



## DRAFT Justice Lab Pre-Analysis Plan Template

Please submit an analysis plan for this project, containing as much detail as possible. The below prompts have been provided to assist in guiding the development of the plan but should not be considered an exhaustive list.

### Proposal Description

Describe the program or policy being analyzed or evaluated. Include specifics where possible, such as:

- Research question(s) being addressed, including specific hypotheses, if applicable.
- Related literature that informs the research project and research questions.
- How findings might benefit the community being studied, policy development, and application to the field.

### Proposal Methodology

**Outcomes:** Describe the main outcomes being examined. Describe the main independent variables and any variables that will be included as controls in the analysis.

**Data:** Describe the planned data sources, including data limitations and measurement issues. Describe any experience you have using these data sources and any discussions you have had with the data providers regarding limitations using the data as intended.

**Methods:** Describe the analytic methods the study will use, with particular emphasis on sample selection and comparison selection, if applicable. Be sure to cover:

- Sample size and sampling strategy
- Hypotheses
- Methods and techniques
- Research design limitations
- Missing information

### Access Requirements

**Access:** Describe the access requirements for the data, legal agreements, current status of obtaining data, and if applicable, IRB status.

**Data Security Procedures:** Describe the steps and procedures that will be taken to keep the data secure and confidential.

### Sharing Results

DCJS anticipates making results available to agency executives, the public, and the community upon which research is conducted, if applicable. It is expected that the researcher will prepare written reports and presentations. Results should be broadly accessible to non-technical audiences.

Justice Lab staff will oversee the development of research briefs that are expected to be published on the Justice Lab website.

DCJS will consider other means of sharing or publicizing the findings of this project. Please describe any other ways you would like to share results.