

B. Statistical Methods

1. Universe and Respondent Selection

This data collection will be a census of law enforcement aviation units from among agencies with 100 or more officers. No sampling is involved with this collection.

2. Procedures for Collecting Information

The census will be conducted initially by mailout. The address mailing list will be updated prior to mailout in order to maintain a current list of the respondents. Personal telephone interviews will be conducted for non-respondents.

3. Methods to Maximize Response

We will do everything possible to maximize response, including telephone facsimile transmission, telephone interviews, and on-site assistance. Response rates for prior BJS law enforcement surveys and censuses have typically been 95% and above.

4. Testing of Procedures

The census instrument has been pretested in three selected jurisdictions by individuals that will be receiving the final census instrument. Comments received as a result of that testing have been incorporated into the census instrument accompanying this ICR.

5. Contacts for Statistical Aspects and Data Collection

Person to contact for information on statistical methodology, conducting the survey, and analyzing the data:

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