Crime Victimization in Idaho
An Overview of Available Data

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Communication & Audience

• Companion report to dashboard developed for Idaho Victimization Clearinghouse at BSU

• Target audience: policymakers, data savvy stakeholders
  • Differs from target audience for dashboard (less data savvy stakeholders & general public)

• Report posted to ISAC website August 2022

• Alerts sent out through ISAC and ISP mailing lists; ISP social media posts

• Presentation to ICJC in November 2022
Research Questions

• What does Idaho’s victimization data tell us?

• What does Idaho’s victimization data not tell us?

• What data improvements need to be made?
What does Idaho’s victimization data tell us?

Figure 3. IIBRS violent crime victims and victims served with federal grant funds at victim service agencies, 2016 – 2020.
What does Idaho’s victimization data tell us?

15 sources of data available for analysis at different geographic levels

- State level: 100%
- County level: 60%
- Agency level: 20%

No statistically significant relationships between these data and crime/victimization.
What does Idaho’s victimization data *not* tell us?

1. The data cannot tell us what is driving the opposing trends noted above.

2. The data cannot tell us how many crime victims never report their victimization to law enforcement, meaning our knowledge of the true prevalence of violence is incomplete.

3. The data cannot tell us how many crime victims receive services other than from Idaho’s federally funded victim service programs, or who never receive any services altogether.
What data improvements need to be made?

- Develop new and expand existing data sources to include more regional and local data.
- Implement a statewide victimization survey and conduct the survey on a regular basis.
- Implement a statewide standardized data collection system for victim service data.
Questions?

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