

## Appendix A: Script for Telephone Survey on Citizenship Data<sup>1</sup>

**Intro:** I would now like to ask you a few questions about your ability to report the number of non-U.S. citizens held in your facilities. BJS is collecting this information from a selected group of jails across the United States to find the best way to accurately count non-U.S. citizen inmates in local jails. Please note that BJS is interested specifically in current U.S. citizenship status, not immigrant status or place of birth.

<b>Q1</b>	<b>First, do you record if an inmate is a U.S. citizen?</b>		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes → <b>Q2</b>	<input type="radio"/> No → <b>Q1a</b>	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know → <b>End</b>

<b>Q1a</b>	<b>Why does your agency not record this information?</b>
	<i>[open-ended response]</i>

↳ **End after question**

<b>Q2</b>	<b>I'm going to read a few methods for determining if an inmate is a U.S. citizen. Please indicate yes if this is a method you use at your agency. (You may answer "yes" to more than one method.)</b>		
	Asking the inmate if he or she is a U.S. citizen.		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know
	Using available law enforcement or court documents that accompany the inmate upon admission to jail.		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know
	Using external sources, such as from the Department of Homeland Security or the Social Security Administration.		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know
	Are there any other methods that you use to determine if an inmate is a U.S. citizen?		
<input type="radio"/> Yes <i>[open-ended response]</i>	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know	

<b>Q3</b>	<b>Are you able to generate a one-day count of non-U.S. citizens confined in your facilities?</b>		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes → <b>Q4</b>	<input type="radio"/> No → <b>Q3a</b>	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know → <b>Q4</b>

<b>Q3 a</b>	<b>I'm going to read a few reasons why you may not be able to generate this count. Please indicate yes if this reason applies. (You may answer "yes" to more than one reason.)</b>		
	Data system limitations		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know
	Burden, or high level of effort needed by staff		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know
	Jail policy that forbids providing this information		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know

<sup>1</sup> This telephone survey will be administered to a sample of 450 jails during the Deaths in Custody Reporting Program-Jails (DCRP-Jails) verification calls, planned for November 2017. Before each DCRP collection, the data collection agent makes calls to jail respondents (about 3,000) to notify them of the upcoming data collection and verify jail operational status and respondent information. The questions on citizenship data will be asked towards the end of the verification call.

Legal restrictions		
<input type="radio"/> Yes (Please cite)	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know
Are there other reasons you could not generate this count?		
<input type="radio"/> Yes [open-ended response]	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know

↳ End after question

<b>Q4</b>	<b>More specifically, are you able to generate a one-day count of non-U.S. citizens by conviction status, such as convicted and unconvicted?</b>		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes → Q5	<input type="radio"/> No → Q4a	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know → Q5

<b>Q4 a</b>	<b>I'm going to read a few reasons why you may not be able to generate this count. Please indicate yes if this reason applies. (You may answer "yes" to more than one reason.)</b>		
	Data system limitations		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know
	Burden, or high level of effort needed by staff		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know
	Jail policy that forbids providing this information		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know
	Legal restrictions		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes (Please cite)	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know
	Are there other reasons you would not provide this data?		
<input type="radio"/> Yes [open-ended response]	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know	

↳ Go to Q6

<b>Q5</b>	<b>I'd like to ask you about more specific categories of conviction status. Are you able to generate a one-day count of non-U.S. citizens who are:</b>		
	Convicted but unsentenced or awaiting sentencing?		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know
	Convicted and sentenced?		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know
	Unconvicted and awaiting arraignment?		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know
	Unconvicted and awaiting trial after arraignment?		
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know	
Awaiting transfer/hold for other authorities?			
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know	

<b>Q6</b>	<b>If BJS were to ask your agency to provide a one-day count of non-U.S. citizens in its annual survey, would you provide it?</b>		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes → End	<input type="radio"/> No → Q6a	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know → End

Q6a	I'm going to read a few reasons why you might choose not to provide this count. Please indicate yes if this reason applies. (You may answer "yes" to more than one reason.)		
	Burden, or high level of effort needed by staff		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know
	Jail policy that forbids providing this information		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know
	Legal restrictions		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes (Please cite)	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know
	Are there other reasons you would not provide this data?		
<input type="radio"/> Yes [open-ended response]	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't Know	

↳ End after question

End

**End:** Thank you for your help.

Interviewer proceeds to next DCRP verification screen.