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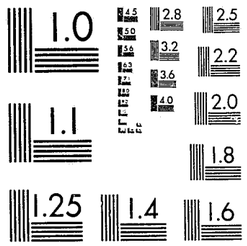

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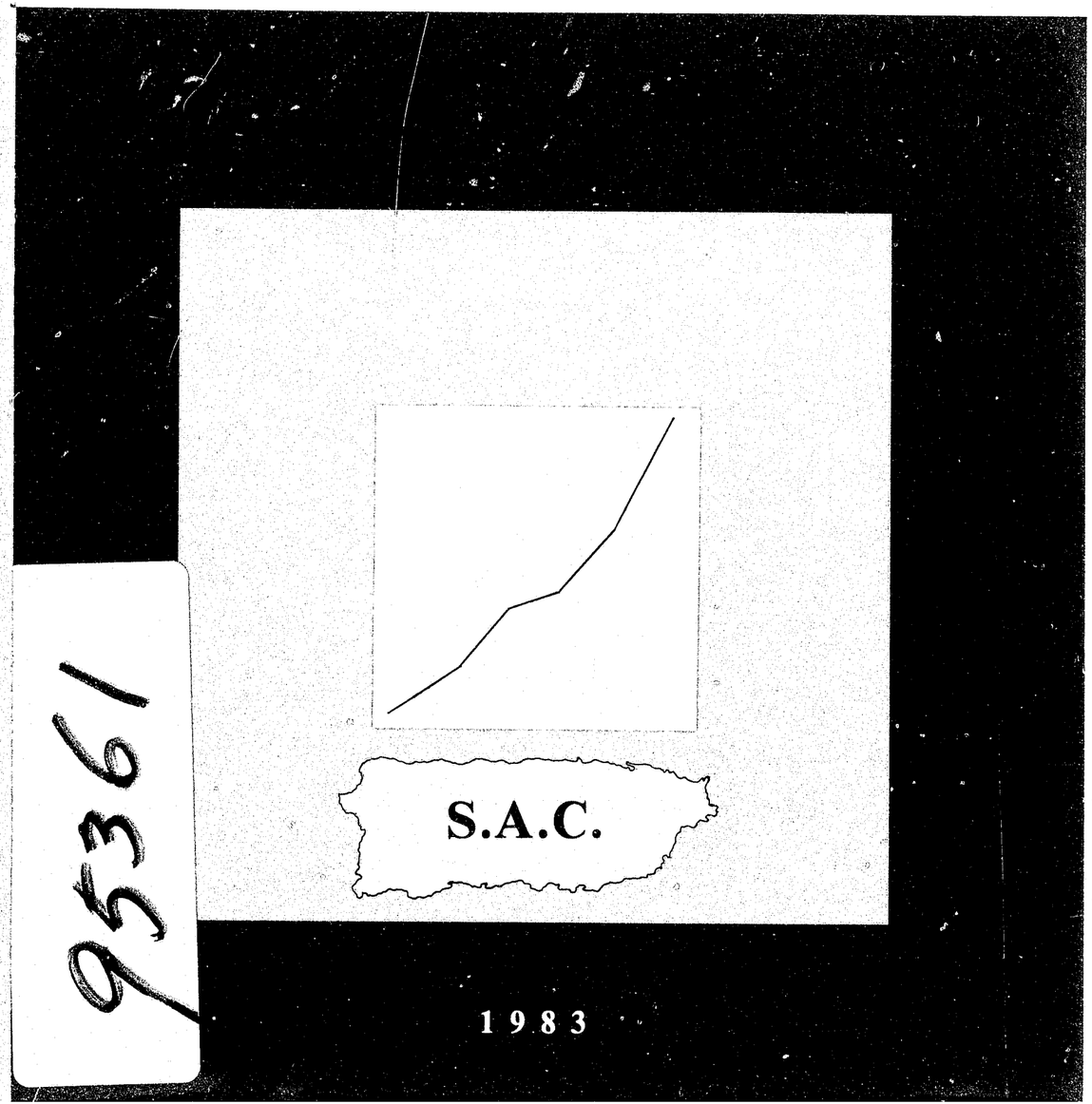

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INTRODUCTION:

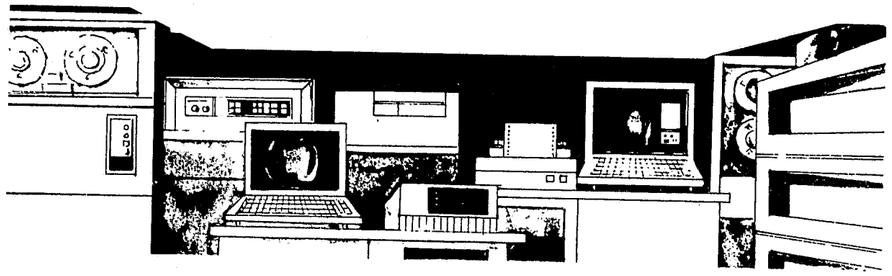
In the development of a statistical information system, it is of vital importance to identify potential users of such a system. Other important factors are: determining demand and the viability for providing information through dissemination process.

Criminal statistics information is operative when it becomes an instrument for improving decision making in the areas of planning, programming, and evaluation.

Thus, a good statistical information system provides useful data concerning:

1. How the Criminal Justice Systems operates in the prosecution of cases, and how agencies and their functions are related to one another.
2. How much time the Criminal Justice System takes in prosecuting individuals.
3. Who are the clients of the Criminal Justice System, and what transactions and provisions are involved.

The information requirements for reaching the objectives and goals of government agencies and private entities that deal with the problems of criminal justice can be satisfied with existing data, eventhough sometimes it is necessary to conduct a new compilation since the same could be non-existent.



The Public policy should answer to a government management system where decisions are based on a rational decision making process rooted on information that provides a frame of reference for the action.

It is for these reasons that the Statistical Analysis Center conducted this survey in different government agencies and private entities which in some way or another may benefit from statistical studies and reports to be produced by the Center.

It is our hope that this report may be of use to the agencies cooperating in the return of the questionnaire sent to them and that they may understand the functions and the conceptualization of a Statistical Analysis Center.

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TOPICS SUGGESTED BY THE AGENCIES:

For the purpose of analyzing the type of information agencies are interested in knowing about, the following topics were presented:

- Social Characteristics of Persons Committing Crimes
- Female Criminality
- Rape, Incest and Sexual Offender Profile and Recidivism
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Sypnosis of Studies Conducted on the Courts
- Crimes and Drunkeness
- Arrests, Accusations, and Seizure of Narcotic Drugs
- Statistical Information on the Criminal Justice Information System
- Sociological, Psychological, Socio-Legal studies on Handicapped Persons in Penal Institutions
- Child Prostitution and Pornography
- Physical Aggression Against Women

TYPE OF AGENCY:

Of a total of 42 questionnaires returned, we have a total of twenty seven (27) by governmental agencies, eight (8) by educational institutions, four (4) from private educational institutions, and four (4) by state educational institutions.

KNOWLEDGE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM AND THE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS CENTER:

Of a total of 42 of agencies and entities, 53% indicated that they are acquainted with the System and 47% are not.

With regard to their knowledge of the Statistical Analysis Center we have that 83% are not acquainted with it and only 17% know of it.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Coordination should be established with all agencies dealing with the enforcement of law and order and criminal justice in order to prepare a data bank.

An Information Directory of all criminal statistics gathered by criminal justice agencies should be prepared.

APPENDIX

LIST OF AGENCIES, DIVISIONS, AND PRIVATE ENTITIES ANSWERING THE QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. Puerto Rico Junior College
2. The "Ana G.Méndez" Educational Foundation
3. Social Services Department — Services to Families with Dependent Children Program
4. Social Services Department — Social Treatment Service
5. Anti-Adiction Services Department — Planning Division
6. University of Puerto Rico — Graduate Programa in Rehabilitative Counseling — Social Science Faculty
7. Courts Administration Office — Social Services Center
8. The Commission for Women's Rights
9. The Court Administration Office
10. Health Department — Office of the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health
11. Youth Relation Office (Statistical Division)
12. Office of the Governor for Youth Affairs
13. Legislative Library — Attached to the Legislative Services Office
14. Commission for the Protection and Strenghtening of the Family in Puerto Rico — Office of the Governor
15. Puerto Rican Gericulture Commission
16. The Puerto Rico Police, Crimminal Affairs Bureau
17. Correction Administration
18. Clinical Psycology and Criminal Justice Program-Caribbean Post Graduate Studies Center
19. University of Puerto Rico — Graduate Schools Social Work
20. The Puerto Rico Police Department
21. San Juan Judicial Center Library
22. Planning Board — Statistics and Social Studies Division
23. Inter American University, Behavior Sciences and Professions Division
24. University of Puerto Rico
25. Department of Justice, Sexual Crimes Unit
26. Graduate School of Planning, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus
27. General Archives of Puerto Rico, Institute of Puerto Rican Culture
28. Inter American University — Behavioral Sciences and Professions Division — Master Degree Program in Criminal Justice Arts
29. Social Services Department — Research and Study Division
30. Department of Justice — Controllers Division

31. The Puerto Rico Police — Narcotic Drugs Division
32. Caribbean Post Graduates Studies Center
33. General Libray "José M. Lázaro" — Libraries System, Río Piedras Campus, University of Puerto Rico
34. Library — Graduate School of Planning — Río Pidras Campus, University of Puerto Rico
35. General Library of Puerto Rico (Institute of Puerto Rican Culture)
36. The Planning Board
37. Inter American University — Metropolitan Campus Library Special Collections Division
38. Caribbean University College — Bayamón
39. Office of Budget and Management
40. Office of the Assistant Secretary for Drug Addiction Treatment, Anti-Drug Addiction Services Department
41. Graduate Program, Rehabilitative Counseling, University of Puerto Rico
42. Inter American University of Puerto Rico — Behavioral Sciences and Professions Division — Department of Social Work Profession

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INTRODUCCION:

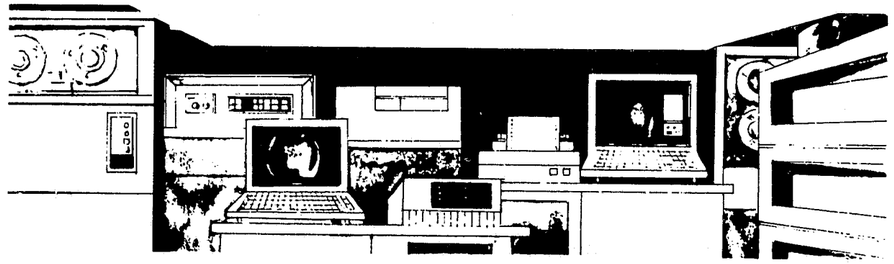
En el desarrollo de un sistema de información estadística, la identificación de los usuarios potenciales es de vital importancia. Otros factores importantes son el determinar la demanda y la viabilidad para proveer la información mediante un proceso de diseminación informativa.

La información de estadística criminal es operante cuando ésta se convierte en un instrumento para mejorar la toma de decisiones en las áreas de la planificación, programación y evaluación.

Es por eso, que un buen sistema de información estadística provee unos datos útiles en cuanto a conocer:

1. Cómo el Sistema de Justicia Criminal opera en el procesamiento de casos y cómo las agencias y sus funciones están relacionadas una a otras.
2. Cuánto tiempo toma el Sistema de Justicia Criminal para procesar los individuos.
3. Quiénes son los clientes del Sistema de Justicia Criminal y qué transacciones y disposiciones ocurren.

Los requisitos de información para el cumplimiento de los objetivos y metas de las agencias de gobierno y entidades privadas que bregan con los problemas de justicia criminal, pueden satisfacerse con datos existentes, mientras que en algunas ocasiones es necesario establecer nueva recopilación ya que la misma pudiera no existir.



La política pública debe responder a un sistema gerencial gubernamental donde las decisiones esten fundamentadas en un proceso racional de decisiones, basadas en información que provea un marco de referencia para la acción.

Es por estas razones que el Centro de Análisis Estadístico llevó a cabo esta encuesta a las distintas agencias de gobierno y entidades privadas, que en alguna u otra forma puedan beneficiarse de los estudios e informes estadísticos a producirse por el Centro.

Esperamos que este informe sea de utilidad a las agencias que cooperaron al devolver el cuestionario enviado y puedan entender las funciones y la conceptualización de un Centro de Análisis Estadístico.

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TEMAS SUGERIDOS POR LAS AGENCIAS:

Para propósitos de analizar el tipo de información que las agencias tienen interés en conocer, se encuentran los siguientes temas:

- Características sociales de las personas que cometen crímenes
- Criminalidad femenina
- Violación, incesto y perfil de atacante sexual y reincidencia
- Delincuencia juvenil
- Sinopsis de estudios realizados sobre los tribunales
- Crimen y embriaguez
- Arrestos, acusaciones e incautación de drogas narcóticas
- Información estadística sobre el Sistema de Información de Justicia Criminal
- Estudios sociológicos, sicológicos, socio-legales sobre personas con impedimentos físicos en las instituciones penales
- Prostitución y pornografía infantil
- Agresión física contra la mujer

TIPO DE AGENCIA:

De un total de 42 cuestionarios devueltos, tenemos un total de 27 por agencias gubernamentales, ocho (8) por instituciones educativas, cuatro (4) de instituciones educativas privadas y cuatro (4) por instituciones educativas estatales.

CONOCIMIENTOS SOBRE EL SISTEMA DE INFORMACION DE JUSTICIA CRIMINAL Y CENTRO DE ANALISIS ESTADISTICO:

De un total de 42, el 53% indicó que conoce el Sistema y un 47% no lo conoce.

En cuanto al conocimiento del Centro de Análisis Estadístico, tenemos que un 83% no lo conocen y solamente un 17% lo conocen.

RECOMENDACIONES:

- Se debe establecer una coordinación con todas las agencias que bregan con el cumplimiento del orden y la ley y de justicia criminal para preparar un banco de datos.
- Se debe preparar un Directorio de Información de todas las estadísticas criminales que recopilan las agencias de justicia criminal.

APENDICE

LISTA DE LAS AGENCIAS, DIVISIONES Y ENTIDADES PRIVADAS QUE CONTESTARON EL CUESTIONARIO:

1. Puerto Rico Junior College
2. Fundación Educativa "Ana G. Méndez"
3. Departamento de Servicios Sociales-Programa Servicios a Familias con Niños
4. Departamento de Servicios Sociales-Centro de Tratamiento Social
5. Departamento de Servicios Contra la Adicción-División de Planificación
6. Universidad de Puerto Rico-Programa Graduados de Consejería en Rehabilitación-Facultad de Ciencias Sociales
7. Oficina de Administración de los Tribunales-Centro de Servicios Sociales
8. Comisión Para los Asuntos de la Mujer
9. Oficina de Administración de los Tribunales
10. Departamento de Salud-Secretaría Auxiliar de Salud Mental
11. Oficina de Asuntos de la Juventud (División de Estadística)
12. Oficina del Gobernador para Asuntos de la Juventud
13. Biblioteca Legislativa-adscrita a la Oficina de Servicios Legislativos
14. Comisión para la Protección y Fortalecimiento de la Familia en Puerto Rico-Oficina del Gobernador
15. Comisión Puertorriqueña de Gericultura
16. Policía de Puerto Rico, N.A.C.
17. Administración de Corrección
18. Programa Psicología Clínica y Justicia Criminal, Centro Caribeño Estudios Post-Graduados
19. Universidad de Puerto Rico-Escuela Graduada de Trabajo Social
20. Policía de Puerto Rico
21. Biblioteca Centro Judicial de San Juan
22. Junta de Planificación-División de Estadísticas y Estudios Sociales
23. Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico, División de Ciencias y Profesiones de la Conducta
24. Universidad de Puerto Rico
25. Departamento de Justicia, Unidad de Delitos Sexuales
26. Escuela Graduada de Planificación, Universidad de Puerto Rico Recinto de Río Piedras
27. Archivo General de Puerto Rico, Instituto de Cultura Puertorriqueña
28. Universidad Interamericana-División de Ciencias y Profesiones de la Conducta-Programa de Maestría en Artes de Justicia Criminal
29. Departamento de Servicios Sociales-División de Investigación y Estudio
30. Departamento de Justicia-División de Asuntos al Contralor
31. Policía de Puerto Rico-División de Drogas Narcóticas

32. Centro Caribeño de Estudios Post-Graduados
33. Biblioteca General "José M. Lázaro"-Sistema de Bibliotecas, Recinto de Río Piedras, Universidad de Puerto Rico
34. Biblioteca-Escuela Graduada de Planificación-Recinto de Río Piedras, Universidad de Puerto Rico
35. Biblioteca General de Puerto Rico (Instituto de Cultura Puertorriqueña)
36. Junta de Planificación
37. Universidad Interamericana-Recinto Metropolitano-Biblioteca Sala de Colecciones Especiales
38. Caribbean University College-Bayamón
39. Oficina de Presupuesto y Gerencia
40. Secretaría Auxiliar de Tratamiento de Adicción a Drogas, Departamento de Servicios Contra la Adicción
41. Programa Graduado Consejería en Rehabilitación, Universidad de Puerto Rico
42. Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico; División de Ciencias y Profesión de la Conducta-Departamento de Trabajo Social y Profesiones de Trabajo Social

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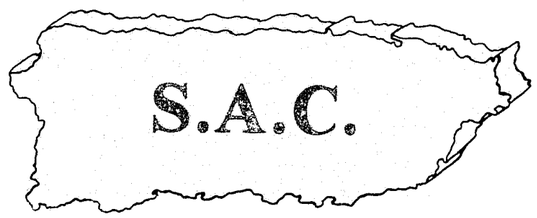

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THE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS CENTER

A. **Legal Base:**

Public Law Number 129 of June 30, 1977 as amended created the Criminal Justice Information System of Puerto Rico.

B. **Brief History of the Statistical Analysis Center:**

The Center came out of the need to provide analysis and evaluation of the information compiled by the Criminal Justice Information System.

With the use of appropiated federal funds and through the Crime Commission the Center was funded during the period of March 1978 to March 1982.

After this period and to the present time, the Center is still operating and funded by matching funds from a grant approved by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Justice Department.

The Center serves as a basis for improving the managerial decision making process of the public administration of Criminal Justice through objective Socio-Scientific studies which offer a real diagnosis of existing problems and lead to the establishment of viable alternative for action.

As integral part of the Criminal Justice Information System, the Center is administratively attached to the Department of Justice.

The same Law that created the Information System established an Executive Board responsible for setting public policy for the System.

The Board is composed of the Department of Justice, the Puerto Rico Police Department, the Correctional Administration, the Courts Administration and the Crime Commission.

C. **Functions and Responsibilities:**

Among the functions assigned to the Statistical Analysis Center are the following:

* Encourage and conduct statistical, criminological, procedural, administrative, or substantive studies based on the System, thus fostering the improvement of the Criminal Justice System.
* Gather, tabulate, compile, and analyze statistical information related to the Administration of Criminal Justice.
* Conduct sociological research studies regarding the area of Criminal Justice.
* Provide information on criminal and judicial statistics on Puerto Rico.
* Identify, gather, tabulate, analyze, and disseminate administrative and management statistics on the resources and expenses of the Criminal Justice System.
* Coordinate the development of criminal statistics information system.
* Provide quality control for criminal statistics data from different components of the Criminal Justice System.
* Publish statistical reports on crime trends, proyections, and carry out pertinent comparative analyses.

* Represent, attend, and participate in annual training sessions and meetings of the Criminal Justice Statistics Association.

D. **Description of Some Studies and Reports To Be Conducted By The Center:**

* Study on Recividism in Penal Institutions in Puerto Rico.
* Personality Profile of Sexual Offenders in Puerto Rico.
* Women at the Vega Alta Industrial School.
* Uniform Crime Report.
* Management and Administrative Statistics Report.
* Statistical Research Highlights Bulletin of Studies by the Statistical Analysis Center.
* Essays on relevant aspects of the Criminal Justice System of Puerto Rico.

E. **Main and Potential Users of the Statistical Analysis Center:**

The main users are the components of the Criminal Justice System of Puerto Rico:

* Police
* Prosecutors
* Courts
* Correction Administration

Other potential users who may request technical assistance on statistics are:

* The Office of the Governor
* The Legislature

* Educational Institutions and Students
* Libraries
* The General Public

F. **Procedure For Requesting Information:**

Should a person be interested in obtaining information on a research paper or other statistical information he or she may request it directly through the Statistical Analysis Center. The request may be made in writing and or by personally visiting the Center, located on the Sixth Floor, Office 601, of the General Headquarters of the Puerto Rico Police.

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