

G. Communications with respondents

1. Survey Screener

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2. Survey Invitation



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Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Office of the Administrator

Washington, D.C. 20531

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Data collection for the CJP has begun. Please submit the following data by May 31, 2013.

Section 1: The total number of juveniles under formal probation on October 24, 2012

Section 2: Characteristics (gender, race, offense, etc.) of juveniles under formal probation on October 24, 2012

OJJDP believes that online submission of the data is the most efficient method of transmission; however, Westat is prepared to assist you with any of the following submission methods:

Section 1

- Online survey form with secure log-in
- Electronic survey form submitted via email
- Paper survey form submitted via postal mail or fax

Section 2

- Online survey form with secure log-in
- Formatted file (e.g., Excel) that may be submitted via upload to a secure FTP site, email, postal mail or fax
- Complete "data dump" or extract of automated records via upload to a secure FTP site
- Paper survey form submitted via postal mail, or fax
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To access the survey, please go to this link and enter in your agency ID and password:

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