



# BJA

Bureau of Justice Assistance  
U.S. Department of Justice  
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# STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFILE

## IOWA



### HIGHLIGHTS

In Iowa, Byrne JAG state funding has assisted with numerous innovative initiatives and supports:

- Seventeen multijurisdictional drug enforcement task forces, which promote collaboration by local, state, and federal agencies and constitute the front line in drug enforcement throughout Iowa.
- Mental health evaluation and counseling to reduce recidivism among high-risk male and female offenders.
- Community substance abuse prevention coalitions to communicate accurate educational information on drug and alcohol abuse and related issues.
- Innovative delivery of mental health crisis services to offenders in facilities and in rural communities with limited access to psychiatric services.

Source: National Criminal Justice Association

### STATE ADMINISTERING AGENCY (SAA)

Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy  
Steve Lukan, Director

<http://www.iowa.gov/odcp/>

### BJA INVESTMENTS

In Fiscal Year 2014, BJA provided more than \$5 million\* in state and local funds to Iowa.

Justice Assistance Grant Program—State Formula	\$1,882,224
Justice Assistance Grant Program—17 Local Awards	\$731,041
Other Direct Discretionary Funds	\$2,452,947

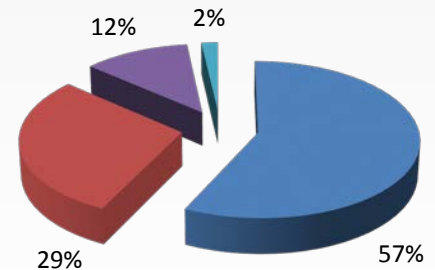
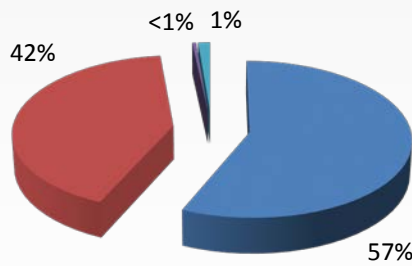
Source: Bureau of Justice Assistance

\*This amount does not include funding for national training and technical assistance programs that benefit all states and territories.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OFFICERS

Law Enforcement Agencies: 228

Sworn Officers: 5,035



■ City ■ County ■ Tribal ■ State ■ Other

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Report \(2013\)](#)

- More than 92% of the 228 law enforcement agencies in Iowa have 50 or fewer sworn officers.
- Nearly 41% of sworn officers work for agencies with 100 or more officers.

Note: Detail may sum to more than 100% due to rounding.

### OFFICER FATALITIES AND ASSAULTS

Between 2004 and 2013, 2 officers were feloniously killed (1 in 2013) and 2 officers were accidentally killed in the line of duty. In 2013, 470 officers were assaulted (0.94% of all officers assaulted in the United States).

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#)

**Total Population:** 3,090,416  
**Population Under 18:** 724,032  
**Population Over 65:** 480,879

Source: [U.S. Census \(2013 est.\)](#)

**State Investigative Agency:**

Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation  
 Jim Saunders, Director

**Local Governments:** 1,947

Source: [U.S. Census \(2012\)](#)

**Federally Recognized Tribes:** 1

Source: [Bureau of Indian Affairs](#)

**U.S. Attorneys' Offices:**

Kevin W. Techau—*Northern District of Iowa, Cedar Rapids*

Kevin E. VanderSchel—*Southern District of Iowa, Des Moines*

Source: [U.S. Department of Justice](#)

**Homeland Security Agency:**

Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department

Mark Schouten, Director

<http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org>

**Drug Courts:** 49

Source: [National Drug Court Resource Center](#)

**CRIME TRENDS**

According to the FBI Annual Report, nationwide violent crime in 2013 decreased more than 4% from the 2012 estimates. Below are the current crime trends for Iowa:

Crime	2012	2013	%
<b>Violent Crime</b>	<b>8,112</b>	<b>8,388</b>	<b>3.40</b>
Murder and Manslaughter	45	43	-4.44
Forcible Rape*	871	1,840	N/A
Robbery	962	939	-2.39
Aggravated Assault	6,234	6,323	1.43
<b>Property Crime</b>	<b>69,839</b>	<b>67,800</b>	<b>-2.92</b>
Burglary	17,096	15,868	-7.18
Larceny-Theft	48,720	47,686	-2.12
Motor Vehicle Theft	4,023	4,246	5.54

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#)

\*This state's agencies submitted rape data according to the revised Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) definition of rape.

**ARREST DATA**

In 2013, total arrests (101,402) decreased 1.12% from 2012. Violent-crime arrests decreased 1.77% (4,055), and property-related arrests increased 11.18% (15,466).

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#)

**COURT STRUCTURE**

**Court of Last Resort:** Supreme Court

**Intermediate Appellate:** Court of Appeals

**General Jurisdiction:** District Court

Source: [Bureau of Justice Statistics \(2011\)](#)

**CORRECTIONS**

**Prisoner Admissions:** 5,159

**Prisoner Releases:** 5,202

**Total Prisoners:** 8,697

Source: [Bureau of Justice Statistics \(2013\)](#)

**Major Correctional Facilities:** 11

**Recidivism Rate\*:** 29.7%

**Top Offenses:** Violent, drug, property crime (FY 2014)

Source: [Iowa Department of Corrections](#)

\*The Association of State Correctional Administrators defines recidivism as the percentage of offenders released from prison who return within 3 years. The measure includes offenders released to parole supervision as well as those who are discharged at the end of their sentence.

**REGIONAL INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEMS® (RISS)**

The Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center (MOCIC), a RISS Center, serves Iowa. There are 251 Iowa criminal justice agencies that are members of MOCIC.

Source: [Regional Information Sharing Systems](#)