

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1110-0005

AGE, SEX, AND RACE OF PERSONS ARRESTED UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE; AND AGE, SEX, AND RACE OF PERSONS ARRESTED 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER

A. Justification.

1. Necessity of Information Collection

In 1930, under Title 28, Section 534, U.S. Code, *Acquisition, Preservation, and Exchange of Identification Records; Appointment of Officials*, the FBI was designated by the Attorney General to acquire, collect, classify, and preserve national data on criminal offenses as part of the Uniform Crime Reports (UCR).

Forms 1-708a and 1-708, *Age, Sex, and Race of Persons Arrested Under 18 Years of Age*; and *Age, Sex, and Race of Persons Arrested 18 Years of Age and Over*, provides for the national UCR Program a record of the total number of persons arrested, cited, or summoned for criminal acts in all of the Part I and Part II crime classes and furnish basic data concerning the personal characteristics of persons arrested.

The FBI serves as the national clearinghouse for the collection and dissemination of arrest statistics and publishes these data in the annual publication *Crime in the United States (CIUS)* and presents age and race arrest rates in the *Age-Specific and Race-Specific* publication.

2. Needs and Uses

The 1-708a and 1-708 forms are utilized for law enforcement agencies to report arrest data to the FBI on hard copy. Arrest data serve as a valuable resource to city, county, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement agencies, as well as Academe, other government agencies, public, and media. Dissemination of the arrest data are provided in the annual publication *CIUS* or when requested, supplied on hard copy printout or magnetic media. These arrest data are of invaluable use for research and statistical analysis. Examples of agencies' uses are:

a. The FBI serves as the national clearinghouse for storage of all arrest statistics, therefore, these data are available upon request to any requester.

b. The Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), utilizes the UCR Program data in awarding local law enforcement formula grants.

c. Juvenile justice systems throughout the United States request arrest by age via computer printouts in an effort to determine what varying laws, restrictions, and arrest practices have on arrest rates and the involvement of juveniles in crime. Since the definition of juvenile varies from state to state, it is necessary to have age specific information.

d. Annual UCR data are provided to the Inter-University Consortium for Political and

Social Research. This central repository serves as a single facility from which colleges/universities can obtain social science data.

3. Use of Information Technology

Currently, 81 percent of participating law enforcement agencies submit forms 1-708a and 1-708 electronically. Electronic submissions are received via magnetic media and/or Law Enforcement Online, (LEO) e-mail ucrstat@leo.gov. The ability of agency participants (state UCR Programs) to transmit monthly data via the LEO has eliminated the need for participants to mail magnetic media or hard copy reports to the FBI. Recently the UCR Program made this form available as a pdf printable form on the Internet at www.fbi.gov/hq/cjisd/formssummary.htm

4. Efforts to Identify Duplication

This information collection was authorized in direct response to the enactment of Title 28, Section 534, U.S. Code. The FBI's UCR Program is the only agency collecting extensive data on persons arrested in the United States.

5. Minimizing Burden on Small Businesses

This information will have no significant impact on small entities. No small business will be affected by this collection.

6. Consequences of Not Conducting or less frequent Collection

In order to serve as the national repository for crime reporting and to produce a reliable dataset, the FBI collects monthly statistics on arrests that are reported by participating UCR Program contributors. There is an ever-increasing need for timely and accurate data dissemination by the FBI to assist our partners in law enforcement.

7. Special Circumstances

All summary and incident-based data are collected/received from the FBI's UCR Program participants on a monthly basis. The FBI's UCR Program has established various time frames and deadlines for acquiring the monthly data. Monthly reports/submissions should be received by the FBI by the seventh day after the close of each month. Annual deadlines are also designated in order to collect/assess receipt of monthly submissions. There are times when special circumstances may cause an agency to request an extension. The UCR Program has the authority to grant these extensions. Participation in the national UCR Program is voluntary.

8. Public Comments and Consultations

A 60 day federal register notice, Volume 73, Number 223, pages 68448-68449 was published on November 18, 2008, and a 30 day federal register notice, Volume 74, Number 17, pages 4976-4977 was published on January 28, 2009. No comments were received.

9. Provision of Payments or Gifts to Respondents

The FBI's UCR Program does not provide any payment or gift to respondents.

10. Assurance of Confidentiality

Forms 1-708a and 1-708 do not contain personal identifier information that may reveal the identity of an individual. The data is obtained from public agencies and are, therefore, in the public domain. We do not assure confidentiality.

11. Justification for Sensitive Questions

Forms 1-708a and 1-708 do not collect information of a sensitive nature.

12. Estimate of Respondent's Burden

The estimated cost of the respondent's burden for this data collection is as follows:

Number of respondents	17,738
Frequency of responses	12/year for 1-708 12/year for 1-708a
Total annual responses	425,712
Minutes per response	12 minutes for 1-708a 15 minutes for 1-708
Annual hour burden	95,785 hours

Burden Formula:

$$1-708a: 17,738 \text{ respondents} \times 12 \text{ responses/year} = 212,856 \text{ total annual responses}$$

$$\frac{212,856 \times 12 \text{ minutes}}{60 \text{ minutes (1 hour)}} = 42,571 \text{ total annual hour burden}$$

$$1-708: 17,738 \text{ respondents} \times 12 \text{ responses/year} = 212,856 \text{ total annual responses}$$

$$\frac{212,856 \times 15 \text{ minutes}}{60 \text{ minutes (1 hour)}} = 53,214 \text{ total annual hour burden}$$

$$\text{Total annual responses: } 212,856 + 212,856 = 425,712$$

Total annual hour burden: $42,571 + 53,214 = 95,785$

13. Estimate of Cost Burden

There are no direct costs to law enforcement to participate in the UCR Program other than their time to respond. With the renewal of this form, there are no revisions of a technical nature; therefore, respondents are not expected to incur any capital, start-up, or system maintenance costs associated with this information collection.

14. Cost to Federal Government

It is difficult to estimate the annual cost to the federal government under the clearance request. The following are generalized projections based upon prior collection activity as well as activities anticipated over the next 3 years.

The estimated cost to the federal government for this data collection is based on a detailed cost projection provided by CJIS Financial Management Unit.

Preliminary 6/12 month reports	\$16,192
Crime in the United States	\$116,745
Manuals	\$13,821
Special studies	\$168,062
Data requests	\$17,846
APB services	\$36,472
Press Releases	\$710
State program bulletins	\$5,363
Audit Reports	\$39,461
Summary/NIBRS data collection	\$74,234
Summary/NIBRS	\$60,140
Training materials	\$14,349
Training	\$56,016
UCR Program Development	\$15,880
Total cost to federal government	\$635,291

15. Reason for Change in Burden

There is no increase in burden on the individual respondents; however, the overall annual burden hours have increased from 94,495 to 95,785, which is an increase of 1,290 burden hours and is attributed to the increase in the number of respondents.

16. Anticipated Publication Plan and Schedule

Published data are derived from data submissions furnished to the FBI from local, county, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement agencies throughout the country. National, regional, and state data are published in the annual edition of *CIUS* as well as the periodic release of *Age Specific Arrest Rates and Race Specific Arrest Rates*.

Request for missing Jan-Jun arrest data	August and September
Request for missing 12 month arrest data	February and March, following year
Deadline to submit data	mid-March
Data Processing/Analysis	July-May
Publication of data	October of following year/ <i>CIUS</i>

17. Display of Expiration Date

The UCR Program will display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection.

18. Exception to the Certification Statement

The FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Division does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection.

B. STATISTICAL METHODS:

Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods. The Criminal Justice Information Services Division does not employ statistical methods when collecting this information.