



Decade in Review

Formally established in 2015, the Center for Criminal Justice is the interdisciplinary home for criminal justice research in the College of Arts and Sciences at Loyola University Chicago. We collaborate with government and community partners on research, teaching, and service to inform and support criminal justice reform.

Knowledge

95 Reports, newsletters and publications, including [The First Year of the Pretrial Fairness Act](#), which gave the public its first detailed and objective look at the way the abolition of cash bail was playing out across Illinois.

40+ Data dashboards, bringing transparency to prosecutorial decision making, corrections populations, and local justice systems, such as the interagency [Cook County Criminal Justice Dashboard](#).

100+ Media citations, interviews, and accounts of our research in national outlets like [The Nation](#), Axios, and Pro Publica and local outlets like Chicago Tribune, [Chicago Sun-Times](#), [WBEZ](#), WGN Chicago, and NPR Illinois.

150+ Presentations at international, national, and local convenings including the Ontario Crown Attorney's Office, the Illinois Supreme Court, and numerous local criminal justice coordinating councils.

Research

\$11M Research funding secured, from [Microsoft Justice Reform Initiative](#), [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#), [Joyce Foundation](#), [MacArthur Foundation](#), [National Institute of Justice](#), and others that supports applied research projects.

30 Research projects in seven substantive areas including prosecution, bail reform, gun crime, institutional and community corrections, women in the criminal justice system, reentry, and case processing.

15+ Collaborations with colleges and universities across the United States, including Stanford, Northwestern, University of Maryland, University of Massachusetts, University of Colorado, and Bowie State University.

175+ Partnerships with government, non-profit, and advocacy organizations across seventeen states to engage in applied research projects.

Education

100+ Undergraduate and graduate students who have worked on applied research projects at CCJ in the ten years since we were founded. Many have gone on to positions in the criminal justice field and are applying what they've learned as student researchers to make the system better.

1000+ Hours worked for local criminal justice nonprofits by Loyola students enrolled in CCJ's Prison Reform class. The class leverages partnerships with the [John Howard Association](#), the Women's Justice Institute, the [Illinois Justice Project](#), and others to provide students with real-world learning experiences and connections.

10 Chicago Neighborhood Research Fellows hired to facilitate criminal justice research training and opportunities for Loyola students from Chicago and nearby communities impacted by violence.

3 New undergraduate courses launched, based on CCJ projects, taught by the Center's staff, and explicitly designed to draw a new generation of student-researchers into the Center's work.

27 Criminology majors who now can code in Python — building data scrapers to look at everything from crime to [NYC rat complaints](#) — thanks to a new Criminal Justice Data Science course.

