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2019 National Study of CJCCs

The Justice Management Institute (JMI) conducted a study of local criminal justice coordinating councils (CJCC) in order to better understand the structure and nature of these councils, gauge the level of support within each council and across the country, and identify best practices.

Furthermore, a major priority of this study is to provide useful feedback to local councils about how members perceive the capacity and function of their council. The intent of this jurisdiction-specific report is to provide that feedback from the council members to better inform the council leadership, staff, members, and local stakeholders.

Membership Survey

JMI's study consists of two web-based surveys. The first survey included 70 questions for those individuals directly responsible for coordinating their jurisdiction's CJCC (Coordinator Survey). The second survey, 30 questions in length, targeted the CJCC membership of those jurisdictions that responded to the first survey (Membership Survey).

Between February and April 2019, web-based Coordinator Survey was disseminated to 43 CJCCs across 22 states and the District of Columbia. After receiving feedback from the person responsible for coordinating the CJCC, the Membership Survey was disseminated to the members of the CJCC. Nearly 500 individual CJCC members responded to the Membership Survey.

Membership Survey responses were kept anonymous and are reported here in aggregate form. Only the researchers had access to the information generated by both surveys to protect the identity of the respondents.

The 43 jurisdictions participating in this survey represent a broad range of population sizes. The jurisdictions varied in size with 53% having a population of less than 499,999 residents, 28% with 500,000-999,999 residents, and 19% with more than one million residents.

In This Report

This report provides summary results of the Membership Survey of members from 43 local CJCCs. The following pages provide the feedback from the survey respondents in your jurisdiction specifically, while maintaining anonymity, as well as a comparison to the responses nationwide.



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Member Feedback

This survey used the generic term *criminal justice coordinating council*, or *CJCC*, to refer to a council, board, or group of decision-makers that is responsible for coordinating the local criminal justice system. The name of each jurisdiction's coordinating body may differ.

The survey requested feedback about the CJCC *director* or *coordinator* position in each jurisdiction. This refers to the lead individual directly responsible for supporting the council and its work. The position responsible for coordinating the council in each jurisdiction may have a different title. Respondents were instructed to refer to the lead staff position who supports the council when answering questions about the director or coordinator position.

The questions about the CJCC director or coordinator are not intended to be a performance evaluation of the individual. Respondents were instructed that they were to provide their perspective of the position itself rather than the individual.

After being asked several introductory questions to identify the CJCC for which they are a member, their role, number of years on the CJCC, and frequency of attendance, respondents were asked to provide their level of agreement with 23 statements relating to the CJCC, with four options ranging from "strongly agree" to "strongly disagree." Through the analysis of the survey, numerical values were added to the responses as follows:

- 1 = Strongly Agree
- 2 = Agree
- 3 = Disagree
- 4 = Strongly Disagree

The next page provides the list of questions from the survey with the number of responses for each level of agreement from the respondents in your jurisdiction.



NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS FROM DOUGLAS COUNTY:

14

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSES FROM DOUGLAS COUNTY

<u>1</u>	The CJCC has the necessary stakeholders attending the meeting.	Strongly Agree	4
		Agree	9
		Disagree	1
		Strongly Disagree	0
<u>2</u>	The majority of CJCC members actively participate.	Strongly Agree	5
		Agree	4
		Disagree	5
		Strongly Disagree	0
<u>3</u>	I feel like my opinion matters to the CJCC.	Strongly Agree	6
		Agree	7
		Disagree	1
		Strongly Disagree	0
<u>4</u>	The CJCC meetings are a productive use of members' time.	Strongly Agree	1
		Agree	10
		Disagree	3
		Strongly Disagree	0
<u>5</u>	The CJCC has improved communication between justice stakeholders and agencies.	Strongly Agree	4
		Agree	9
		Disagree	1
		Strongly Disagree	0
<u>6</u>	The duties, responsibilities, and function of the CJCC have been specified and communicated to partner agencies.	Strongly Agree	2
		Agree	9
		Disagree	3
		Strongly Disagree	0
<u>7</u>	The CJCC has improved cooperation between justice stakeholders and agencies.	Strongly Agree	4
		Agree	8
		Disagree	1
		Strongly Disagree	1
<u>8</u>	The CJCC has credibility in our jurisdiction.	Strongly Agree	3
		Agree	9
		Disagree	2
		Strongly Disagree	0
<u>9</u>	CJCC members expect the Chair(s) to remain impartial and act in the interest of the system as a whole.	Strongly Agree	3
		Agree	10
		Disagree	1
		Strongly Disagree	0
<u>10</u>	The CJCC successfully engage(s) stakeholders to implement change.	Strongly Agree	5
		Agree	7
		Disagree	2
		Strongly Disagree	0

<u>11</u>	The CJCC has made the criminal justice system more efficient.	Strongly Agree	4
		Agree	8
		Disagree	2
		Strongly Disagree	0
<u>12</u>	The CJCC is currently working on issues that are important to our criminal justice system.	Strongly Agree	7
		Agree	7
		Disagree	0
		Strongly Disagree	0
<u>13</u>	The CJCC meetings influence my decisions as a leader.	Strongly Agree	2
		Agree	9
		Disagree	3
		Strongly Disagree	0
<u>14</u>	The CJCC meetings influence the policies and practices of my agency or organization.	Strongly Agree	1
		Agree	9
		Disagree	4
		Strongly Disagree	0
<u>15</u>	Over the past year, the CJCC has accomplished important work.	Strongly Agree	4
		Agree	9
		Disagree	1
		Strongly Disagree	0
<u>16</u>	The CJCC in our jurisdiction is likely to play an important role in the criminal justice system over the next year.	Strongly Agree	6
		Agree	6
		Disagree	2
		Strongly Disagree	0
<u>17</u>	The CJCC could be improved. *	Strongly Agree	4
		Agree	9
		Disagree	1
		Strongly Disagree	0
<u>18</u>	The CJCC coordinator/director is an important position in our criminal justice system.	Strongly Agree	7
		Agree	5
		Disagree	1
		Strongly Disagree	1
<u>19</u>	The CJCC coordinator/director position brings useful ideas to the criminal justice system.	Strongly Agree	7
		Agree	5
		Disagree	2
		Strongly Disagree	0
<u>20</u>	The CJCC coordinator/director position is expected to engage stakeholders to implement changes to the criminal justice system.	Strongly Agree	8
		Agree	5
		Disagree	1
		Strongly Disagree	0

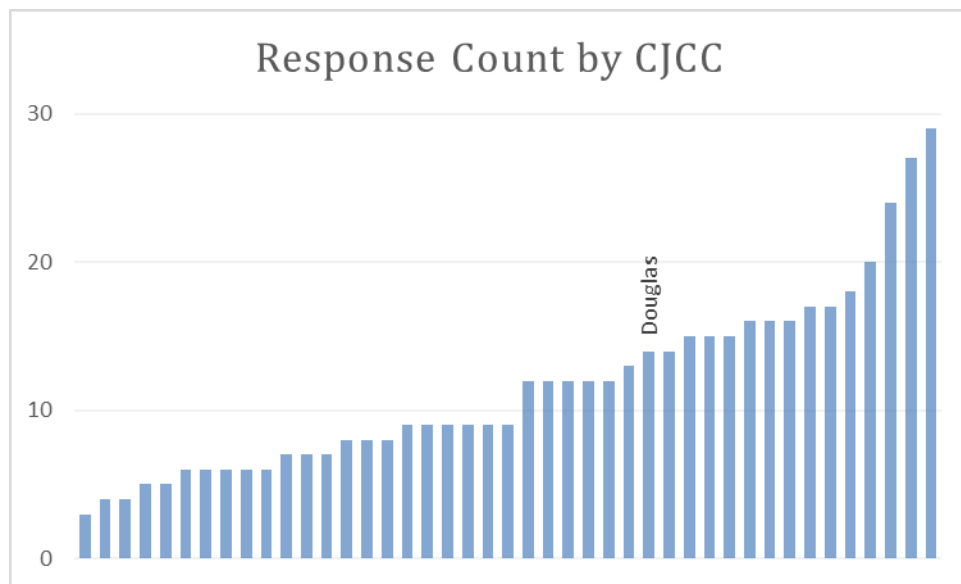
<u>21</u>	The CJCC coordinator/director position is expected to provide beneficial research, information, and data to CJCC members that assist them in making decisions.	Strongly Agree	5
		Agree	9
		Disagree	0
		Strongly Disagree	0
<u>22</u>	CJCC members expect the individual in the CJCC coordinator/director position to remain impartial and act in the interest of the system as a whole.	Strongly Agree	6
		Agree	6
		Disagree	2
		Strongly Disagree	0
<u>23</u>	I will continue to participate in the CJCC during the next year.	Strongly Agree	9
		Agree	5
		Disagree	0
		Strongly Disagree	0

* Unlike all other questions, agreement with this statement is a negative perception.

National Comparison

With a total of 496 participants, respondents to the survey represent 43 CJCCs across 22 states and the District of Columbia and serve in a variety of roles from local law enforcement, judges, and attorneys to behavioral health services and community representatives. A full list of the CJCCs participating in this survey can be found in the appendix of this report.

Douglas		Your jurisdiction had more respondents than the average number of responses from the rest of the jurisdictions combined.
Responses from your jurisdiction:	14	
Average of all jurisdictions combined:	11.53	
Median number of responses from all jurisdictions:	9	



NATIONAL COMPARISON OF MEMBERSHIP RESPONSES FROM DOUGLAS COUNTY

Average Score of Member Perception				
Question		Douglas	Average	National Average
<u>1</u>	The CJCC has the necessary stakeholders attending the meeting.	1.79	Strongly agree	1.57 ↓ Your jurisdiction had a lower rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.
<u>2</u>	The majority of CJCC members actively participate.	2.00	Agree	1.85 ↓ Your jurisdiction had a lower rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.
<u>3</u>	I feel like my opinion matters to the CJCC.	1.64	Strongly agree	1.69 ↑ Your jurisdiction had a higher rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.
<u>4</u>	The CJCC meetings are a productive use of members' time.	2.14	Agree	1.82 ↓ Your jurisdiction had a lower rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.
<u>5</u>	The CJCC has improved communication between justice stakeholders and agencies.	1.79	Strongly agree	1.65 ↓ Your jurisdiction had a lower rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.
<u>6</u>	The duties, responsibilities, and function of the CJCC have been specified and communicated to partner agencies.	2.07	Agree	1.87 ↓ Your jurisdiction had a lower rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.
<u>7</u>	The CJCC has improved cooperation between justice stakeholders and agencies.	1.93	Strongly agree	1.68 ↓ Your jurisdiction had a lower rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.

<u>8</u>	The CJCC has credibility in our jurisdiction.	1.93	Strongly agree	1.68	↓ Your jurisdiction had a lower rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.
<u>9</u>	CJCC members expect the Chair(s) to remain impartial and act in the interest of the system as a whole.	1.86	Strongly agree	1.67	↓ Your jurisdiction had a lower rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.
<u>10</u>	The CJCC successfully engage(s) stakeholders to implement change.	1.79	Strongly agree	1.85	↑ Your jurisdiction had a higher rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.
<u>11</u>	The CJCC has made the criminal justice system more efficient.	1.86	Strongly agree	1.84	↓ Your jurisdiction had a lower rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.
<u>12</u>	The CJCC is currently working on issues that are important to our criminal justice system.	1.50	Strongly agree	1.59	↑ Your jurisdiction had a higher rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.
<u>13</u>	The CJCC meetings influence my decisions as a leader.	2.07	Agree	1.98	↓ Your jurisdiction had a lower rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.
<u>14</u>	The CJCC meetings influence the policies and practices of my agency or organization.	2.21	Agree	2.08	↓ Your jurisdiction had a lower rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.
<u>15</u>	Over the past year, the CJCC has accomplished important work.	1.79	Strongly agree	1.82	↑ Your jurisdiction had a higher rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.

<u>16</u>	The CJCC in our jurisdiction is likely to play an important role in the criminal justice system over the next year.	1.71	Strongly agree	1.71	↓ Your jurisdiction had a lower rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.
<u>17</u>	The CJCC could be improved. *	1.79	Strongly agree	1.95	↑ Your jurisdiction had a higher rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.
<u>18</u>	The CJCC coordinator/director is an important position in our criminal justice system.	1.71	Strongly agree	1.54	↓ Your jurisdiction had a lower rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.
<u>19</u>	The CJCC coordinator/director position brings useful ideas to the criminal justice system.	1.64	Strongly agree	1.62	↓ Your jurisdiction had a lower rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.
<u>20</u>	The CJCC coordinator/director position is expected to engage stakeholders to implement changes to the criminal justice system.	1.50	Strongly agree	1.61	↑ Your jurisdiction had a higher rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.
<u>21</u>	The CJCC coordinator/director position is expected to provide beneficial research, information, and data to CJCC members that assist them in making decisions.	1.64	Strongly agree	1.53	↓ Your jurisdiction had a lower rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.
<u>22</u>	CJCC members expect the individual in the CJCC coordinator/director position to remain impartial and act in the interest of the system as a whole.	1.71	Strongly agree	1.53	↓ Your jurisdiction had a lower rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.
<u>23</u>	I will continue to participate in the CJCC during the next year.	1.36	Strongly agree	1.42	↑ Your jurisdiction had a higher rate of agreement on this question than the average across all jurisdictions.

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The Justice Management Institute would like to thank the members of the National Network of Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils and all of the CJCC staff and members who participated in this study.

Please contact the Justice Management Institute with any questions about the study, member survey, or this report.

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APPENDIX: PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS

- Adams County, Colorado
- Ashland County, Wisconsin
- Bernalillo County, New Mexico
- Buncombe County, North Carolina
- Charleston County, South Carolina
- Chippewa County, Wisconsin
- Clark County, Nevada
- Clinton County, Iowa
- Coconino County, Arizona
- Dane County, Wisconsin
- Denver, Colorado
- Douglas County, Kansas
- Dutchess County, New York
- Eau Claire County, Wisconsin
- Franklin County, Ohio
- Grant County, Wisconsin
- Harris County, Texas
- Hennepin County, Minnesota
- Jefferson County, Colorado
- Johnson County, Kansas
- La Crosse County, Wisconsin
- Lake County, Illinois
- Lane County, Oregon
- Lewis & Clark County, Montana
- Louisville, Kentucky
- Lucas County, Ohio
- McLean County, Illinois
- Mecklenburg County, North Carolina
- Milwaukee County, Wisconsin
- Multnomah County, Oregon
- New Orleans, Louisiana
- Oklahoma County, Oklahoma
- Palm Beach County, Florida
- Pierce County, Wisconsin
- Pinellas County, Florida
- Ramsey County, Minnesota
- Rock County, Wisconsin
- Sacramento County, California
- Salt Lake County, Utah
- Suffolk County, New York
- Waukesha County, Wisconsin
- Winona County, Minnesota
- Yamhill County, Oregon

