

Appendix A. Reentry Mapping: A Deeper Dive

How to Identify Data Sources

Different agencies will have access to the data required to create a reentry map. Gathering an aggregate (i.e., summarized), de-identified (i.e., without personal information) sample will be sufficient for these purposes. It is helpful to get data from the same timeframe and geography for each decision point; that said, the level of precision must be flexible to respond to realistic data collection and analysis constraints. It also is useful to talk with local universities or research divisions within government agencies that may have conducted past studies of specific decision points. Assembling these past studies and talking with both government and nongovernment researchers can be a good start for understanding what analysis already may be available to give you a sense of your reentry population and the broader reentry map.

Use this template to pinpoint the various data sources you will need to tap in order to chart your reentry population through your local justice system decision points.

Data Type (e.g., Number of Probation Revocations)	Reentry Map Decision Point (e.g., Probation/Parole)	Geographic Area (e.g., ZIP Code, City Limits, County Limits)	Timeframe (e.g., Calendar Year 2018)	Data Source(s) (e.g., County Probation)	Who collects the data? (e.g., Probation Officers)	When are the data collected? (e.g., Revocation Hearing)	How are the data collected? (e.g., Form XYZ)

How to Analyze Population Characteristics

As you begin to refine the focus of your reentry strategy, it will be important to understand the characteristics of your reentry population—the people who are returning to your local community from prison and jail. At a minimum, you will benefit from understanding the demographics, risk of recidivism, and needs of

your reentry population. To complete this table, you will aggregate data from risk and needs assessments; specialized assessments, if available; and other information about your reentry population. See [Section 2](#) and [Section 3](#) for more information on these assessments and related needs. Note that not all criminal justice agencies use the same types of risk and needs assessments, so information about your reentry population’s needs may vary from one data source to another or may be incomplete.

Population Demographic Characteristics	Number/Percentage (as Applicable)	
Total reentry population		
Age		
Gender	M F X	
Race/Ethnicity		
Parents		
Veterans		
Number/percentage assessed as moderate to high risk of recidivism	# %	
Population Needs	Number/Percentage (as Applicable)	
Number/percentage assessed as moderate to high risk of recidivism and moderate to high need for:	Number/Percentage Need Services	Number/Percentage Receive Services
• Substance use treatment	# %	# %
• Mental health treatment	# %	# %
• Housing	# %	# %
• Employment	# %	# %
• Other areas (add rows as needed)	# %	# %

