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PROJECT: **IOWA INTEGRATED JUSTICE**
(formerly named Criminal Justice Information System, or CJIS)

DESCRIPTION:

Iowa Integrated Justice (IIJ) is a centralized, seamless data sharing system that moves secure messages between Iowa’s local, county, and state agencies in real time. IIJ was created as “CJIS” in 2007 out of a need for various state computer systems to be able to communicate with one another.

The goal of Iowa Integrated Justice (IIJ) is for data to be entered only once, and then shared automatically with other agencies that need the same data. IIJ increases efficiency and improves public safety.

IIJ has received national awards for excellence and has helped make Iowa a **national leader in criminal justice information sharing**. IIJ has become a part of Iowa’s daily critical infrastructure, and it continues to grow as more exchanges are developed. IIJ requires steady maintenance and updates. As state agencies replace and update legacy computer systems, IIJ must also update the exchanges moving in and out of those systems.

In 2025, IIJ made an important decision to move to the Cloud. For many years, IIJ resided on servers on the DPS network. A combination of factors prompted the IIJ migration from hardware to Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI) including expensive hardware reaching end-of-life, occasional issues and outages on the DPS network, and the opportunity to save money while also modernizing our technology system. The IIJ migration to OCI was completed in November of 2025 and the legacy system was decommissioned. This move will save money and lead to greater system performance and stability.

WHO WE SERVE:

All 99 counties receive a benefit from IIJ. The system has grown to include data exchanges between **10 state-level agencies** including:

1. Judicial Branch
2. Department of Management (DOM)
3. Department of Corrections (DOC)
4. Department of Public Safety (DPS)
5. Department of Transportation (DOT)
6. Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
7. Secretary of State
8. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
9. Office of the Attorney General (AG)
10. State Public Defender (SPD)

IIJ serves **72 County Attorney offices**, as well as **nearly every law enforcement agency in the state**, including:

- The Iowa State Patrol
- 99 county sheriffs
- 256 local city police departments, 3 university police departments, 3 railway police units, one airport police unit, the Meskwaki Nation police department, the Iowa State Fair police, and Veterans Affairs police.

IIJ serves these officers by delivering **33,000 traffic citations** and **16,000 criminal complaints** from law enforcement agencies to courts and county attorneys **every month**.

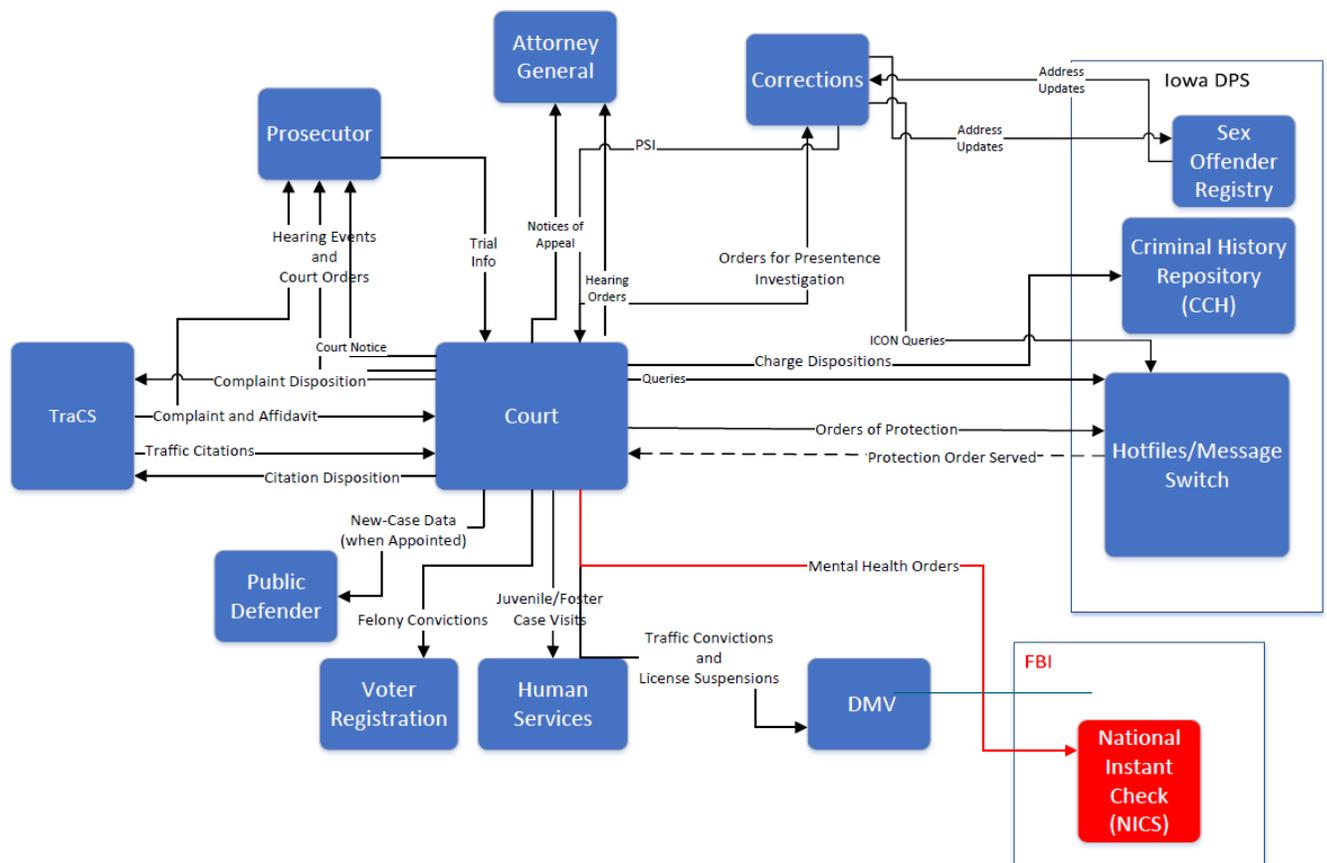


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Data Exchanges every month and growing

PROGRESS OF WORK:

IIJ is represented by the lines in the diagram below. The Judicial Branch (shown as Court) is either a sending or receiving agency in 20 of the 25 data exchanges that IIJ currently maintains. IIJ is the secure bridge connecting the Judicial and Executive Branches to improve the services these agencies provide to Iowans.



IIJ builds exchanges that provide **efficiency and expediency** to Iowa agencies, such as:

- Delivering Hearing Orders from the Courts directly to the calendars of **County Attorneys** in 72 counties
- Delivering Notices and Case Information from the Courts directly to **Public Defenders** who have been appointed on a case
- Delivering Case Outcomes (Dispositions) from the **Courts to DPS** so that DPS can keep its Computerized Criminal History complete and current

IIJ also builds and maintains exchanges that are **critical to the safety of Iowans**, such as:

- Immediately delivering signed Protective Orders from the Courts to **DPS**
- Returning instant information from **DPS, DOC, and the FBI** about a person/suspect, including a photograph, when an officer runs a query
- Sending mental health orders and other firearms prohibitors from the Courts to **DPS**, where DPS in turn sends that information to the **FBI** as part of its National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)

The chart below displays the 25 data exchanges that IIJ developed and continues to maintain, as well as the volume of each of those exchanges for **one month** (specifically, September 2025):

Iowa Integrated Justice – Sep. 2025 Exchange Volume

Exchange	Agencies	Volume
AG Notice of Appeal	Courts → AG	202
AG Hearing Order	Courts → AG	≈15
CA Hearing Order	Courts → County Attorneys	170,716
CA Court Notice	Courts → County Attorneys	9,171
CA Charge Code	IJJ → County Attorneys	13
CSN Criminal Complaints	Courts → CSN	16,294
DOC Adult Drug Court	Courts → DOC	2,034
DOC Order for PSI	Courts → DOC	755
DOC PSI Return	DOC → Courts	735
DOT Traffic Convictions	Courts → DOT	47,224
DPS Disposition Matching	Courts → DPS	28,548
DPS NICS	Courts → DPS	520
DPS Protective Order	Courts → DPS	4,984

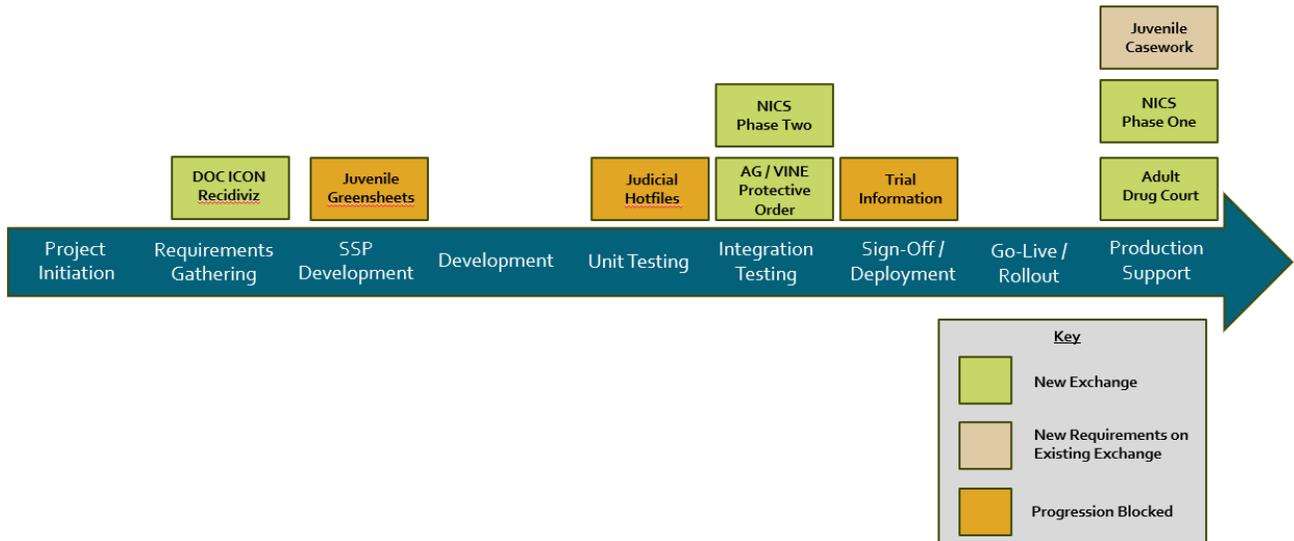
Exchange	Agencies	Volume
DPS-DOC Offender Query	DPS → DOC → DPS	650,634
HHS Juvenile Casework	JCS → Courts	403
IJJ Charge Code Updates	IJJ → Multiple	432
Polk Co Court Dispo	Courts → Polk County IT	12,108
Public Defender Ct Notice	Courts → Public Defender	6,109
SOS Felon File	Courts → Secretary of State	934
Sex Offender 1	DOC → DPS	599
Sex Offender 2	DPS → DOC	2,513
Sheriff Hearing Order	Courts → Polk Co Sheriff	27,733
TraCS ECCO Citations	TraCS → Courts	33,635
TraCS Criminal Complaints	TraCS → Courts and/or CA	16,280
TraCS Citation Dispo	Courts → TraCS / LE	91,919

Total **Monthly** IJJ Volume:

1,096,762 data messages sent
 + 933,940 data responses returned

2,030,702 secure data exchanges

IJJ is not a static system. In addition to our 25 active exchanges, we have several more currently in development, and more on the list for future development. The following chart shows the IJJ Development Timeline as of December 2025.



FUNDING HISTORY:

REVENUE SOURCES FOR THE PROJECT:

The only current recurring source of funding for IJ is state appropriation.

In 2020 and 2021, IJ was awarded Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) totaling \$412,779, to support the development of a specific exchange regarding Iowa inmates.

Revenue sources at the inception of the project around 2003-2007 included the National Governor's Association (NGA) Grants, Byrne Grants, Justice Assistance Grants (JAG), National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) Grants, Return on Investment (ROI) Funds, Homeland Security Funds, Local Government Innovation Funds, Agency Operating Funds, and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds.

COST OF THE PROJECT:

Project planning began in 2001, and the total estimated cost of project development (from all sources of funds) through FY2026 was expected to be \$27,000,000. Total expenditures for the project from 2001 through the end of fiscal year 2025 have been \$24,129,093.

Below are actual expenditures for FY22 – FY25, and estimated expenditures for FY26:

Category	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	Est. FY26
Reimbursements to DAS and ICN	\$2,900	\$3,676	\$2,211	\$6,701	\$7,500
IT Outside Services	\$1,139,414	\$1,150,053	\$1,146,535	\$1,166,529	\$1,255,000
Software, Licenses, and Hardware	\$277,606	\$205,602	\$223,180	\$238,083	\$140,000
Exchange Endpoint Support	\$0	\$34,845	\$72,800	\$141,073	\$140,000
TOTAL	\$1,419,920	\$1,394,267	\$1,444,726	\$1,552,386	\$1,542,600