



**Legislative Budget Board  
Criminal Justice Forums  
Hosted by the Criminal Justice Data Analysis Team  
of the Legislative Budget Board**



Robert E. Johnson Conference Center  
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**Purpose and Overview:** The Legislative Budget Board's (LBB) Criminal Justice Forums will provide a regular venue to discuss ongoing criminal justice issues with various stakeholders in state government and academia. LBB analysts will present research in greater detail than most legislative settings allow. Beginning in October 2011, forums will occur on the first Friday of each month from 1:30PM-3:00PM at the Robert E. Johnson Conference Center in Austin, Texas. The first hour will consist of a presentation by LBB staff and the final thirty minutes will include a question/answer discussion with the audience regarding the subject material. There is no cost to attend the Criminal Justice Forums. Links to reports that correspond with each forum topic are listed at the end of the forum description. You may find having a hard copy of the entire report helpful.

**Who Should Attend?**

- Legislative staff
- State agency staff
- Local government personnel
- Undergraduate/graduate faculty/staff
- Undergraduate/graduate students
- Advocacy groups
- Media/bloggers
- General public

**Why Attend?**

The Criminal Justice Data Analysis Team of the Legislative Budget Board provides the Texas Legislature with in-depth analysis of criminal and juvenile justice trends. These analyses are primarily used for policy and funding decisions but can provide valuable information for the audiences listed above. The LBB's Criminal Justice Forums will provide interested audiences a chance to interact with LBB researchers, learn about methodologies and findings, and provide the LBB input and recommendations to further refine LBB analyses.

**Adult Correctional Population Projections** – February 3, 2012 (1:30PM – 3:00PM)

*Presenter:* Laurie Molina

To determine appropriate funding levels and appropriate policies regarding correctional populations, accurate population projections are vital. Correctional population projections also provide a road map of indicators that influence population growth or reduction. This forum will explore the methodology, techniques, and software used to develop projections for various adult criminal justice correctional populations. [http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/PubSafety\\_CrimJustice/3\\_Reports/Projections\\_Reports\\_2011.pdf](http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/PubSafety_CrimJustice/3_Reports/Projections_Reports_2011.pdf)

**Adult Correctional Recidivism** – March 9, 2012\* (1:30PM – 3:00PM)

*Presenters:* Michele Connolly, Adriana Marin

LBB analysis of adult correctional recidivism includes recidivism and revocation rates for various correctional populations. Recidivism is measured through both rearrest and reincarceration rates. This forum will explore the methodology, techniques, and historical trends associated with adult correctional recidivism in Texas. [http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/PubSafety\\_CrimJustice/3\\_Reports/Recidivism\\_Report\\_2011.pdf](http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/PubSafety_CrimJustice/3_Reports/Recidivism_Report_2011.pdf)

*\*Being held the 2nd Friday, as March 2nd is a state holiday.*

**Juvenile Correctional Recidivism** – April 13, 2012 (1:30PM – 3:00PM)\*

*Presenter:* Jamie Gardner

LBB analysis of juvenile correctional recidivism includes recidivism and revocation rates for various juvenile justice correctional populations. Recidivism is measured through both rearrest and reincarceration rates. This forum will also explore the methodology, techniques, and historical trends associated with juvenile justice correctional recidivism in Texas. [http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/PubSafety\\_CrimJustice/3\\_Reports/Recidivism\\_Report\\_2011.pdf](http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/PubSafety_CrimJustice/3_Reports/Recidivism_Report_2011.pdf)

*\*Being held the 2nd Friday, as April 6th is Good Friday.*

**Qualitative Research Methods** – May 4, 2012 (1:30PM – 3:00PM)

*Presenter:* Michele Connolly, Ed Sinclair

The LBB employs qualitative research methods in its adult and juvenile correctional population projections and various interim research projects, such as the Texas At-Risk Youth Services Project. These qualitative methods are tailored to each specific research goal and are relatively unique in policy research. This forum will explore various qualitative methods used by the LBB and the pragmatic considerations necessary to perform qualitative research in a public policy arena.

Capitol visitor parking is available on the corner of 12th Street and San Jacinto Street. The visitor parking garage phone number is 512-463-6365.

For questions you may contact us at [cjforum@lbb.state.tx.us](mailto:cjforum@lbb.state.tx.us) or call Michele Connolly or Ed Sinclair at 512-463-1200. Copies of the reports we will be presenting from can be found on our website [http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/PubSafety\\_CrimJustice/PubSafety\\_CrimJustice.htm](http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/PubSafety_CrimJustice/PubSafety_CrimJustice.htm).