

Summary of Technological Aspects of the JIS and CJIS Databases

	JIS	CJIS (non-criminal justice purpose only)
Identification	By name and case number	By fingerprint
Access	Open to anyone	Restricted
Database maintenance	None required	Mandated upkeep
Data available to the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∞ Unlimited view to the extent data is available through dial-up ∞ Conviction and non-conviction ∞ Multiple databases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∞ No terminal access; hardcopy supplied to authorized users ∞ Conviction and/or non-conviction based on statutory authorization ∞ Single database
Cost	Annual \$50 fee	Each State check is \$18 Each FBI check is \$24 Each fingerprint card is \$5
Notification of subsequent events, e.g., arrests	No further notification or update	Notification of subsequent events are sent to agency when authorized by statute, e.g., childcare
Source of criminal data available to the public	District Court data statewide; only 4 of 24 circuit courts	All District Court and Circuit courts data reported, plus other criminal justice agencies
Purpose of databases	Case management tool	Maintain an offender-based criminal history record
User tracking	No tracking of user inquiries or data accessed	Users have authorization numbers and are subject to non dissemination restrictions
Data tracked	Cases	“Reportable events”

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Format of data available to requester	Interpretation of codes and abbreviations available in the system	Written narrative or “printed statement”
Availability of warrant information	Available through dial-up (after 90 days)	Outstanding arrest warrants not available
Type of information available	Criminal, civil, traffic, bonds, paternity, land records (witnesses and interested parties included)	Criminal only
User volume	3800 users representing 2200 accounts	No terminal access for non-criminal justice purposes, but over 147,000 non-criminal justice records checks performed for authorized users in CY 2000
Response time	Data available instantly	Approximately 10 days “in-out” for non-criminal justice requests
Resources	No specific funding allocated for providing public access	Special funds augment general funds for the support of the division.
Extent of criminal information available	Beyond District Court statewide search, must search by each circuit court	Statewide (national database if authorized)
Points of entry	Multiple points of entry (dial-up and public access terminals in courthouses)	No terminal access
Characterization of criminal history information	Court information available to the public to create an incomplete history of court-related events	Offender-based criminal history record

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Basis of subject's identifying information	Self-reported personal identifiers, e.g., name, SSN	Fingerprint identifier only
Future trends	Model national access policy being developed at the direction of the Conference of Chief Justices	Feds are promoting a system to point inquiries to state databases and standardized RAP sheets

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