

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****[OMB Number 1121–NEW]****Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection Comments Requested; New Collection: Annual Survey of Jails in Indian Country****AGENCY:** Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice.**ACTION:** 30-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** Volume 84, Number 23, pages 1510 and 1511, on February 4, 2019, allowing a 60-day comment period. Following publication of the 60-day notice, the Bureau of Justice Statistics received no comments.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 30 days until May 13, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Todd D. Minton, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh Street NW, Washington, DC 20531 (email: [Todd.Minton@usdoj.gov](mailto:Todd.Minton@usdoj.gov); telephone: 202–305–9630).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those

who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

1. *Type of Information Collection:* New collection.

2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* Annual Survey of Jails in Indian Country (SJIC).

3. *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* The form number is CJ–5B: *Survey of Jails in Indian Country (SJIC)*. This form is sent to approximately 84 confinement facilities, detention centers, and other correctional facilities operated by tribal authorities or the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The applicable component within the Department of Justice is the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), in the Office of Justice Programs.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) requests clearance to conduct the Survey of Jails in Indian Country (SJIC) for a three-year period and also requests a new unique clearance number for the SJIC data collection. The SJIC is currently approved through 1/31/2019 under OMB Control Number 1121–0094 along with the Annual Survey of Jails (ASJ), and until recently, the jail portion of the Mortality in Correctional Institutions (MCI-formerly the Deaths in Custody Reporting Program). Considering these data collections are unique in substance, collection period, and respondents, each collection has required enhancements at different periods of time. Consequently, BJS has revised the combined clearance multiple times over the past several years, and in some cases, BJS delayed enhancing a unique survey until all data collections could be addressed with a single revision. This process does not allow BJS to address the critical needs of a single collection in a timely manner. As a solution, BJS proposes to separate these collections and obtained a unique OMB clearance for each. The ASJ, when it is next fielded in 2020, will retain the OMB Control Number 1121–0094. The MCI-Jails collection will be combined with the MCI-Prison collection under OMB Control Number 1121–0249. The SJIC will obtain a new OMB Control Number through this application.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

The affected public that will be asked to respond to CJ–5B includes jail administrators from approximately 84 confinement facilities, detention centers, and other correctional facilities operated by tribal authorities or the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The respondents will be asked to provide information for the following categories:

(a) At midyear (last weekday in the month of June), the number of inmates confined in jail facilities including: Male and female adult and juvenile inmates; persons under age 18 held as adults; convicted and unconvicted males and females; persons held for a felony and a misdemeanor; the inmates most serious offense (*i.e.*, domestic violence offense, aggravated or simple assault, rape, other violent, burglary, larceny-theft, drug law violation, DWI/DUI of alcohol or drugs, public intoxication, and other unspecified offenses);

(b) The average daily population during the 30-day period in June;

(c) The date and count for the greatest number of confined inmates during the 30-day period in June;

(d) The number of new admissions into jail, and final discharges from jail during the month of June;

(e) From July 1 of the previous year to June 30 of the current collection year: The number of inmate deaths while confined, the number of deaths attributed to suicide, and the number of confined inmates that attempted suicide;

(f) At midyear, the number of correctional staff employed by the facility and their occupation (*e.g.*, administration, jail operations, educational staff, etc.);

(g) At midyear, the number of jail operations employees who had received the basic detention officer certification and how many had received 40 hours of in-service training; and

(h) At midyear, the total rated capacity of jail facilities.

This collection is the only national effort devoted to describing and understanding annual changes in the tribal jail population. The collection enables BJS, tribal correctional authorities and administrators, legislators, researchers, and jail planners to track growth in the number of jails and their capacities nationally, as well as to track changes in the demographics and supervision status of the tribal jail population and the prevalence of crowding.

5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time*

estimated for an average respondent to respond:

Reporting mode	Purpose of contact	Number of responses	Average reporting time (min)	Total burden hours
Mail, Fax, Email, telephone .....	Data collection .....	84	75	105
Email and telephone .....	Verify facility operational status and point-of-contact.	84	2	3
Email and telephone .....	Data quality follow-up validation .....	84	7	10
Total .....	.....	84	84	118

The questionnaire will be sent to 84 Indian country correctional facilities operated by tribal authorities or the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Based on prior years' reporting, we estimate a reporting time of 75 minutes for the SJIC questionnaire. If needed, jail respondents will also be contacted by email or telephone to verify data quality issues. Thus, we expect that in any data collection year 84 SJIC respondents will have an average reporting time of 2 minutes to verify facility operational status and point-of-contact, 75 minutes for the data collection, and an additional 7 minutes for data quality follow-up validation, for a total burden 84 minutes per facility. Annually, this results in a total burden estimate for SJIC of 118 hours.

If additional information is required, contact: Melody Braswell, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 3E.405A, Washington, DC 20530.

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**OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

**Statistical Policy Directive No. 3: Compilation, Release, and Evaluation of Principal Federal Economic Indicators. Timing of Public Comments by Employees of the Executive Branch**

**AGENCY:** Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation of comments.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Budget and Accounting Procedures Act of 1950 and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

(“the PRA”), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issues a request for comments on the continued relevance of one provision within *Statistical Policy Directive No. 3: Compilation, Release, and Evaluation of Principal Federal Economic Indicators* (50 FR 38932, Sep. 25, 1985) (“Directive No. 3”). Directive No. 3 remains a robust, comprehensive source of guidance for statistical series produced by Federal statistical agencies and recognized statistical units. The government and private sector widely watch and heavily rely upon those statistical series as indicators of the current condition and direction of the economy. The procedures in Directive No. 3, published in 1985, were designed to ensure equitable, policy-neutral, and timely release and dissemination of Principal Federal Economic Indicators (“PFEIs”). The goals of Directive No. 3 remain sound, and changing those overall goals is not the subject of this notice; however, advances in information dissemination technology lead OMB to seek comment on the continued relevance of the provision that prohibits employees of the Executive Branch from commenting publicly about the release of PFEIs until at least one hour following their release. For example, in addition to more traditional means of dissemination (e.g., newspaper or radio), agencies now disseminate their data releases to the public through the internet, including on their own websites, allowing instantaneous and equitable access to the releases. In particular, OMB seeks comment on whether advances in information dissemination technology since Directive No. 3’s issuance in 1985 could provide for meeting the goals of Directive No. 3 to ensure equitable, policy-neutral, and timely release and dissemination of PFEIs under a shorter time delay, including no time delay at all.

Additional discussion of the request for public comment may be found in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

**Electronic Availability:** This notice is available on the internet on the OMB website at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/>. **Federal Register** notices are also available electronically at <https://www.federalregister.gov/>.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration of comments on this Notice, they must be received no later than 60 days from the publication date of this notice. Because of delays in the receipt of regular mail related to security screening, respondents are encouraged to send comments electronically (see **ADDRESSES**, below).

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be addressed to: Nancy Potok, Chief Statistician, Office of Management and Budget, fax number (202) 395-7245. Email comments may be sent to [Statistical\\_Directives@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Statistical_Directives@omb.eop.gov), with the subject “Directive No. 3.” Alternatively, comments may be sent via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)—a Federal E-Government website that allows the public to find, review, and submit comments on documents that agencies have published in the **Federal Register** and that are open for comment. Simply type “OMB-2019-0001” (in quotes) in the Comment or Submission search box, click Go, and follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments received by the date specified above will be included as part of the official record.

Comments submitted in response to this notice may be made available to the public through relevant websites. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If you send an email comment, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket. Please note that responses to this public comment request containing any routine notice about the confidentiality of the communication will be treated as public comments that may be made available to