At Second Meeting, Members Discuss Research Topics and Products, Identify Gaps in Crime Trend Data

In their second meeting, members discussed the landscape of current data on crime trends and set priorities for the Working Group's research agenda. The group first heard from University of Missouri-St. Louis criminologist and Working Group chair Richard Rosenfeld, who presented an overview of the Council's semi-annual Crime Trends reports. Historically, these reports have identified changes over time in ten offenses across up to 30 cities. In preparation for the upcoming mid-year 2023 report, members provided feedback on content and design.

Members also began conversations about the broader Working Group research agenda, discussing topics such as retail theft, gun theft, and juvenile offending. The group considered the format and types of research products that would best equip policymakers and local officials to make informed, data-driven decisions on how to assess crime trends in their jurisdictions.