

Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics



Having been appointed by President Biden in June 2022, Dr. Alexis R. Piquero serves as head of BJS, leading the agency's efforts to collect, publish, and disseminate information on crime, victims of crime, people who commit criminal acts, and the operation of justice systems at all levels of government. Dr. Piquero is a nationally and internationally recognized criminologist with more than 25 years of experience. His expertise ranges from criminal careers to criminal justice policy and crime prevention to the intersection of race and crime, with a focus on quantitative methodology. Prior to joining BJS, Dr. Piquero served as Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology and Criminology as well as Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor as well as Professor of Criminology at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. He has held several academic appointments at the University of Texas at Dallas, University of Maryland College Park, and John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Dr. Piquero holds a Ph.D., a master's degree, and a bachelor's degree in criminology and criminal justice from the University of Maryland College Park.