

Exploratory Interview Questions

State Program Managers and Direct Contributing Agency Personnel

- Are the current record cards sent out by the statistical assistants useful when validating data?
- What format would you prefer to receive the record cards? (Excel spreadsheets, PDF files, text files, etc.)
- How are the Electronic Data Set (EDS) files that are sent to the state programs used? Are they ingested into your Record Management Systems (RMS)?
- If the EDS is useful, what file format would be preferable? (XML, text file, PDF file, Excel spreadsheet, etc.)
- What information would you like to receive that you aren't receiving in order to validate your data?
- How would you prefer to send data submissions to the FBI UCR Program? (e-mail, web service, SFTP, file upload via web portal, etc.)
- Do you prefer to have a data quality report separate from the submission error report or do you prefer them to be combined into one report?
- Does your state/agency publish Summary Reporting System (SRS) data on the internet?
 - Please describe the type of information published?
- Does your state/agency publish National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) data on the internet?
 - Please describe the type of information published?
- Does law enforcement have access to your state/agency data for operational purposes (trends, location, dates, time)?
 - If so, please explain.
- What are some of the common questions you receive from the public regarding your state/agency crime data?