	2008		

Numbers are as reported unless otherwise noted. See FAQs.

Type of supervision rate
Select rate

Hold down the control key to select more than one option.
* = Required

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Figure 4: Custom Tables menu page

4.1. Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction menu allows you to select the total U.S. probation population, the federal probation population, the total probation population in states, or the probation population for a specific state. To view the entire list of available jurisdictions, use the grey scroll bar. Hold down the control key to select more than one option (**figure 5**). If you make no selection, this menu will default to include all jurisdictions.

The screenshot shows the 'Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) - Probation' interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Home, Quick Tables, Custom Tables, Methodology, Definitions, Supporting Documents, and FAQs. Below these are four main sections: Jurisdiction, Years, Population*, and Variable*. The Jurisdiction section has a scrollable list with options: All, National Statistics (U.S. Total), Federal, State (Total), and Alabama. The Years section has a scrollable list with options: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. The Population* section has a dropdown menu with the text 'Select one measure'. The Variable* section has a dropdown menu with the text 'Select a population to display its variables'. Below these sections is a yellow box with the text 'Numbers are as reported unless otherwise noted. See FAQs.' and a 'Type of supervision rate' dropdown menu with the text 'Select rate'. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Generate Counts Table', 'Generate Rates Table', and 'Reset Form'. A red note at the bottom left says 'Hold down the control key to select more than one option. * = Required'.

Figure 5: Menu of federal and state jurisdictions

4.2. Years

Select the years that you would like to include in your analysis. Hold down the control key to select more than one option. If you make no selection, this menu will default to include all years.

4.3. Population

You may analyze probation data by yearend population, entries, or exits. From the drop-down menu, select one of these three options (**figure 6**).

This screenshot is identical to Figure 5, but with a black arrow pointing to the 'Population*' dropdown menu. The arrow points to the text 'Select one measure' in the dropdown menu.

Figure 6: Drop-down menu to select yearend population, entries, or exits

4.4. Variable

- If you select Yearend population from the Population menu, the Variable drop-down allows you to view tables of counts of the total probation population, the probationers' type of sentence (felony or misdemeanor), sex, race or Hispanic origin, most serious offense, or status of supervision. Select one of the listed options from the drop-down menu.
- If you select Entries from the Population menu, the Variable drop-down allows you to view total entries.
- If you select Exits from the Population menu, the Variable drop-down allows you to view total exits or exits by type of release from probation. Select one of the listed options from the drop-down menu.

4.5. Type of supervision rate

If you select Yearend population from the Population menu and Total population from the variable menu, the Type of supervision drop-down allows you to view the adult supervision rate and supervision rate.

4.6. Generate imputed and adjusted national statistics of total probation entries

- Select National Statistics (U.S. Total) from the Jurisdiction menu.
- Select the years.
- Select Entries from the Population menu.
- From the Variable menu, select Total entries, imputed and adjusted.

- Select the Generate Counts Table button at the bottom of the screen (figure 7).

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Jurisdiction All National Statistics (U.S. Total) Federal State (Total) Alabama
Years 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014
Population* Entries
Variable* Total entries, imputed and adjusted

Numbers are as reported unless otherwise noted. See FAQs.

Type of supervision rate
 Select rate

Hold down the control key to select more than one option.
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Count of total probation entries, imputed and adjusted  

Jurisdiction	2014
National Statistics (U.S. Total)	2,067,100*

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- The data shown here may include updates that were made after the publication of individual reports in the series *Probation and Parole in the United States*.
- These data have been adjusted to compensate for changes in reporting methods from one year to the next and may also include imputed data for one or more jurisdictions that were unable to provide information. Consequently, the total number of entries shown here may vary from those appearing elsewhere in this webtool.

* Includes imputed data. See FAQ for more information.

Figure 7: Selection criteria and table of counts of national statistics for total probation entries, imputed and adjusted

Please note that you may need to scroll down or across the results page to see the entire table. Footnotes are located beneath the table. National statistics of total probation entries may include adjustments to compensate for changes in reporting methods from one year to the next and may also include imputed data for one or more jurisdictions that were unable to provide information. The total number of entries may differ from counts that appear elsewhere in the tool.

- To download the table as an Excel spreadsheet, select the Excel icon  located next to the table title. You may need to wait for a few seconds for the download dialog box to appear.
- To export the data into a program other than Excel, select the .CSV icon . Choose Save instead of Open. Save the file on your computer. The file is in comma delimited text format and can be opened using any text-reading program.

4.7. Generate imputed state statistics of total probation entries

- Select the states from the Jurisdiction menu.
- Select the years.
- Select Entries from the Population menu.
- From the Variable menu, select Total entries, imputed for non-response. Please note that probation entries are not available by type of entry.
- Select the Generate Counts Table button at the bottom of the screen (figure 8).

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- New York
- North Carolina

Years

- 2010
- 2011
- 2012
- 2013
- 2014

Population*

Entries

Variable*

Total entries, imputed for non-response

Numbers are as reported unless otherwise noted. See FAQs.

Type of supervision rate

Select rate

Hold down the control key to select more than one option.
* = Required

Generate Counts Table
Generate Rates Table
Reset Form

Count of total probation entries, imputed for non response

Jurisdiction	2012	2013	2014
National Statistics (U.S. Total)	2,047,700	2,094,100	2,067,100
Alabama	19,507	20,741	22,100
Illinois	58,404	60,179	56,639
New Mexico	9,600	8,700	8,900

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- The national totals shown here may include imputed data for jurisdictions which were unable to report the total number of entries for a particular year. They do not include adjustments for any year-to-year discrepancies in reporting which may have occurred. To view national trends in the total numbers of entries, please select "Total entries" from this webtool's dropdown menu.

* Includes imputed data. See FAQ for more information.

Figure 8: Selection criteria and counts table of probation entries in Alabama, Illinois, and New Mexico in 2012, 2013, and 2014

Please note that you may need to scroll down or across the results page to see the entire table. Footnotes are located beneath the table. These national totals include imputed data for jurisdictions that were unable to report the total number of entries for a particular year. They do not include adjustments for any year-to-year changes in reporting that may have occurred.

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4.8. Generate imputed state statistics of total probation exits

- Select the jurisdictions from the Jurisdiction menu.
- Select the years.
- Select Exits from the Population menu.
- From the Variable menu, select Total exits, imputed for non-response.
- Select the Generate Counts Table button at the bottom of the screen to view the data (**figure 9**).

Count of total probation exits, imputed for non-response  

Jurisdiction	2012	2013	2014
National Statistics (U.S. Total)	2,089,200	2,131,300	2,130,700
Alabama	22,427	21,308	19,200
Florida	173,100	181,000	167,700

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* Includes imputed data. See FAQ for more information.

Figure 9: Counts table of total probation exits in Alabama and Florida in 2012, 2013, and 2014

Please note that you may need to scroll down or across the results page to see the entire table. Footnotes are located beneath the table. National statistics of total probation exits have been adjusted to compensate for changes in reporting methods from one year to the next and may also include imputed data for one or more jurisdictions that were unable to provide information. The total number of exits shown here may differ from counts that appear elsewhere in the tool.

- An asterisk is located after some counts, alerting you that the counts include imputed data. Hover your mouse over the asterisk to view the note.
- To download the table as an Excel spreadsheet, select the Excel icon () located next to the table title. You may need to wait for a few seconds for the download dialog box to appear.
- To export the data into a program other than Excel, select the .CSV icon (). Choose Save instead of Open. Save the file on your computer. The file is in comma delimited text format and can be opened using any text-reading program.

4.9. Generate reported counts of probation exits by state and by type of exit

- Select the jurisdictions from the Jurisdiction menu.
- Select the years.
- Select Exits from the Population menu.
- Select Type of exit from probation from the Variable menu.
- Select the Generate Counts Table button at the bottom of the screen to view the data (figure 10).

Count of probation exits by type of exit from probation  

Jurisdiction	2012	2013	2014
National Statistics (U.S. Total)	2,040,853 *	2,033,860 *	2,041,230 *
Completion	1,096,001	1,072,956	1,104,166
Incarcerated	242,026	246,600	243,631
Absconder	45,541	43,062	36,630
Death	10,516	10,451	10,624
Warrant or detainer	9,566	5,878	16,026
Other			
Discharges - Unsatisfactory	143,441	170,018	218,181
Other	72,180	69,706	81,383
Unknown or not reported	421,582	415,189	330,589
Alabama	22,427	21,308	18,147 *
Completion	16,609	15,950	14,381
Incarcerated	2,264	2,005	2,327
Absconder	2,253	2,126	0
Death	296	292	303
Warrant or detainer	5	4	0
Other			
Discharges - Unsatisfactory	0	0	0
Other	0	0	1,136
Unknown or not reported	1,000	931	0
Florida	169,861 *	171,448 *	162,272 ±
Completion	91,974	89,437	87,246
Incarcerated	43,852	40,647	39,840
Absconder	195	397	384
Death	1,035	889	879
Warrant or detainer	5,441	2,655	4,777
Other			
Discharges - Unsatisfactory	1, 2		
	2,789	1,928	4,505
Other	199	3,368	3,057
Unknown or not reported	24,376	32,127	21,584

Florida, 2014: Excludes one or more jurisdictions that were unable to report. Total, including BJS imputations for jurisdictions which were unable to provide data = 167,700

Figure 10: Counts table of probation exits by type in Alabama and Florida in 2012, 2013, and 2014

Please note that you may need to scroll down or across the results page to see the entire table, including the footnotes. Footnotes are located beneath the table. The national and state totals may differ from counts that appear elsewhere in the tool. These national totals do not include imputed data for jurisdictions that were unable to report and do not include adjustments for year-to-year changes in reporting.

- An asterisk is located after some counts, alerting you that imputed counts may differ from reported counts. Hover your mouse over the asterisk to view the note. If you hover your mouse over the counts for Florida in 2014, you will see an imputed amount rather than the 162,272 reported exits that year. You may note that the imputed amount of 167,700 also appears in **figure 9**.
- To download the table as an Excel spreadsheet, select the Excel icon () located next to the table title. You may need to wait for a few seconds for the download dialog box to appear.
- To export the data into a program other than Excel, select the .CSV icon () . Choose Save instead of Open. Save the file on your computer. The file is in comma delimited text format and can be opened using any text-reading program.

4.10. Generate counts of yearend probation populations by sex

- Select the jurisdictions from the Jurisdiction menu.
- Select the years.
- Select Yearend population from the Population menu.
- The Variable menu allows you to select total probation population, the probationers' maximum sentence, sex, race or Hispanic origin, most serious offense, status of supervision, or type of release.

- Select the Generate Counts Table button at the bottom of the screen to view the data (figure 11).

Count of yearend probation population by sex  

Jurisdiction	2012	2013	2014
National Statistics (U.S. Total)	3,940,820 *	3,910,647 *	3,864,114 *
Male	2,182,537	2,100,582	2,205,987
Female	704,905	685,032	729,893
Unknown	1,053,378	1,125,033	928,234
Alabama	57,993	61,801	53,640 *
Male	42,571	48,981	40,412
Female	9,301	11,701	11,930
Unknown	6,121	1,119	1,298
Florida	240,869 *	233,128 *	227,087 *
Male	167,794	159,605	158,760
Female	58,269	55,354	55,573
Unknown	14,806	18,169	12,754

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Figure 11: Counts table of yearend probation populations in Alabama and Florida in 2012, 2013, and 2014 by sex

Please note that you may need to scroll down or across the results page to see the entire table. Footnotes are located beneath the table.

- To download the table as an Excel spreadsheet, select the Excel icon () located next to the table title. You may need to wait for a few seconds for the download dialog box to appear.
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4.11. Generate rates of yearend probation populations

- Select the jurisdictions from the Jurisdiction menu.
- Select the years.
- Select Yearend population from the Population menu.
- Select Total population from the Variable menu.
- Once you select Total population, the Type of supervision rate drop-down will no longer be greyed out. Select the type of supervision rate.

- Once you select Type of supervision rate, the Generate Rates Table button will no longer be greyed out. Select the Generate Rates Table button at the bottom of the screen (figure 12).

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Jurisdiction: Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois
 Years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014
 Population*: Yearend population
 Variable*: Total population

Numbers are as reported unless otherwise noted. See FAQs.

Type of supervision rate: Adult supervision rate

Hold down the control key to select more than one option.
 * = Required

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Adult supervision rate of total probation population  

Jurisdiction	2012	2013	2014
National Statistics (U.S. Total)	1,632	1,602	1,568
Alabama ^{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}	1,562	1,655	1,429
Florida ^{6, 7, 8}	1,562	1,484	1,422

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- The data shown here may include updates that were made after the publication of individual reports in the series *Probation and Parole in the United States*.
- Some jurisdictions may have estimated their data.
- Rate is the number of probationers under state or federal jurisdiction per 100,000 U.S. adult residents.

Figure 12: Rates table of federal and state probation adult supervision rates in 2012, 2013, and 2014

Please note that you may need to scroll down or across the results page to see the entire table. Footnotes are located beneath the table. The adult supervision rate is calculated by dividing the counts of probationers in a particular year by the U.S. adult resident population for that year, then multiplying by 100,000. This is the same method that BJS uses to calculate the adult supervision rate in its annual *Probation and Parole in the United States* series, although the tool may include data updates made after reports were published. The supervision rate is calculated by dividing the count of probationers in a particular year by the U.S. total resident population for that year, then multiplying by 100,000.

- To download the table as an Excel spreadsheet, select the Excel icon () located next to the table title. You may need to wait for a few seconds for the download dialog box to appear.
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5. Methodology

This section contains information about BJS's Annual Probation Survey. It also provides information about BJS's Annual Parole Survey—a related data collection.

6. Definitions

This section provides definitions of key terms used in the tool.

7. Supporting documents

Here you will find documents related to the Annual Probation Survey and Annual Parole Survey. The Supporting Documents tab provides links to an overview of community corrections, questionnaires, recent publications, definitions, frequently asked questions, and probation and parole datasets.

8. FAQs

FAQs provide answers to many questions frequently received by our subject-matter experts. You can find detailed explanations of reported, imputed, and imputed and adjusted counts. This information may help explain potential differences in probation counts encountered in the data tool. FAQs also describe the principle of best available data that BJS uses when imputing or adjusting values, and provide details about how BJS calculates the adult supervision rate and the supervision rate.

9. For questions about the tool

Please direct any comments or questions about the Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) for probation data to—

askbjs@usdoj.gov

(202) 307-0765

Include “Probation” in the subject line of the email.

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10. How to cite data from this tool

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