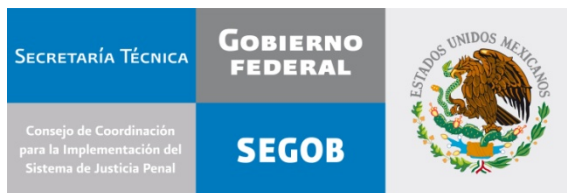


# Monitoring the Implementation of the Criminal Justice Reform in Mexico

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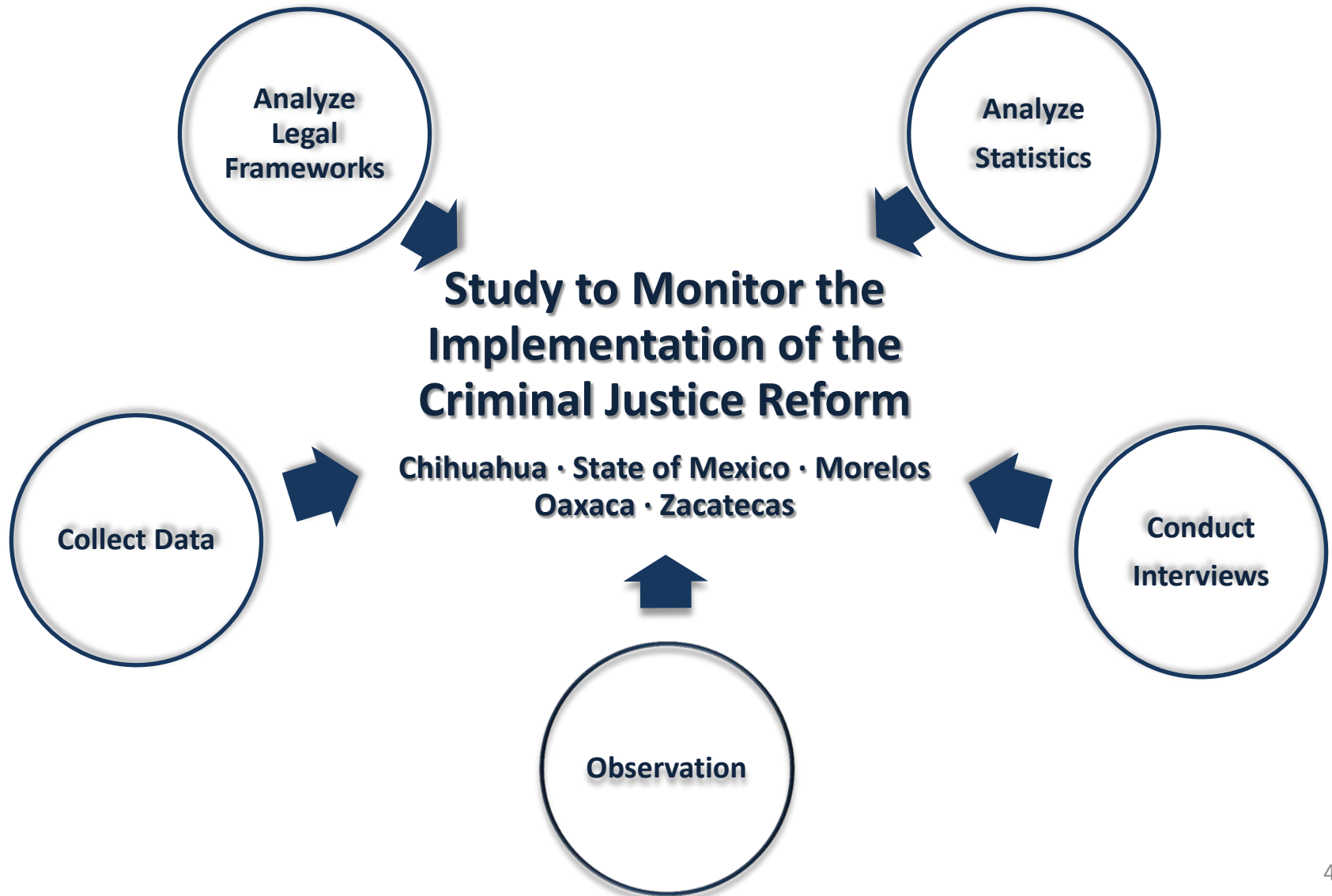
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# 1. Objective

**Present the key findings, best practices and areas of opportunity in implementing the New Criminal Justice System (NCJS) in Mexico.**



## 2. Interactive Methodology



### **3. Main Topics**

- A. Budgets and spending for criminal justice systems**
- B. Transparency, publicity, and dissemination of information on the NCJS**
- C. Responsibilities of Attorneys General (AG) Offices**
- D. Responsibilities of courts**
- E. Respect for the rights of defendants**
- F. Respect for the rights of victims**

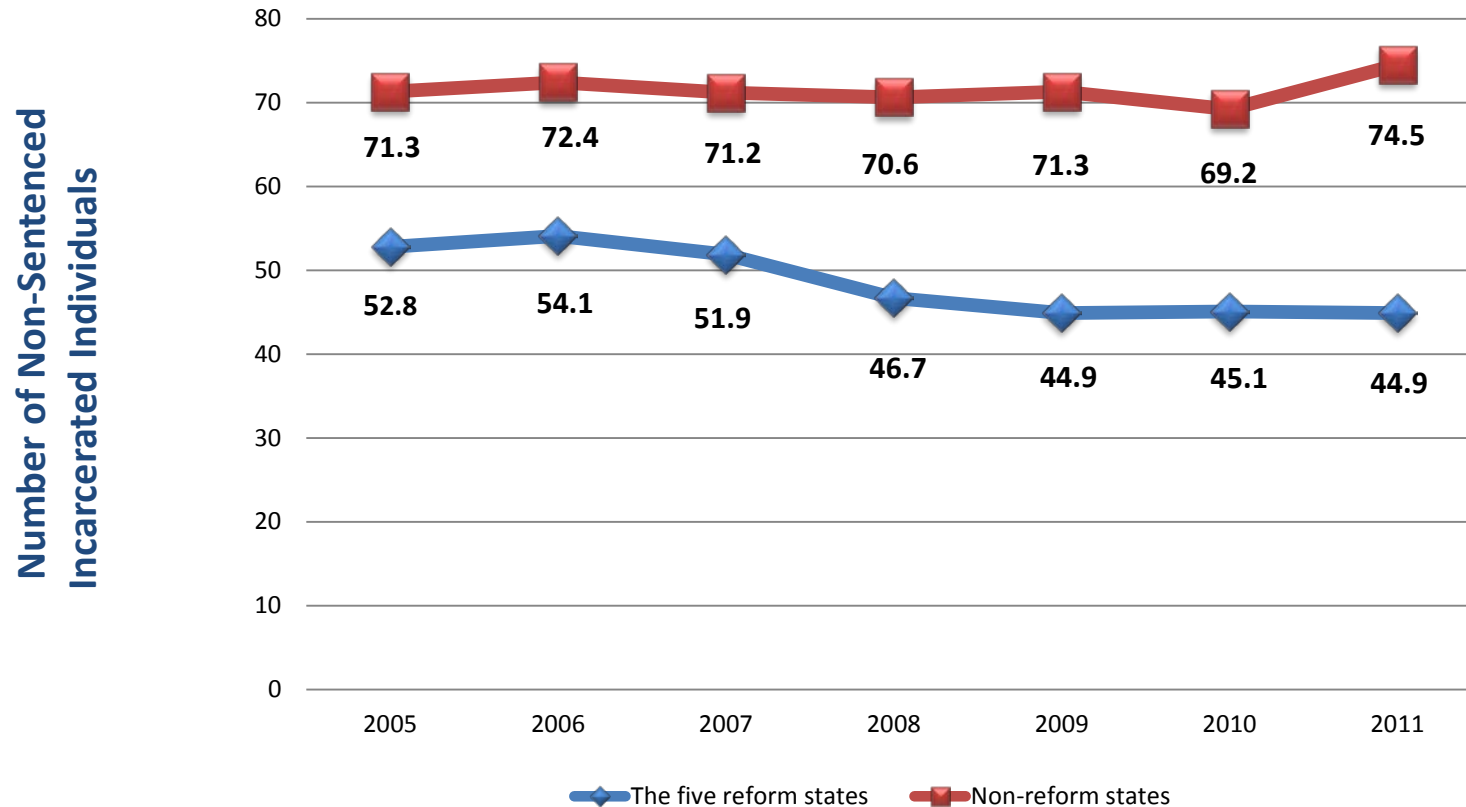
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- **Judges, prosecutors and public defenders are present in 100% of hearings.**
- **25 000 individuals have avoided pre-trial detention.**



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### Non-Sentenced Incarcerated Individuals per Every 100,000 Inhabitants



Source: Developed by Guillermo Zepeda and the research team, based on information from the Federal Secretariat of Public Safety

## 4. Advances

- **Duplicated response capacity of AG offices**
- **Improved public defense that guarantees due process**
- **Greater rights and better assistance for victims**

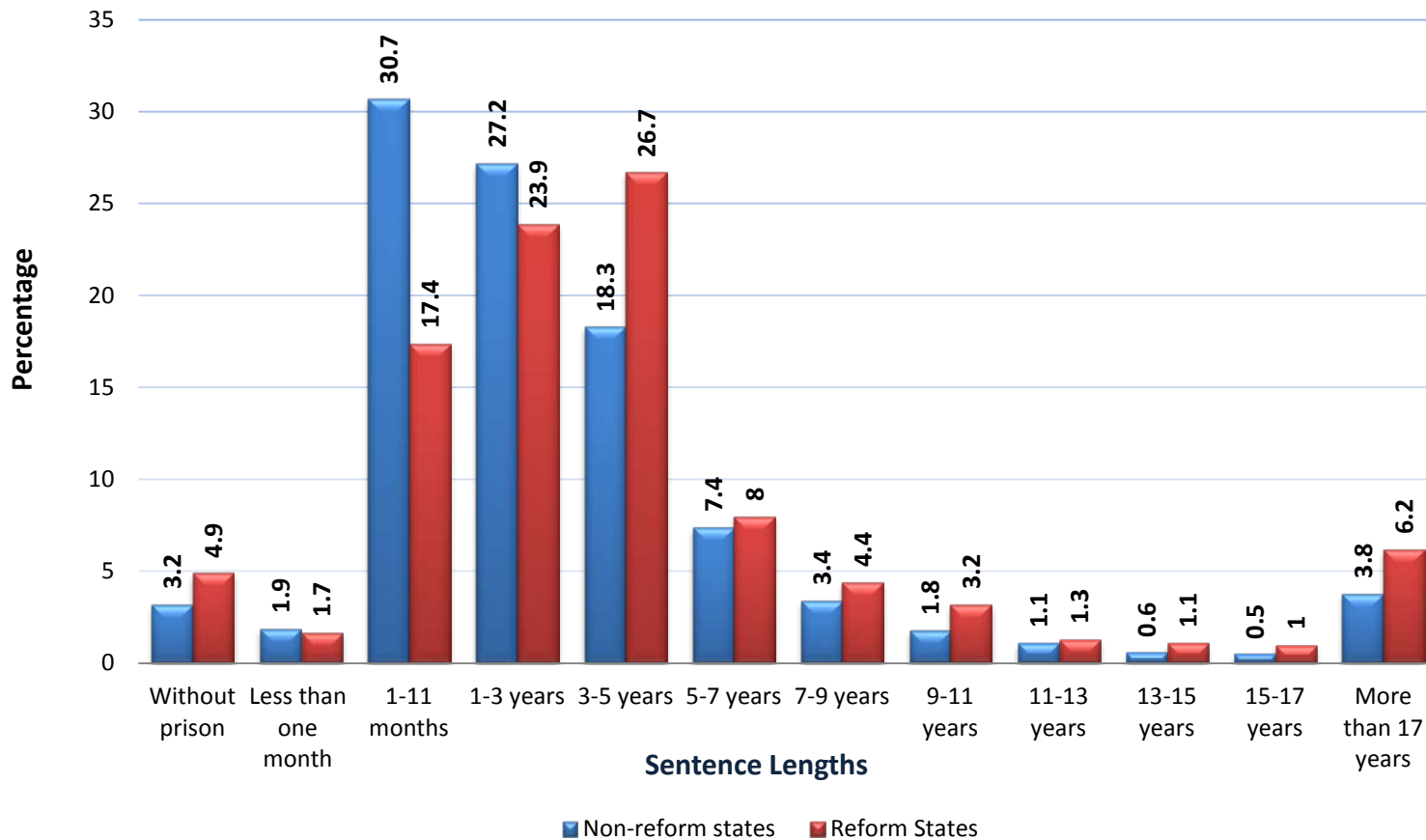


## 4. Advances

- **Increased access to effective and timely justice through alternative justice mechanisms.**
- **Shorter criminal justice process.**

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### One Country, Two Criminal Justice Systems: Average Sentence Length in Reform and Non-Reform States



## 5. Areas of Opportunity

- **Improve investigative capacity to resolve serious crimes and thus reduce impunity.**
- **Lack of a civil service within AG offices.**
- **Need to monitor pre-trial diversion conditions, compensation agreements and judicial measures.**

## 5. Areas of Opportunity



- **Avoid legal reforms that undermine the principles of the NCJS.**
- **Greater training needed for preventative police to effectively participate in the NCJS.**