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HOW TO GET YOUR VALUE FROM THE STATE WORKBOOK + REPORT

Before-and-after evidence, program-targeting detail, and multi-year trend framing for grants and briefs.

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ONE WORKBOOK · FIVE WAYS TO READ IT

§ What this unlocks for you

The Policy & Research Suite is built for the evidence section of a grant, a council briefing, or a program evaluation. The COVID Era sheet gives you a clean before/during/after frame; the NIBRS victim, offender, and weapon breakdowns tell you who a program should reach and how; and the multi-year columns let you show a trend, not a single-year snapshot a skeptic can wave away. All of it public domain and citable.

§ Your three headline sheets

01 / HEADLINE SHEET

COVID Era

A pre-built 2020 baseline → 2021 peak → 2022–23 recovery frame per offense, ready for before/after analysis.

EG ILLUSTRATIVE Aggravated assault ran 240 per 100k in 2020, peaked at 305 in 2021, and settled at 268 by 2023 — a partial, not full, recovery you can chart in one slide.

02 / HEADLINE SHEET

NIBRS Victims / Offenders / Weapons

Demographic and weapon breakdowns tell a program who to target and with what intervention.

EG ILLUSTRATIVE 61% of aggravated-assault incidents in [City] involved a firearm and victims skewed 18–34 — direct evidence for a youth violence-intervention grant.

03 / HEADLINE SHEET

Cities · multi-year trend

Multi-year per-offense columns let you frame direction over time, not a one-year blip.

EG ILLUSTRATIVE Robbery fell four straight years (–7%, –11%, –4%, –9%) — a durable-decline narrative far stronger than any single year.

§ Workflow recipe

- 01 Open the COVID Era sheet and pull the 2020 / 2021 / 2022–23 figures for your target offense to establish the before/after frame.
- 02 Move to the NIBRS Victims / Offenders / Weapons sheets to characterize who is affected and how — the program-targeting detail.
- 03 Use the multi-year columns on the Cities sheet to show the trend line, not a single point.
- 04 Assemble the three into an evidence exhibit for the grant or briefing.
- 05 Cite each figure with the attribution line below.

QUOTE IT LIKE THIS

Aggravated assault in [City] remains 12% above its 2020 baseline as of 2023. Source: Safety Atlas (FBI NIBRS), safetyatlas.us

§ What to watch out for

- § **Thin cells in small agencies**
NIBRS demographic breakdowns depend on agencies reporting those fields; small or partial-reporting agencies show sparse cells — note the base count before drawing a conclusion.
- § **Non-reporting agencies are excluded**
Cities served only by agencies that did not report to FBI NIBRS are left out entirely. A missing city means missing data — never read it as a safe town.
- § **Scores are population-adjusted**
The composite is scaled by a logarithmic population factor so small towns aren't unfairly penalized. Present it as a population-adjusted index, never as a raw crime count or rate.
- § **Coverage runs through 2024**
2024 is the most recent full year of FBI NIBRS data in this edition. Frame every figure as “latest available FBI data (through 2024)” rather than “this year.”