

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
NEW SURVEY
CRIME DATA EXPLORER FEEDBACK SURVEY**

A. Justification

1. Necessity of Information Collection

For more than eight decades, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program has been the primary source of information on crime in the nation. While early crime data collection and publication was intended to be used as a strategic planning tool for law enforcement, UCR has evolved to meet the statistical needs of various users from all over the world.

UCR reports have evolved, expanded, and improved to meet the needs of a changing nation. New technology has given way to a timelier, more cost efficient means to publish crime data voluntarily submitted to the FBI. Recently, the UCR Program developed the Crime Data Explorer (CDE), a web-based platform for use by law enforcement, academia, and the general public to search, view, chart, and export national crime data. As the development of CDE progresses, the UCR Program will continually gather feedback on CDE functionality in order to make improvements to the application. To achieve this, the UCR Program will offer a short and voluntary CDE Feedback Survey.

2. Needs and Uses:

CDE is the result of the FBI's efforts to increase availability and accessibility of crime data to the general public and law enforcement agencies. The UCR Program will use survey responses to: (1) identify new developmental CDE requirements; (2) assist in identifying CDE issues and discrepancies from the general user standpoint; and (3) identify CDE key users in order to build future features and enhancements to meet their specific needs. This will enable the Program to institute improvements and meet the needs of data users.

3. Use of Technology

CDE is available at <crime-data-explorer.fr.cloud.gov>. The voluntary survey will reside on the UCR Webpage on <FBI.gov>. There will be a link to the survey on the CDE Homepage for users wishing to provide feedback. The information gathered from the surveys will be used to improve the CDE's utility.

4. Efforts to Identify Duplication

CDE is the first application of its kind; therefore, no similar information is available from other sources.

5. Minimizing Burden on Small Entities

The information requested within the survey will have no significant impact on small entities and small businesses will not be affected by this collection.

6. Consequences of Not Conducting or Less Frequent Collection

Without feedback, the UCR Program will not have the pertinent information required to adjust the capabilities of CDE to meet user needs.

7. Special Circumstances

There are no special circumstances associated with this voluntary feedback survey.

8. Public Comments and Consultations

The 60 and 30-day notices have been submitted and no public comments were received.

9. Provision of Payments or Gifts to Respondents

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

10. Assurance of Confidentiality

The CDE Feedback Survey does not contain personally identifiable information which may reveal the identity of an individual. Data is obtained from public agencies and, therefore, are in the public domain. The UCR Program does not assure confidentiality.

11. Justification for Sensitive Questions

The CDE Feedback Survey does not collect information of a sensitive nature.

12. Estimate of Respondent's Burden

As this feedback survey is voluntary, it is difficult to determine the number of annual respondents. The estimated time to complete this ten question survey is 2.5 minutes; therefore, the burden would be minimal. Again, this survey is to gather feedback for improving the functionality of CDE.

13. Estimate of Cost Burden

There are no costs anticipated with this survey.

14. Cost to Federal Government

It is very difficult to anticipate the actual number of participants who will complete this ten question survey over the next 3-year period. Without this information, it is not possible to estimate in advance the cost of this review to the federal government. Costs associated with reviewing these surveys will come from the CDE budget.

15. Reason for Change in Burden

Not applicable. This is a new collection.

16. Project Schedule and Analysis Plans

This survey will be used to identify: (1) additional requirements throughout the development stage; (2) issues and discrepancies from the general user standpoint; and (3) the key users in order to build additional features and enhancement to meet their specific needs. The results will be tracked by the Crime Statistics Management Unit's Program Development Group and shared with the development team for improving the CDE's functionality. Due to the nature of this survey, there is no definite or tentative time schedule. UCR expects work to be reviewed continuously over the next three years.

17. Request to Not Display Expiration Date

No exemption is requested.

18. Exceptions to the Certification

The FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division does not request an exception to the certification.