



# Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics

**Data, Gaps, Challenges and Priorities  
Philippines**

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# Available Data

Data Set	Agency Source
<p>Crime statistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reported incidents</li><li>• Clearance/solution rates</li><li>• Police personnel</li></ul>	<p>Philippine National Police (Department of Interior and Local Government)</p>
<p>Prosecution statistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preliminary investigations</li><li>• Prosecutions in court</li><li>• Prosecution personnel</li></ul>	<p>National Prosecution Service (Department of Justice)</p>
<p>Court statistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Criminal case inflow/outflow</li><li>• Case dispositions</li></ul>	<p>Department of Justice, and Supreme Court of the Philippines</p>

# Available Data

Data Set	Source Agency
Jail/prison statistics <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jail/prison population</li><li>• Facility capacity</li><li>• Rehabilitation programs</li><li>• Jail/prison personnel</li></ul>	Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (Department of Interior and Local Government), and Bureau of Corrections (Department of Justice)
Probation and Parole <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Investigations</li><li>• Supervisions</li><li>• Release/recommitments</li></ul>	Parole and Probation Administration (Department of Justice)
Legal assistance/public defence <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal services/representations</li></ul>	Public Attorney's Office

# Sample Statistics

Indicator	2016	2017	2018
Crimes reported to/handled by the police	590,668	506,862	473,068
Arrested persons	201,563	230,669	246,927
Criminal prosecutions			
New cases filed in court	282,154	288,331	343,242
Total cases in court	669,217	877,708	889,287
Convictions	26,355	42,336	133,349
Jail/prison population			
Local jails* (mostly pre-sentence detainees)	126,946	146,302	136,314
National prisons (all sentenced detainees)	41,426	42,172	45,431
* Jails under the Department of Interior, excluding jails under the provincial governments			

# Data Gaps

1. Crime victimization (no full national survey yet)
2. Offense-disaggregation consistent with the 2015 UN Standard Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS)
3. Sex, age and demographic disaggregation in prosecution and judiciary
4. Compiled data on provincial jails not under the Department of Interior
5. Sustainable development goals relating to crime and justice
6. Comparative analytics across institutions
7. Geographic and geospatial statistics

# Challenges

1. No government agency/institution specialized on criminal justice research and policy development using statistics
2. Statistical indicators/data among criminal justice institutions are not coherently and regularly compiled
3. Lack of specialized statistical units and personnel with the needed competencies in some criminal justice agencies
4. Securing government funds to cover the high cost of regularly conducting a national crime victimization survey
5. Resource and capacity constraints for information technology infrastructure and data analytics


# Recent Progress

1. Information technology systems
  - Crime and case information reporting, management and analysis systems in the Police and Prosecution agencies
  - Penology/corrections database systems with harmonized data sets
  - Development of criminal justice information exchange portal for inter-agency data sharing and analytics in the pipeline
2. Adoption of 2018 Philippine Standard Classification of Crimes for Statistical Purposes (PSCCS)
  - Patterned after 2015 International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS), Version 1




# UN ICCS Adoption

1. Starting 2017, the Department of Justice (DOJ) implemented the Philippine Crime Index Project with funding from the European Union (EU) to map all criminal offenses under national laws and match against the 2015 ICCS
2. At the same time, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) organized an inter-agency working group led by the DOJ to develop the Philippine Standard Classification of Crimes for Statistical Purposes (PSCCS)
3. The PSCCS was approved and formally adopted by the PSA in 2018
4. Next steps:
  - a. Formulation of implementation roadmap
  - b. Integration into crime registry and case information management systems
  - c. Continual updating based on new laws and crime classification improvements



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## 2018 Philippine Standard Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (PSCCS)

### What is the PSCCS?


- hierarchical classification where criminal offenses are allocated into categories that have a certain degree of similarity
- classification of criminal offenses which is based on internationally agreed concepts, definitions and principles in order to enhance the consistency and international comparability of crime statistics, and improve analytic capabilities at both the national and international levels
- patterned after the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS, Ver. 1) developed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and endorsed by the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) as the standard international classification for crime statistics in 2015

### Categories of Crime / Sections

- 1 Acts leading to death or intending to cause death
- 2 Acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person
- 3 Injurious acts of a sexual nature
- 4 Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person
- 5 Acts against property only
- 6 Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances
- 7 Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption
- 8 Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State
- 9 Acts against public safety and state security
- 10 Acts against the natural environment
- 11 Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified

### FACTS AND FIGURES

**11** Sections  
**63** Divisions  
**188** Groups  
**347** Classes  
**1,259** Sub-classes

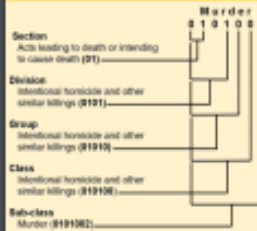


Penal Code and Special Laws

All criminal offenses in the Revised Penal Code and Special Laws in force are included in the PSCCS.


### PSCCS Coding Structure

Murder – PSCCS Code 0101002



Section: Acts leading to death or intending to cause death (01)  
Division: Intentional homicide and other similar killings (0101)  
Group: Intentional homicide and other similar killings (01010)  
Class: Intentional homicide and other similar killings (010100)  
Sub-class: Murder (0101002)


Examples:



Philippine Offenses not found in the ICCS

- Cheating in the Civil Service Examination
- Failing to file Statement of Assets and Liabilities
- Obstructing the display of graphic health warnings

Examples:



ICCS Offenses not found in the Philippines

- Acts against the King or the Royal Family
- Euthanasia
- Grave digging
- Dowry-related killings
- Honor killings

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# Priorities

1. Harmonizing statistical indicators and reports across institutions, including use of the standard crime classification
2. Improving data collection, organization, reporting and dissemination among the different institutions
3. Information technology infrastructure and solutions for data collection, analytics and information exchange
4. Engaging with legal research institutions and development partners relative to crime and criminal justice statistics
5. Continual updating and improvement of the following:
  - Philippine Crime Index
  - Philippine Standard Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes