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Prior to his appointment as BJS Acting Director in January, 2013, William Sabol was its Principal Deputy Director for Statistical Programs. He has more than 25 years of experience in research and statistics on corrections, sentencing and justice issues in different settings, including the Government Accountability Office, where he was an assistant director, Case Western Reserve University, where he was associate director of the Center on Urban Poverty and Social Change, the Urban Institute, where as a senior research associate he directed research on sentencing and form social control in communities, and the University of Maryland, where he was an assistant professor in Afro-American Studies and Criminology.

His research efforts over the years have focused primarily on criminal justice policy issues, notably on sentencing policy, the effects of incarceration on communities, and statistical issues and methods. Prior to completing his Ph.D. in 1988 from the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh, he was a Fulbright Scholar at the Institute of Criminology at Cambridge University.