

Data from Court Administration

As it relates to the prosecution of cases and S.C. Commission on Prosecution Coordination's (SCCPC) duties, data is utilized in numerous ways, including: (1) transfer and review of evidence; (2) case status to determine flow of cases, backlog and where additional training may be needed; and (3) providing updates and resources to prosecutors and the public.

Court Administration collects various data, a list of which is available on the Committee website, to assist the South Carolina Judicial Department in its duties. SCCPC obtains some of this data to assist it in various activities including preparing grant reports, reviewing case flow across the state, preparing budgetary requests, and determining training and resource needs of the solicitors' offices.¹

SCCPC does not have direct access to all of the data Court Administration collects.² It obtains the data from the monthly and annual Court Administration reports posted on the Judicial Department's website, and from sending requests to Court Administration for specific data searches.³

The types of data Court Administration collects, which SCCPC currently utilizes, includes the following:

- pending cases,
- number of cases disposed of,
- number of cases added, and
- time between arrest and disposition.⁴

SCCPC states there is additional data, not collected by Court Administration, which would be beneficial to SCCPC. According to SCCPC, Court Administration does not collect case level data (just total financial and caseload/number data) on criminal cases in Summary Court (Magistrate (County) and Municipal (City/Town) Courts).⁵ SCCPC believes knowing the following data could be used in a number of different ways, including determining what cases (and how many) are being tried by law enforcement, and determining training and resource needs of those prosecuting the cases:

- types of criminal cases being prosecuted,
- numbers by type,
- dispositions by type, and
- who is appearing for the parties (prosecutor or law enforcement officer for the prosecution, and public defender/contract attorney, private attorney, or a pro se defendant for the defense).⁶

¹ S.C. House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “Letter from SCCPC to Oversight Subcommittee (July 16, 2018),” under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” under “Prosecution Coordination Commission,” and under “Correspondence,” [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/ProsecutionCoordination/Letter%20from%20SCCPC%20to%20Oversight%20Subcommittee%20with%20attachments%20\(July%2016,%202018\).pdf](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/ProsecutionCoordination/Letter%20from%20SCCPC%20to%20Oversight%20Subcommittee%20with%20attachments%20(July%2016,%202018).pdf) (accessed July 18, 2018). Question 11a.

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