

Agency and Available Data: Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission (OCSC)

What is collected	Collection Method	Public Dashboard or Reports?
- The Commission, by statute, is not primarily a data collection agency. Under R.C. §181.25, the Commission is only charged with: - Collecting and maintaining data that pertains to the cost to counties of the felony sentence appeal provisions set forth in section 2953.08 of the Revised Code, of the postconviction relief proceeding provisions set forth in division (A)(2) of section 2953.21 of the Revised Code, and of appeals from judgments entered in such postconviction relief proceedings. - Primarily, the Commission utilizes administrative and programmatic data collected by other state agencies and local government entities to fulfill its statutory duties. Products produced from data collected by other agencies include: - Biennial Monitoring Reports - O.R.C. 181.27 Report on the impacts of House Bill 1 (133rd GA) - Ad-Hoc Reports as requested by the Ohio General Assembly or Juvenile and Adult Criminal Justice Committees - Along with statutory reports, the Commission also produces: - Sentencing Guides - Case Flowcharts - Reference Guides - Legislative Updates	- Costs of felony sentence appeals and post-conviction relief proceedings are collected directly from county prosecutors' offices on an annual basis. This data is supplemented by defense costs provided by the Office of the Ohio Public Defender. - For other statutory reporting requirements, the Commission uses publicly available data or select data established by memoranda of understanding with other state agencies or local government entities. All data of this kind is collected and maintained by the agency responsible and provided to the Commission for use in reporting.	All reports, guides, and other products are available on the Commission's website: https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/criminal-br-sentencing/sentencing/

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The Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission was established by the 118th General Assembly with the enactment of Senate Bill 258 in 1990. Under R.C. §181.23 through R.C. §181.25 the Commission is charged with recommending and assisting the general assembly with developing, evaluating, implementing, and reviewing existing sentencing guidelines, processes, and procedures to create a sentencing structure and policy for Ohio that is designed to achieve fairness in sentencing and to enhance public safety by attaining certainty in sentencing, deterrence, and a reasonable use of correctional facilities, programs, and services. The Commission is not primarily a data collecting agency, and it relies on data provided by other state agencies and local government agencies for analysis.

Chaired by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Commission is a multi-disciplinary body that brings together experts from and provides resources to all three branches of government. The Commission reviews proposed legislation, conducts research on sentencing structures in Ohio, and drafts biennial reports analyzing the impact of sentencing policies on communities, correctional facilities, and the justice system. The Commission is committed to advancing a just and fiscally responsible criminal justice system that meets the needs of Ohioans.