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Comparison of Criminal-History Information Systems in the United States and Other Countries

A Review of Systems in

- **Australia,**
- **Canada,**
- **England and Wales,**
- **Germany, and**
- **the Netherlands**

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Abstract:

Official criminal-history record information is an important component of criminal justice systems worldwide, but little is known about how the United States’ criminal-history system compares to those in other industrialized countries.

To address this knowledge gap, the Bureau of Justice Statistics sponsored a study to document and compare the national criminal-history systems in the United States, Australia, Canada, England and Wales, Germany, and the Netherlands.

The topics include the operational uses and sources of the criminal-history data, procedures to assess record accuracy and completeness, efforts to improve the systems, and the availability of records to government and nongovernment entities for operational and research purposes.

Sub-national criminal-history systems (e.g., the state repositories in the U.S.) and other data systems that maintain and disseminate criminal justice information were outside the scope of this study.

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