



CONTEMPLATING CAREERS

Crime or Statistical Analyst

Many people spend their careers gathering, analyzing, and publishing crime statistics that inform the public and policymakers. Are you detail-oriented and well-organized? Do you value precision? Do you have an understanding of research methodology and statistics? If so, becoming a crime or statistical analyst is a career you should consider.

In the federal government, social science statisticians are important to many bureaus such as the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Bureau of Labor, FBI, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, and Census Bureau. In this role, analysts or statisticians produce the nation's crime numbers (or numbers for other important fields). Generally, requirements to be considered for this position include 15 hours of graduate-level research methods and statistics courses. Once hired,

the statistician works with data collection agencies; conducts research on measurement of concepts such as race, education, intimate partner violence, and stalking; and uses the data to compute statistics, write reports, and see them through the editing and dissemination process.

Once these reports are published, policymakers, advocates, and researchers use this work to better understand crime and justice issues in the United States. For more information, simply google "social science analyst" to see the myriad of career possibilities in both the public and private sectors.



Career Video:

A crime analyst discusses his experience and current issues in the field.