

Dear [respondent's name]:

As a part of a continuing effort to expand and enhance the utility of the National Corrections Reporting Program (NCRP), the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) has recently received approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB, Clearance # 1121-0339) to investigate the inclusion of inmates' U.S. citizenship status, country of birth, and country of current citizenship in NCRP data submissions. Collection of these data as part of NCRP would enable BJS to inform policy makers and other stakeholders on an important group of individuals engaged in the United States' correctional systems. We understand that there may be data quality, legal, and other challenges to providing reliable information on U.S. citizenship status, country of birth, and country of current citizenship.

We have developed a brief telephone survey to capture information about the feasibility of collecting these data, the quality of the data, and the process specific to your state by which BJS could request these data as part of our annual NCRP collection. Abt Associates, the NCRP data collection agent for BJS, will be calling you in the next week to set up a time to conduct a telephone interview.

The questions of interest are attached to this email. You may need to gather information ahead of time, so please review these questions before your interview.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me. We very much appreciate your assistance with this effort, and thank you for your participation in NCRP.

Sincerely,
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