

# 2021 ICJ State Council Report

ICJ Rule 2-107 requires that "Every member state and territory shall establish and maintain a State Council..." and "shall meet at least once annually..." State Council reports are due on January 31 each year.



## STATE HIGHLIGHTS

"The NJ State Council was supportive of the ICJ Racial Justice Ad Hoc committee. So much so that the State Council supported the idea of the NJ Juvenile Justice Commission also adding social justice and racial equity language to its Mission, Core Values, and Vision Statements."

– New Jersey

"Members assisted with legislative efforts and assisted with obtaining NCIC access for state office staff."

– Indiana

"Iowa's state council has benefitted from having perspective from both adult and juvenile compact representatives... council members engaged in discussion around juvenile/adult compact overlap in regard to returns."

– Iowa

## State Council Formation

**New Mexico formed a State Council and held first meeting in over 6 years**

- 50 states have formed State Councils, as compared to 49 in 2020 and 46 in 2019.
  - 3 have not met within the last 7 years.
- 2 states reported having no State Council.
- 22 states/territories reported at least one required membership vacancy.
- The most common barrier was securing appointments.

## State Council Meetings

**Illinois held first meeting in over 6 years**

- 41 State Councils met in 2021, as compared to 35 in 2020 and 40 in 2019.
- 3 State Councils have not met in the past 7 years or longer.
- Only 1 state/territory cited COVID-19 as the reason for not meeting.