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CHAPTER 101—JUSTICE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

SUBCHAPTER III—BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS**§10131. Statement of purpose**

It is the purpose of this subchapter to provide for and encourage the collection and analysis of statistical information concerning crime, juvenile delinquency, and the operation of the criminal justice system and related aspects of the civil justice system and to support the development of information and statistical systems at the Federal, State, and local levels to improve the efforts of these levels of government to measure and understand the levels of crime, juvenile delinquency, and the operation of the criminal justice system and related aspects of the civil justice system. The Bureau shall utilize to the maximum extent feasible State governmental organizations and facilities responsible for the collection and analysis of criminal justice data and statistics. In carrying out the provisions of this subchapter, the Bureau shall give primary emphasis to the problems of State and local justice systems.

(Pub. L. 90–351, title I, §301, as added Pub. L. 96–157, §2, Dec. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 1176; amended Pub. L. 98–473, title II, §605(a), Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2079.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 3731 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 301 of Pub. L. 90–351, title I, June 19, 1968, 82 Stat. 199; Pub. L. 91–644, title I, §4(1)–(4), Jan. 2, 1971, 84 Stat. 1882; Pub. L. 93–83, §2, Aug. 6, 1973, 87 Stat. 199; Pub. L. 94–503, title I, §§109, 128(b), Oct. 15, 1976, 90 Stat. 2411, 2424, related to purposes and categories of grants for law enforcement and criminal justice purposes, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 96–157.

AMENDMENTS

1984—Pub. L. 98–473 struck out "(including white-collar crime and public corruption)" after "information concerning crime" and "(including crimes against the elderly, white-collar crime, and public corruption)" after "levels of crime".

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98–473 effective Oct. 12, 1984, see section 609AA(a) of Pub. L. 98–473, set out as an Effective Date note under section 10101 of this title.

§10132. Bureau of Justice Statistics**(a) Establishment**

There is established within the Department of Justice, under the general authority of the Attorney General, a Bureau of Justice Statistics (hereinafter referred to in this subchapter as "Bureau").

(b) Appointment of Director; experience; authority; restrictions

The Bureau shall be headed by a Director appointed by the President. The Director shall have had experience in statistical programs. The Director shall have final authority for all grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts awarded by the Bureau. The Director shall be responsible for the integrity of data and statistics and shall protect against improper or illegal use or disclosure. The Director shall report to the Attorney General through the Assistant Attorney General. The Director shall not engage in any other employment than that of serving as Director; nor shall the Director hold any office in, or act in any capacity for, any organization, agency, or institution with which the Bureau makes any contract or other arrangement under this Act.

(c) Duties and functions of Bureau

The Bureau is authorized to—

- (1) make grants to, or enter into cooperative agreements or contracts with public agencies, institutions of higher education, private organizations, or private individuals for purposes related to this subchapter; grants shall be made subject to continuing compliance with standards for gathering justice statistics set forth in rules and regulations promulgated by the Director;
- (2) collect and analyze information concerning criminal victimization, including crimes against the elderly, and civil disputes;
- (3) collect and analyze data that will serve as a continuous and comparable national social indication of the prevalence, incidence, rates, extent, distribution, and attributes of crime, juvenile delinquency, civil disputes, and other statistical factors related to crime, civil disputes, and juvenile delinquency, in support of national, State, tribal, and local justice policy and decisionmaking;
- (4) collect and analyze statistical information, concerning the operations of the criminal justice system at the Federal, State, tribal, and local levels;
- (5) collect and analyze statistical information concerning the prevalence, incidence, rates, extent, distribution, and attributes of crime, and juvenile delinquency, at the Federal, State, tribal, and local levels;
- (6) analyze the correlates of crime, civil disputes and juvenile delinquency, by the use of statistical information, about criminal and civil justice systems at the Federal, State, tribal, and local levels, and about the extent, distribution and attributes of crime, and juvenile delinquency, in the Nation and at the Federal, State, tribal, and local levels;
- (7) compile, collate, analyze, publish, and disseminate uniform national statistics concerning all aspects of criminal justice and related aspects of civil justice, crime, including crimes against the elderly, juvenile delinquency, criminal offenders, juvenile delinquents, and civil disputes in the various States and in Indian country;
- (8) recommend national standards for justice statistics and for insuring the reliability and validity of justice statistics supplied pursuant to this chapter;
- (9) maintain liaison with the judicial branches of the Federal Government and State and tribal governments in matters relating to justice statistics, and cooperate with the judicial branch in assuring as much uniformity as feasible in statistical systems of the executive and judicial branches;
- (10) provide information to the President, the Congress, the judiciary, State, tribal, and local governments, and the general public on justice statistics;
- (11) establish or assist in the establishment of a system to provide State, tribal, and local governments with access to Federal informational resources useful in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs under this Act;
- (12) conduct or support research relating to methods of gathering or analyzing justice statistics;
- (13) provide for the development of justice information systems programs and assistance to the States, Indian tribes, and units of local government relating to collection, analysis, or dissemination of justice statistics;
- (14) develop and maintain a data processing capability to support the collection, aggregation, analysis and dissemination of information on the incidence of crime and the operation of the criminal justice system;
- (15) collect, analyze and disseminate comprehensive Federal justice transaction statistics (including statistics on issues of Federal justice interest such as public fraud and high technology crime) and to provide technical assistance to and work jointly with other Federal agencies to improve the availability and quality of Federal justice data;
- (16) provide for the collection, compilation, analysis, publication and dissemination of information and statistics about the prevalence, incidence, rates, extent, distribution and attributes of drug offenses, drug related offenses and drug dependent offenders and further provide for the establishment of a national clearinghouse to maintain and update a comprehensive and timely data base on all criminal justice aspects of the drug crisis and to disseminate such information;
- (17) provide for the collection, analysis, dissemination and publication of statistics on the condition and progress of drug control activities at the Federal, State, tribal, and local levels with particular attention to programs and intervention efforts demonstrated to be of value in the overall national anti-drug strategy and to provide for the establishment of a national clearinghouse for the gathering of data generated by Federal, State, tribal, and local criminal justice agencies on their drug enforcement activities;
- (18) provide for the development and enhancement of State, tribal, and local criminal justice information systems, and the standardization of data reporting relating to the collection, analysis or dissemination of data and statistics about drug offenses, drug related offenses, or drug dependent offenders;
- (19) provide for improvements in the accuracy, quality, timeliness, immediate accessibility, and integration of State and tribal criminal history and related records, support the development and enhancement of national systems of criminal history and related records including the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, the National Incident-Based Reporting System, and the records of the National Crime Information Center, facilitate State and tribal participation in national records and information systems, and support statistical research for critical analysis of the improvement and utilization of criminal history records;
- (20) maintain liaison with State, tribal, and local governments and governments of other nations concerning justice statistics;
- (21) cooperate in and participate with national and international organizations in the development of uniform justice statistics;
- (22) ensure conformance with security and privacy requirement of section 10231 of this title and identify, analyze, and participate in the development and implementation of privacy, security and information policies which impact on Federal, tribal, and State criminal justice operations and related statistical activities; and

(23) exercise the powers and functions set out in subchapter VII.

(d) Justice statistical collection, analysis, and dissemination

(1) In general

To ensure that all justice statistical collection, analysis, and dissemination is carried out in a coordinated manner, the Director is authorized to—

- (A) utilize, with their consent, the services, equipment, records, personnel, information, and facilities of other Federal, State, local, and private agencies and instrumentalities with or without reimbursement therefor, and to enter into agreements with such agencies and instrumentalities for purposes of data collection and analysis;
- (B) confer and cooperate with State, municipal, and other local agencies;
- (C) request such information, data, and reports from any Federal agency as may be required to carry out the purposes of this chapter;
- (D) seek the cooperation of the judicial branch of the Federal Government in gathering data from criminal justice records;
- (E) encourage replication, coordination and sharing among justice agencies regarding information systems, information policy, and data; and
- (F) confer and cooperate with Federal statistical agencies as needed to carry out the purposes of this subchapter, including by entering into cooperative data sharing agreements in conformity with all laws and regulations applicable to the disclosure and use of data.

(2) Consultation with Indian tribes

The Director, acting jointly with the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs (acting through the Office of Justice Services) and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, shall work with Indian tribes and tribal law enforcement agencies to establish and implement such tribal data collection systems as the Director determines to be necessary to achieve the purposes of this section.

(e) Furnishing of information, data, or reports by Federal agencies

Federal agencies requested to furnish information, data, or reports pursuant to subsection (d)(1)(C) shall provide such information to the Bureau as is required to carry out the purposes of this section.

(f) Consultation with representatives of State, tribal, and local government and judiciary

In recommending standards for gathering justice statistics under this section, the Director shall consult with representatives of State, tribal, and local government, including, where appropriate, representatives of the judiciary.

(g) Reports

Not later than 1 year after July 29, 2010, and annually thereafter, the Director shall submit to Congress a report describing the data collected and analyzed under this section relating to crimes in Indian country.

(Pub. L. 90–351, title I, §302, as added Pub. L. 96–157, §2, Dec. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 1176; amended Pub. L. 98–473, title II, §605(b), Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2079; Pub. L. 100–690, title VI, §6092(a), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4339; Pub. L. 103–322, title XXXIII, §330001(h)(2), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2139; Pub. L. 109–162, title XI, §1115(a), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 3103; Pub. L. 111–211, title II, §251(b), July 29, 2010, 124 Stat. 2297; Pub. L. 112–166, §2(h)(1), Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1285.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsecs. (b) and (c)(11), is Pub. L. 90–351, [June 19, 1968](#), 82 Stat. 197, known as the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1968 Act note set out under section 10101 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 3732 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 302 of Pub. L. 90–351, [title I, June 19, 1968](#), 82 Stat. 200; Pub. L. 93–83, [§2, Aug. 6, 1973](#), 87 Stat. 201; Pub. L. 94–503, [title I, §110, Oct. 15, 1976](#), 90 Stat. 2412, related to establishment of State planning agencies to develop comprehensive State plans for grants for law enforcement and criminal justice purposes, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 96–157.

AMENDMENTS

2012—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 112–166 struck out ", by and with the advice and consent of the Senate" before period at end of first sentence.

2010—Subsec. (c)(3) to (6). Pub. L. 111–211, §251(b)(1)(A), inserted "tribal," after "State," wherever appearing.

Subsec. (c)(7). Pub. L. 111–211, §251(b)(1)(B), inserted "and in Indian country" after "States".

Subsec. (c)(9). Pub. L. 111–211, §251(b)(1)(C), substituted "Federal Government and State and tribal governments" for "Federal and State Governments".

Subsec. (c)(10), (11). Pub. L. 111–211, §251(b)(1)(D), inserted ", tribal," after "State".

Subsec. (c)(13). Pub. L. 111–211, §251(b)(1)(E), inserted ", Indian tribes," after "States".

Subsec. (c)(17). Pub. L. 111–211, §251(b)(1)(F), substituted "activities at the Federal, State, tribal, and local" for "activities at the Federal, State and local" and "generated by Federal, State, tribal, and local" for "generated by Federal, State, and local".

Subsec. (c)(18). Pub. L. 111–211, §251(b)(1)(G), substituted "State, tribal, and local" for "State and local".

Subsec. (c)(19). Pub. L. 111–211, §251(b)(1)(H), inserted "and tribal" after "State" in two places.

Subsec. (c)(20). Pub. L. 111–211, §251(b)(1)(I), inserted ", tribal," after "State".

Subsec. (c)(22). Pub. L. 111–211, §251(b)(1)(J), inserted ", tribal," after "Federal".

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 111–211, §251(b)(2), designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted par. (1) heading, substituted "To ensure" for "To insure", redesignated former pars. (1) to (6) as subpars. (A) to (F), respectively, of par. (1), realigned margins, and added par. (2).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 111–211, §251(b)(3), substituted "subsection (d)(1)(C)" for "subsection (d)(3)".

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 111–211, §251(b)(4)(B), inserted ", tribal," after "State".

Pub. L. 111–211, §251(b)(4)(A), which directed insertion of ", tribal," after "State" in heading, was executed editorially but could not be executed in original because heading had been editorially supplied.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 111–211, §251(b)(5), added subsec. (g).

2006—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109–162, §1115(a)(1), inserted after third sentence "The Director shall be responsible for the integrity of data and statistics and shall protect against improper or illegal use or disclosure."

Subsec. (c)(19). Pub. L. 109–162, §1115(a)(2), amended par. (19) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (19) read as follows: "provide for research and improvements in the accuracy, completeness, and inclusiveness of criminal history record information, information systems, arrest warrant, and stolen vehicle record information and information systems and support research concerning the accuracy, completeness, and inclusiveness of other criminal justice record information;".

Subsec. (d)(6). Pub. L. 109–162, §1115(a)(3), added par. (6).

1994—Subsec. (c)(19). Pub. L. 103–322 substituted a semicolon for period at end.

1988—Subsec. (c)(16) to (23). Pub. L. 100–690 added pars. (16) to (19) and redesignated former pars. (16) to (19) as (20) to (23), respectively.

1984—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 98–473, §605(b)(1), inserted provision requiring Director to report to Attorney General through Assistant Attorney General.

Subsec. (c)(13). Pub. L. 98–473, §605(b)(2)(A), (C), added par. (13) and struck out former par. (13) relating to provision of financial and technical assistance to States and units of local government relating to collection, analysis, or dissemination of justice statistics.

Subsec. (c)(14), (15). Pub. L. 98–473, §605(b)(2)(C), added pars. (14) and (15). Former pars. (14) and (15) redesignated (16) and (17), respectively.

Subsec. (c)(16). Pub. L. 98–473, §605(b)(2)(A), (B), redesignated par. (14) as (16) and struck out former par. (16) relating to insuring conformance with security and privacy regulations issued under section 10231 of this title.

Subsec. (c)(17). Pub. L. 98–473, §605(b)(2)(B), redesignated par. (15) as (17). Former par. (17) redesignated (19).

Subsec. (c)(18). Pub. L. 98–473, §605(b)(2)(D), added par. (18).

Subsec. (c)(19). Pub. L. 98–473, §605(b)(2)(B), redesignated former par. (17) as (19).

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 98–473, §605(b)(3)(A), inserted ", and to enter into agreements with such agencies and instrumentalities for purposes of data collection and analysis".

Subsec. (d)(5). Pub. L. 98–473, §605(b)(3)(B)–(D), added par. (5).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2012 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112–166 effective 60 days after Aug. 10, 2012, and applicable to appointments made on and after that effective date, including any nomination pending in the Senate on that date, see section 6(a) of Pub. L. 112–166, set out as a note under section 113 of Title 6, Domestic Security.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98–473 effective Oct. 12, 1984, see section 609AA(a) of Pub. L. 98–473, set out as an Effective Date note under section 10101 of this title.

CONSTRUCTION OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 111–211, [title II, §251\(c\)](#), [July 29, 2010](#), 124 Stat. 2298, provided that: "Nothing in this section [amending this section and section 41507 of this title] or any amendment made by this section—

"(1) allows the grant to be made to, or used by, an entity for law enforcement activities that the entity lacks jurisdiction to perform; or

"(2) has any effect other than to authorize, award, or deny a grant of funds to a federally recognized Indian tribe for the purposes described in the relevant grant program."

[For definition of "Indian tribe" as used in section 251(c) of Pub. L. 111–211, set out above, see section 203(a) of Pub. L. 111–211, set out as a note under section 2801 of Title 25, Indians.]

DATA COLLECTION

Pub. L. 115–391, [title VI, §610](#), [Dec. 21, 2018](#), 132 Stat. 5245, provided that:

"(a) NATIONAL PRISONER STATISTICS PROGRAM.—Beginning not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 21, 2018], and annually thereafter, pursuant to the authority under section 302 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3732) [now 34 U.S.C. 10132], the Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, with information that shall be provided by the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, shall include in the National Prisoner Statistics Program the following:

"(1) The number of prisoners (as such term is defined in section 3635 of title 18, United States Code, as added by section 101(a) of this Act) who are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States.

"(2) The number of prisoners who have been placed in solitary confinement at any time during the previous year.

"(3) The number of female prisoners known by the Bureau of Prisons to be pregnant, as well as the outcomes of such pregnancies, including information on pregnancies that result in live birth, stillbirth, miscarriage, abortion, ectopic pregnancy, maternal death, neonatal death, and preterm birth.

"(4) The number of prisoners who volunteered to participate in a substance abuse treatment program, and the number of prisoners who have participated in such a program.

"(5) The number of prisoners provided medication-assisted treatment with medication approved by the Food and Drug Administration while in custody in order to treat substance use disorder.

"(6) The number of prisoners who were receiving medication-assisted treatment with medication approved by the Food and Drug Administration prior to the commencement of their term of imprisonment.

"(7) The number of prisoners who are the parent or guardian of a minor child.

"(8) The number of prisoners who are single, married, or otherwise in a committed relationship.

"(9) The number of prisoners who have not achieved a GED, high school diploma, or equivalent prior to entering prison.

"(10) The number of prisoners who, during the previous year, received their GED or other equivalent certificate while incarcerated.

"(11) The numbers of prisoners for whom English is a second language.

"(12) The number of incidents, during the previous year, in which restraints were used on a female prisoner during pregnancy, labor, or postpartum recovery, as well as information relating to the type of restraints used, and the circumstances under which each incident occurred.

"(13) The vacancy rate for medical and healthcare staff positions, and average length of such a vacancy.

"(14) The number of facilities that operated, at any time during the previous year, without at least 1 clinical nurse, certified paramedic, or licensed physician on site.

"(15) The number of facilities that during the previous year were accredited by the American Correctional Association.

"(16) The number and type of recidivism reduction partnerships described in section 3621(h)(5) of title 18, United States Code, as added by section 102(a) of this Act, entered into by each facility.

"(17) The number of facilities with remote learning capabilities.

"(18) The number of facilities that offer prisoners video conferencing.

"(19) Any changes in costs related to legal phone calls and visits following implementation of section 3632(d)(1) of title 18, United States Code, as added by section 101(a) of this Act.

"(20) The number of aliens in prison during the previous year.

"(21) For each Bureau of Prisons facility, the total number of violations that resulted in reductions in rewards, incentives, or time credits, the number of such violations for each category of violation, and the demographic breakdown of the prisoners who have received such reductions.

"(22) The number of assaults on Bureau of Prisons staff by prisoners and the number of criminal prosecutions of prisoners for assaulting Bureau of Prisons staff.

"(23) The capacity of each recidivism reduction program and productive activity to accommodate eligible inmates at each Bureau of Prisons facility.

"(24) The number of volunteers who were certified to volunteer in a Bureau of Prisons facility, broken down by level (level I and level II), and by each Bureau of Prisons facility.

"(25) The number of prisoners enrolled in recidivism reduction programs and productive activities at each Bureau of Prisons facility, broken down by risk level and by program, and the number of those enrolled prisoners who successfully completed each program.

"(26) The breakdown of prisoners classified at each risk level by demographic characteristics, including age, sex, race, and the length of the sentence imposed.

"(b) REPORT TO JUDICIARY COMMITTEES.—Beginning not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 21, 2018], and annually thereafter for a period of 7 years, the Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics shall submit a report containing the information described in paragraphs (1) through (26) of subsection (a) to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives."

INCLUSION OF HONOR VIOLENCE IN NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMIZATION SURVEY

Pub. L. 113–235, div. B, title II, Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2191, provided in part: "That beginning not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act [div. B of Pub. L. 113–235, Dec. 16, 2014], as part of each National Crime Victimization Survey, the Attorney General shall include statistics relating to honor violence".

STUDY OF CRIMES AGAINST SENIORS

Pub. L. 106–534, §5, Nov. 22, 2000, 114 Stat. 2557, provided that:

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall conduct a study relating to crimes against seniors, in order to assist in developing new strategies to prevent and otherwise reduce the incidence of those crimes.

"(b) ISSUES ADDRESSED.—The study conducted under this section shall include an analysis of—

"(1) the nature and type of crimes perpetrated against seniors, with special focus on—

"(A) the most common types of crimes that affect seniors;

"(B) the nature and extent of telemarketing, sweepstakes, and repair fraud against seniors;

and

"(C) the nature and extent of financial and material fraud targeted at seniors;

"(2) the risk factors associated with seniors who have been victimized;

"(3) the manner in which the Federal and State criminal justice systems respond to crimes against seniors;

"(4) the feasibility of States establishing and maintaining a centralized computer database on the incidence of crimes against seniors that will promote the uniform identification and reporting of such crimes;

"(5) the effectiveness of damage awards in court actions and other means by which seniors receive reimbursement and other damages after fraud has been established; and

"(6) other effective ways to prevent or reduce the occurrence of crimes against seniors."

INCLUSION OF SENIORS IN NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMIZATION SURVEY

Pub. L. 106–534, §6, Nov. 22, 2000, 114 Stat. 2557, provided that: "Beginning not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 22, 2000], as part of each National Crime Victimization Survey, the Attorney General shall include statistics relating to—

"(1) crimes targeting or disproportionately affecting seniors;

"(2) crime risk factors for seniors, including the times and locations at which crimes victimizing seniors are most likely to occur; and

"(3) specific characteristics of the victims of crimes who are seniors, including age, gender, race or ethnicity, and socioeconomic status."

CRIME VICTIMS WITH DISABILITIES AWARENESS

Pub. L. 105–301, Oct. 27, 1998, 112 Stat. 2838, as amended by Pub. L. 106–402, title IV, §401(b)(10), Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1739, provided that:

"SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

"This Act may be cited as the 'Crime Victims With Disabilities Awareness Act'.

"SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSES.

"(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

"(1) although research conducted abroad demonstrates that individuals with developmental disabilities are at a 4 to 10 times higher risk of becoming crime victims than those without disabilities,

there have been no significant studies on this subject conducted in the United States;

"(2) in fact, the National Crime Victim's Survey, conducted annually by the Bureau of Justice Statistics of the Department of Justice, does not specifically collect data relating to crimes against individuals with developmental disabilities;

"(3) studies in Canada, Australia, and Great Britain consistently show that victims with developmental disabilities suffer repeated victimization because so few of the crimes against them are reported, and even when they are, there is sometimes a reluctance by police, prosecutors, and judges to rely on the testimony of a disabled individual, making individuals with developmental disabilities a target for criminal predators;

"(4) research in the United States needs to be done to—

"(A) understand the nature and extent of crimes against individuals with developmental disabilities;

"(B) describe the manner in which the justice system responds to crimes against individuals with developmental disabilities; and

"(C) identify programs, policies, or laws that hold promises for making the justice system more responsive to crimes against individuals with developmental disabilities; and

"(5) the National Academy of Science Committee on Law and Justice of the National Research Council is a premier research institution with unique experience in developing seminal, multidisciplinary studies to establish a strong research base from which to make public policy.

"(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

"(1) to increase public awareness of the plight of victims of crime who are individuals with developmental disabilities;

"(2) to collect data to measure the extent of the problem of crimes against individuals with developmental disabilities; and

"(3) to develop a basis to find new strategies to address the safety and justice needs of victims of crime who are individuals with developmental disabilities.

"SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY.

"In this Act, the term 'developmental disability' has the meaning given the term in section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 [42 U.S.C. 15002].

"SEC. 4. STUDY.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall conduct a study to increase knowledge and information about crimes against individuals with developmental disabilities that will be useful in developing new strategies to reduce the incidence of crimes against those individuals.

"(b) ISSUES ADDRESSED.—The study conducted under this section shall address such issues as—

"(1) the nature and extent of crimes against individuals with developmental disabilities;

"(2) the risk factors associated with victimization of individuals with developmental disabilities;

"(3) the manner in which the justice system responds to crimes against individuals with developmental disabilities; and

"(4) the means by which States may establish and maintain a centralized computer database on the incidence of crimes against individuals with disabilities within a State.

"(c) NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.—In carrying out this section, the Attorney General shall consider contracting with the Committee on Law and Justice of the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences to provide research for the study conducted under this section.

"(d) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 27, 1998], the Attorney General shall submit to the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report describing the results of the study conducted under this section.

"SEC. 5. NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM'S SURVEY.

"Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, as part of each National Crime Victim's Survey, the Attorney General shall include statistics relating to—

"(1) the nature of crimes against individuals with developmental disabilities; and

"(2) the specific characteristics of the victims of those crimes."

§10133. Authority for 100 per centum grants

A grant authorized under this subchapter may be up to 100 per centum of the total cost of each project for which such grant is made. The Bureau shall require, whenever feasible as a condition of approval of a grant under this subchapter, that the recipient contribute money, facilities, or services to carry out the purposes for which the grant is sought.

(Pub. L. 90–351, title I, §303, as added Pub. L. 96–157, §2, Dec. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 1178.)

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§10134. Use of data

Data collected by the Bureau shall be used only for statistical or research purposes, and shall be gathered in a manner that precludes their use for law enforcement or any purpose relating to a private person or public agency other than statistical or research purposes.

(Pub. L. 90–351, title I, §304, formerly §305, as added Pub. L. 96–157, §2, Dec. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 1179; renumbered §304, Pub. L. 98–473, title II, §605(d), Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2080; amended Pub. L. 109–162, title XI, §1115(b), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 3104.)

CODIFICATION


Section was formerly classified to section 3735 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 304 of Pub. L. 90–351, as added by Pub. L. 96–157, was classified to section 3734 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 98–473, title II, §605(c), Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2080.

AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109–162 substituted "private person or public agency" for "particular individual".

FORM FIST-1	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS (BJS) (REJIS ACTING AS DATA COLLECTION AGENT)	
2023 FIREARMS INQUIRY STATISTICS (FIST) Annual Survey of Background Checks for Firearm Transfers and Permits		

Please correct any errors in the name and address information that is printed below.

OFFICIAL AGENCY NAME <i>(If different from above)</i>	
9-DIGIT NCIC-ORI NUMBER	
PERSON COMPLETING THE FORM	
NAME	TITLE
TELEPHONE	FAX
E-MAIL ADDRESS	
RETURN INSTRUCTIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit your completed form by using the web reporting option at rejjs.org/FIST2023, mailing it to the Regional Justice Information Service (REJIS) in the enclosed postage paid envelope, or faxing each page to 1-314-535-1729. • If you have any questions, comments, or feedback about the survey, please call the FIST project manager toll free at 1-800-531-2150, or send an e-mail to fist@rejjs.org. • Please retain a copy of your completed survey for 1 year. 	
Burden Statement	
<p>Federal agencies may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 25 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate, or any other aspects of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531. The Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended (42 USC 3732), authorizes this information collection.</p>	
INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FORM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please mark 'X' in the appropriate boxes. • If possible, please answer all questions for the entire calendar year (January through December) 2023. If data are available for only part of the year, please supply any available information in the spaces provided. • If the answer to a question is "not available" or "unknown," write "DK" in the space provided. • If the answer to a question is "not applicable," write "NA" in the space provided. • If the answer to a question is "none" or "zero," write "0" in the space provided. <u>Please respond with zero only when the actual total reported count is zero, as opposed to when the data are not known or unavailable.</u> • When an exact numeric response is not available, provide an estimate and mark the estimate box next to the number field. Please provide a brief explanation in Section II to describe how the estimates were calculated. • Please do not leave any items blank unless otherwise directed. 	

Section I –APPLICATIONS AND DENIALS

How many applications for Carry Permits (may also be called Concealed Weapon Permits or Concealed Handgun Licenses) were recorded or retained by your agency for the following period:

(Please make an estimate if the exact counts of applications are not known.)

1. Between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023:

Mark 'x' if estimate

2023 Applications

How many applications for Carry Permits (may also be called Concealed Weapon Permits or Concealed Handgun Licenses) were denied during the following period:

(A denial occurs when an applicant is prohibited from receiving a firearm or permit that can be used to obtain a firearm because a disqualifying factor was found during a background check -- Please make an estimate if the exact counts of denials are not known.)

2. Between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023:

Mark 'x' if estimate

2023 Denials

3. Does your agency record the reason(s) why an application was denied? *(Please indicate "Yes" if your agency had zero denials in 2023, but you would record the reason(s) for a denial if one were processed. Please also indicate "Yes" if you can provide estimates for reasons for denial.)*

Yes

No **(skip to question number 6)**

4. What is recorded for the reason(s) why an application was denied?

- All reasons for denial are recorded
- Only the first reason found during the background check is recorded
- Only the most serious charge listed on the criminal history is recorded
- Other method of recording *(Please explain below or in Comments section.)*

Don't know

5. For denials recorded in 2023, why was the application denied? List total counts *(including zeros, where applicable)* for each reason for a denial. Please include all federal, state, and local law reasons for denial within the most appropriate category. Mark 'x' in the checkbox provided for any estimated counts.

	Permits	Mark 'x' if estimate
a. Felony indictment or charge.....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Felony conviction.....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Felony arrest with no disposition.....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Fugitive or outstanding warrant.....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Domestic violence misdemeanor.....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Domestic violence, protective or restraining order.....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Addicted to or unlawful user of a controlled substance.....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Mental health commitment or adjudication.....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Illegal or unlawful alien.....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. State law prohibitor <i>(if not included in above categories)</i>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Local law prohibitor <i>(if not included in above categories)</i>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Other reasons not included above <i>(including juveniles and dishonorable discharge)</i>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(After answering this question, skip to question number 7)

FORM FIST-1

U.S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS (BJS)
(REJIS ACTING AS DATA COLLECTION AGENT)



2023 FIREARMS INQUIRY STATISTICS (FIST)
Annual Survey of Background Checks for Firearm Transfers and Permits

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OFFICIAL AGENCY NAME (If different from above)	
9-DIGIT NCIC-ORI NUMBER	
PERSON COMPLETING THE FORM	
NAME	TITLE
TELEPHONE	FAX
E-MAIL ADDRESS	
<p>IMPORTANT – Please answer the following questions before proceeding with the questionnaire. Mark [X] in the appropriate box below.</p> <p>Did your agency record, process, or conduct background checks for firearm transfers or permits at any time between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes → If applicable, please list any other agencies for whom you conduct these activities:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Agency Name(s))</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No → The authorized permit recording, processing, or checking agency for your jurisdiction is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Agency Name(s))</p> <p>If your response to the above question is "No" or if the following condition applies, you do not need to complete the questionnaire. Mark an [X] in the appropriate box below and return the survey using the instructions below.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Agency no longer in existence</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Agency employed only part-time officers AND the total combined hours of work for these officers averaged less than 35 hours per week</p>	
RETURN INSTRUCTIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit your completed form by using the web reporting option at rejis.org/FIST2023, mailing it to the Regional Justice Information Service (REJIS) in the enclosed postage paid envelope, or faxing each page to 1-314-535-1729. • If you have any questions, comments, or feedback about the survey, please call the FIST project manager toll free at 1-800-531-2150, or send an e-mail to fist@rejis.org. • Please retain a copy of your completed survey for 1 year. 	
Burden Statement	
<p>Federal agencies may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 25 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate, or any other aspects of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531. The Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended (42 USC 3732), authorizes this information collection.</p>	

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FORM

- Please mark 'X' in the appropriate boxes.
- If possible, please answer all questions for the entire calendar year (January through December) 2023. If data are available for only part of the year, please supply any available information in the spaces provided.
- If the answer to a question is "not available" or "unknown," write "DK" in the space provided.
- If the answer to a question is "not applicable," write "NA" in the space provided.
- If the answer to a question is "none" or "zero," write "0" in the space provided. Please respond with zero only when the actual total reported count is zero, as opposed to when the data are not known or unavailable.
- When an exact numeric response is not available, provide an estimate and mark the estimate box next to the number field. Please provide a brief explanation in Section II to describe how the estimates were calculated.
- Please do not leave any items blank unless otherwise directed.

Section I –APPLICATIONS AND DENIALS

How many applications for Purchase Permits (Transfer Permits) were recorded or retained by your agency for the following period: *(Please make an estimate if the exact counts of applications are not known.)*

- 1. Between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023:**

Mark 'x' if estimate

2023 Applications

How many applications for Purchase Permits (Transfer Permits) were denied during the following period: *(A denial occurs when an applicant is prohibited from receiving a firearm or permit that can be used to obtain a firearm because a disqualifying factor was found during a background check--Please make an estimate if the exact counts of denials are not known.)*

- 2. Between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023:**

Mark 'x' if estimate

2023 Denials

- 3. Does your agency record the reason(s) why an application was denied?** *(Please indicate "Yes" if your agency had zero denials in 2023, but you would record the reason(s) for a denial if one were processed. Please also indicate "Yes" if you can provide estimates for reasons for denial.)*

Yes

No *(skip to question number 6)*

- 4. What is recorded for the reason(s) why an application was denied?**

All reasons for denial are recorded

Only the first reason found during the background check is recorded

Only the most serious charge listed on the criminal history is recorded

Other method of recording *(Please explain below or in Comments section.)*

Don't know

5. For denials recorded in 2023, why was the application denied? List total counts (*including zeros, where applicable*) for each reason for a denial. Please include all federal, state, and local law reasons for denial within the most appropriate category. Mark 'x' in the checkbox provided for any estimated counts.

2023 Reasons	Permits	Mark 'x' if estimate
a. Felony indictment or charge.....		<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Felony conviction.....		<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Felony arrest with no disposition.....		<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Fugitive or outstanding warrant.....		<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Domestic violence misdemeanor.....		<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Domestic violence, protective or restraining order.....		<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Addicted to or unlawful user of a controlled substance.....		<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Mental health commitment or adjudication.....		<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Illegal or unlawful alien.....		<input type="checkbox"/>
j. State law prohibitor (<i>if not included in above categories</i>).....		<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Local law prohibitor (<i>if not included in above categories</i>).....		<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Other reasons not included above (<i>including juveniles and dishonorable discharge</i>).....		<input type="checkbox"/>

(After answering this question, skip to question number 7)

6. If possible, please estimate what proportion (percentage) of your agency's denials are made up of the following reasons:

Felony arrests, charges, and convictions _____

Domestic violence convictions and protective (restraining) orders _____

State law prohibitor (*if not included in above categories*) _____

Other reasons not included above (*including juveniles and dishonorable discharge*) _____

7. Do any of the counts you provided for any of the items throughout the survey cover only part of the year?

- Yes (*please specify below or in Comments section*):
 -Which counts cover only part of the year
 -The months that are covered

No



Section I - APPLICATIONS AND DENIALS

Between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022, how many applications for Carry Permits (may also be called Concealed Weapon Permits or Concealed Handgun Licenses) were recorded or retained by your agency?

(Please make an estimate if the exact counts of applications are not known.)

	2022 Applications	Mark if estimate
Carry Permits (may also be called Concealed Weapon Permits or Concealed Handgun Licenses)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022, how many applications for Carry Permits (may also be called Concealed Weapon Permits or Concealed Handgun Licenses) were denied? A denial occurs when an applicant is prohibited from receiving a firearm or permit that can be used to obtain a firearm because a disqualifying factor was found during a background check. *(Please make an estimate if the exact counts of denials are not known.)*

	2022 Denials	Mark if estimate
Carry Permits (may also be called Concealed Weapon Permits or Concealed Handgun Licenses)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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If you have any questions, comments, or feedback about the survey, please call the FIST project manager toll free at 1-800-531-2150, or send an e-mail to fist@rejis.org.



For denials tracked in 2022, why was the application denied? List total counts (*including zeros, where applicable*) for each reason for a denial (*please include all federal, state, and local law reasons for denial within the most appropriate category*). Mark 'x' in the checkbox provided for any estimated counts.

	Count	Mark if estimate
a. Felony indictment or charge	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Felony conviction	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Felony arrest with no disposition	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Fugitive or outstanding warrant	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Domestic violence misdemeanor	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

f. Domestic violence, protective or restraining order	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Addicted to or unlawful user of a controlled substance	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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k. Local law prohibitor (<i>if not included in above categories</i>)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Other reasons not included above (<i>including juveniles and dishonorable discharge</i>)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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published in the **Federal Register** on November 27, 2023 allowing a 60-day comment period.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 30 days until February 20, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact: Kevin Harris/FBI CJIS, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, WV 26306, (304) 625–2000, OSAT@fbi.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and/or
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and enter the title of the information collection. This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Justice, information collections currently under review by OMB.

DOJ seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years

without renewal. The DOJ notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Overview of This Information Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection:* New Collection.

2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* *Under Attack: Assaults on Our Nation’s Law Enforcement.*

3. *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Officer Protocol Questionnaire or Offender Protocol Questionnaire/FBI CJIS Division.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* *Affected Public:* State, Local and Tribal governments, individual or households.

Abstract: Serious assaults on law enforcement in the United States are a growing problem, with both assaults with injury and felonious killings of law enforcement officers trending upward (FBI, 2022). While the Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) data collection answers many questions related to these assaults and deaths, such as the who, what, when, where, and how, the data does not answer why these assaults are happening. Without knowing and understanding why these assaults are happening, we cannot begin to prevent them. Outside of the previous studies conducted by the FBI, there is a lack of research into this question of why officers assault police officers. In particular, there is a lack of research that looks at both the officer and the offender in such incidents, and how the relationship between the two impacts the assault. The purposes of this qualitative study are to examine the possibility of predicting assaults on officers and to use this information to prevent future assaults. To date, very few studies outside of the FBI’s Officer Safety Awareness Training (OSAT) research projects, have looked at these assaults from the perspectives of both the officer and the offender. By interviewing officers and offenders, this study seeks to gain a more thorough understanding of why these incidents take place, and the context surrounding them. Based on the recent trends and the modicum of previous research, it is expected the current study would make a large contribution to what is currently known about these attacks, and would play a substantial role in the preparedness, prevention, and mitigation of these incidents by informing those who develop training

and operational practices. This mixed method research effort will use the Perpetrator-Motive Research Design (PMRD). PMRD is a 12-step methodological design that focuses on gaining a thorough understanding of the motivations of offenders. Interviewing incarcerated offenders allows for increased accessibility, increased sample size, interviewer security, and avoidance of ethical or potential legal entanglements which interviewers might be exposed to while questioning offenders still at large or whose cases have not yet exhausted the criminal legal process. Because PMRD is suited to identify and understand offender motives, the findings can be used in the development of training interventions for law enforcement officials which could improve officer safety. As part of the study, researchers will also seek to examine the incident reports associated with the assaults and the FBI criminal history record information of offenders. Researchers will also seek to obtain, examine, and use any body-worn camera or dashboard camera recordings associated with the assaults for research and training purposes.

- 5. *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.
- 6. *Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 120.
- 7. *Estimated Time per Respondent:* 2 hours.
- 8. *Frequency:* This is a one-time collection.
- 9. *Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 240.
- 10. *Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$0.

If additional information is required, contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, United States Department of Justice, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 4W–218 Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: January 12, 2024.
Darwin Arceo,
Department Clearance Officer for PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1121–0314]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension of a Previously Approved Collection; Firearm Inquiry Statistics (FIST) Program

AGENCY: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 60-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice (DOJ) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until March 18, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Elizabeth J. Davis, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh Street NW, Washington, DC 20531 (email: Elizabeth.Davis@usdoj.gov; telephone: 202-307-0765).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the

information to be collected can be enhanced; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Abstract: Through the Firearm Inquiry Statistics (FIST) Program, BJS obtains annual information from State and local checking agencies responsible for maintaining records on the number of background checks for firearm transfers or permits that were issued, processed, tracked, or conducted during the calendar year. Specifically, State and local checking agencies are asked to provide information on the number of applications and denials for firearm transfers received or tracked by the agency and reasons why applications were denied. BJS combines these data with the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) transaction data to produce comprehensive national statistics on firearm applications and denials resulting from the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act of 1993 and similar State laws governing background checks and firearm transfers. BJS will also collect information from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) on denials screened and referred to ATF field offices for investigation and possible prosecution. BJS publishes FIST data on the BJS website in statistical tables and uses the information to respond to inquiries from

Congress, Federal, State, and local government officials, researchers, students, the media, and other members of the general public interested in criminal justice statistics.

Overview of This Information Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a previously approved collection.
2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* 2023–2026 Firearm Inquiry Statistics (FIST) Program.
3. *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* The form number is FIST–1. The applicable component within the Department of Justice is the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), in the Office of Justice Programs.
4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as the obligation to respond:* Affected public are State and local government. The obligation to respond is voluntary.
5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The annual estimated number of respondents for the FIST data collection is 1,009. The estimated time per response is 25 minutes to complete the FIST survey form.
6. *An estimate of the total annual burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total annual burden for this collection is 420 hours, for a total of 1,680 hours for the 2023–2026 FIST program.
7. *An estimate of the total annual cost burden associated with the collection, if applicable:* \$0.

TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

Activity	Number of respondents	Frequency	Total annual responses	Time per response (min)	Total annual burden (hours)
2023 Survey	1,009	1	1,009	25	420
Unduplicated Totals	1,009		1,009		420
2024 Survey	1,009	1	1,009	25	420
Unduplicated Totals	1,009		1,009		420
2025 Survey	1,009	1	1,009	25	420
Unduplicated Totals	1,009		1,009		420
2026 Survey	1,009	1	1,009	25	420
Unduplicated Totals	1,009		1,009		420
Unduplicated Total 2023–2026	1,009	1,680

If additional information is required, contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution

Square, 145 N Street NE, 3E.405A, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: January 11, 2024.

Darwin Arceo,
Department Clearance Officer for PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1110–0051]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Final Disposition Report

AGENCY: Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Department of Justice (DOJ).

ACTION: 30-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The CJIS Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Department of Justice (DOJ), will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on January allowing a 60-day comment period.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 30 days until April 25, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact: Brian A. Cain, Management and Program Analyst, FBI, CJIS, Criminal History Information and Policy Unit, BTC–3, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, WV 26306; phone: 304–625–5590 or email fbj-iii@fbi.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
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- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and/or
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collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number 1110–0051. This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Justice, information collections currently under review by OMB.

DOJ seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOJ notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Overview of This Information Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a previously approved collection.
2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* Final Disposition Report.
3. *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* (R–84), with supplemental questions R–84(a), R–84(b), R–84(c), R–84(d), R–84(e), R–84(f), R–84(g), R–84(h), R–84(i), and R–84(j); CJIS, FBI, DOJ.
4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*
Primary: City, county, State, Federal and Tribal law enforcement agencies.
Abstract: This collection is needed to report completion of an arrest event. Acceptable data is stored as part of the Next Generation Identification (NGI) system of the FBI.
5. *Obligation to Respond: Mandatory:* title 28, United States Code, section 534.
6. *Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 542,460.
7. *Estimated Time per Respondent:* 5 minutes.
8. *Frequency:* annually.
9. *Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 45,205 hours.
10. *Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$0.

If additional information is required, contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, United States Department of Justice, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 4W–218, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: March 21, 2024.

Darwin Arceo,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1121–0314]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension of a Previously Approved Collection; Firearm Inquiry Statistics (FIST) Program

AGENCY: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 30-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Statistics, will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 30 days until April 25, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact: Elizabeth Davis, Statistician, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh Street NW, Washington, DC 20531 (email: elizabeth.davis@usdoj.gov; telephone: 202–307–0765).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** at 89 FR 3429–3430, on Thursday, January 18, 2024, allowing a 60-day comment period. BJS did not receive any comments in response to the 60-day notice.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the

- functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
 - Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and/or
 - Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number 1121–0314. This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Justice, information collections currently under review by OMB.

DOJ seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOJ notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Overview of This Information Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a previously approved collection.
2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* 2023–2026 Firearm Inquiry Statistics (FIST) Program.
3. *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* The form number is FIST–1. The applicable component within the Department of Justice is the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), in the Office of Justice Programs.
4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Affected public are State and local government.

Abstract: Through the Firearm Inquiry Statistics (FIST) Program, the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) obtains annual information from State and local checking agencies responsible for maintaining records on the number of background checks for firearm transfers or permits that were issued, processed, tracked, or conducted during the calendar year. Specifically, State and local checking agencies are asked to provide information on the number of applications and denials for firearm transfers received or tracked by the agency and reasons why applications were denied. BJS combines these data with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) transaction data to produce comprehensive national statistics on firearm applications and denials resulting from the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act of 1993 and similar State laws governing background checks and firearm transfers. BJS will also collect information from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) on denials screened and referred to ATF field offices for investigation and possible prosecution. BJS publishes FIST data on the BJS website in statistical tables and uses the information to respond to inquiries from Congress, Federal, State, and local government officials, researchers, students, the media, and other members of the general public interested in criminal justice statistics.

5. *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.
6. *Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,009.
7. *Estimated Time per Respondent:* 25 minutes.
8. *Frequency:* Annual.
9. *Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 420 hours.
10. *Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$14,862.

If additional information is required, contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, United States Department of Justice, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 4W–218, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: March 3, 2024.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1122–0018]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension of a Previously Approved Collection; Semi-Annual Progress Report for the Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program (Tribal Governments Program)

AGENCY: Office on Violence Against Women, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 60-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Office on Violence Against Women, Department of Justice (DOJ), will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until May 28, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have additional comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Catherine Poston, Office on Violence Against Women, at 202–514–5430 or Catherine.poston@usdoj.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

2023 FIST Program
Schedule: October 2023 to April 2025

Task #	Task	Start Date	End Date
1	Project Management		
1.1	Attend kickoff meeting with BJS; submit final timetable for 52-month project period	OCT (23)	OCT (23)
1.2	Maintain regular communication with BJS through meetings and progress reports	OCT (23)	APR (25)
1.3	Submit weekly and monthly progress reports to BJS	OCT (23)	APR (25)
1.4	Submit decision memos when needed and maintain a decision memo log	OCT (23)	APR (25)
1.5	Overall supervision to keep the project on time and on budget including making adjustments for unforeseen obstacles in data collection	OCT (23)	APR (25)
2	Universe and Frame Development		
2.1	Review new legislation and ATF decisions for any changes that affect the universe of checking agencies	OCT (23)	DEC (23)
2.2	Review FBI/CJIS website for updates to NICS system	DEC (23)	DEC (23)
2.3	Review most recent survey frame and other possible DOJ sources for frame validation	JAN (23)	FEB (24)
2.4	Maintenance of FIST Universe using updates to frame and info gathered from current data collection	ONGOING	
2.5	Draft strategy for data collection and sample redraw	MAR (24)	APR (24)
2.6	Review strategy for data collection and sample redraw with BJS	APR (24)	MAY (24)
2.7	Redraw local agency sample to achieve state level estimates (according to current research design)	APR (24)	MAY (24)
2.8	Estimation and weighting	APR (24)	MAY (24)
2.9	Design weights construction based on sample draw	APR (24)	MAY (24)
3	Assess and Revise Survey Instrument		
3.1	Review new federal, state, and D.C. legislation and any ATF decisions for possible impact on current survey instrument and tailor forms accordingly	OCT (23)	DEC (23)
3.2	Obtain feedback about instrument from stakeholders and BJS; make necessary adjustments before final approval	JAN (24)	FEB (24)
3.3	Paper form printing following BJS final approval	MAR (24)	MAR (24)
3.4	Maintain Web survey portal. Update web-based form to match, as closely as possible, the paper form. Test instrument and make necessary revisions.	MAR (24)	APR (24)

2023 FIST Program
Schedule: October 2023 to April 2025

Task #	Task	Start Date	End Date
3.5	Obtain feedback from BJS and make necessary adjustments prior to final approval of Web form	APR (24)	APR (24)
4	OMB Clearance		
4.1	Provide materials as needed by BJS for OMB clearance for FIST data collection	As Needed	

5	Survey Administration and Data Collection Procedures		
5.1	Provide survey protocols, data processing, quality control procedures and administration (protocols in project schedule will account for any changes in prior year's collection)	MAY (24)	OCT (24)
5.2	Obtain FBI NICS federal data and ATF DENI Branch data	JAN (24)	JUN (24)
5.3	Collect publicly available state agency data and internal reports and translate into FIST categories	MAY (24)	OCT (24)
5.4	Respondent outreach and communication program	JUN (24)	OCT (24)
5.4.1	Multimode follow-up strategy to maximize response rates; use tailored design method where contact with state and local agencies will occur at set intervals	JUN (24)	OCT (24)
5.4.2	Preparation and mailing of survey pre-notice	JUN (24)	JUN (24)
5.4.3	Emailing of invitation letter (with web link) to agencies with email addresses; mailing of survey packet to other agencies	JUN (24)	JUN (24)
5.4.4	Thank you/reminder post card preparation and mailing	JUL (24)	JUL (24)
5.4.5	Preparation and mailing of second survey to nonrespondents	JUL (24)	JUL (24)
5.4.6	Final contact: phone follow-up with nonrespondents (multiple rounds if needed)	AUG (24)	SEP (24)
5.4.7	Update state and local agencies' contact information	JUN (24)	OCT (24)
5.4.8	Continue any outstanding follow up until closeout	OCT (24)	OCT (24)
6	Final Verification and Dataset		
6.1	Final verification procedures	SEP (24)	JAN (25)
6.1.1	Verification of state agency publicly available and internal report data	SEP (24)	OCT (24)
6.1.2	Double data entry for paper surveys; clean data and arrange for analysis	OCT (24)	NOV (24)

2023 FIST Program
Schedule: October 2023 to April 2025

Task #	Task	Start Date	End Date
6.1.3	Analyze & interpret state and local data; create national estimate from all levels of data	OCT (24)	JAN (25)
6.1.4	Non-response adjustments to account for out of scope agencies and non-response among agencies	JAN (25)	JAN (25)
6.1.5	Mean value imputation for item missing data	JAN (25)	JAN (25)
6.1.6	Generation of standard errors and confidence intervals around estimates	JAN (25)	JAN (25)
6.2	Nonresponse bias study of unit and item nonresponse	JAN (25)	FEB (25)
6.2.1	Comparison of respondents to non-respondents using auxiliary data, within state and category size	JAN (25)	FEB (25)
6.2.2	Comparison of states with 80% response (or greater) to those with less than 80% response	FEB (25)	FEB (25)
6.2.3	Compilation of analyses for nonresponse bias assessment (will inform technical report)	FEB (25)	FEB (25)
6.3	Final dataset and codebook	MAR (25)	MAR (25)
6.3.1	Provide BJS with SPSS files, codebook, and syntax for cleaning and processing data	MAR (25)	MAR (25)
6.3.2	Incorporate any BJS changes into final dataset	MAR (25)	MAR (25)
6.3.3	Submit final dataset and codebook for archiving according to BJS criteria	APR (25)	APR (25)
6.4	Submit end of study technical report to BJS	APR (25)	APR (25)
6.5	Complete statistical tables & notes to accompany tables; send	JAN (25)	MAR (25)
6.6	Write draft of summary findings, background information & methodology ; send to BJS	FEB (25)	MAR (25)
6.7	Respond to BJS requests for changes (Iterative), brief senior BJS staff as needed	MAR (25)	APR (25)
6.8	Submit final report draft to BJS	APR (25)	APR (25)
6.9	Assist BJS with inquiries from media and other external entities	Continuous	
7	Research on Supplementing FIST	To be determined	

2024 FIST Program
Schedule: January 2025 to March 2026

Task #	Task	Start Date	End Date
1	Project Management		
1.1	Attend kickoff meeting with BJS; submit final timetable for 14-month project period	JAN (25)	JAN (25)
1.2	Maintain regular communication with BJS through meetings and progress reports	JAN (25)	MAR (26)
1.3	Submit weekly and monthly progress reports, to BJS	JAN (25)	MAR (26)
1.4	Submit decision memos when needed and maintain a decision memo log	JAN (25)	MAR (26)
1.5	Overall supervision to keep the project on time and on budget including making adjustments for unforeseen obstacles in data collection	JAN (25)	MAR (26)
2	Universe and Frame Development		
2.1	Review new legislation and ATF decisions for any changes that affect the universe of checking agencies	JAN (25)	MAR (25)
2.2	Review FBI/CJIS website for updates to NICS system	MAR (25)	MAR (25)
2.3	Review most recent survey frame and other possible DOJ sources for frame validation	MAR (25)	APR (25)
2.4	Maintenance of FIST Universe using updates to frame and info gathered from current data collection	ONGOING	
2.5	Draft strategy for data collection and sample redraw	MAY (25)	JUNE (25)
2.6	Review strategy for data collection and sample redraw with BJS	MAY (25)	JUNE (25)
2.7	Redraw local agency sample to achieve state level estimates (according to current research design)	JUNE (25)	JUNE (25)
2.8	Estimation and weighting	JUNE (25)	JUNE (25)
2.9	Design weights construction based on sample draw	JUNE (25)	JUNE (25)
3	Assess and Revise Survey Instrument		
3.1	Review new federal, state, and D.C. legislation and any ATF decisions for possible impact on current survey instrument and tailor forms accordingly	JAN (25)	MAR (25)
3.2	Obtain feedback about instrument from stakeholders and BJS; make necessary adjustments before final approval	MAR (25)	APR (25)
3.3	Paper form printing following BJS final approval	MAY (25)	MAY (25)
3.4	Maintain Web survey portal. Update web-based form to match, as closely as possible, the paper form. Test instrument and make necessary revisions.	MAY (25)	JUN (25)
3.5	Obtain feedback from BJS and make necessary adjustments prior to final approval of Web form	JUN (25)	JUN (25)
4	OMB Clearance		
4.1	Provide materials as needed by BJS for OMB clearance for FIST data collection	As Needed	
5	Survey Administration and Data Collection Procedures		
5.1	Provide survey protocols, data processing, quality control procedures and administration (protocols in project schedule will account for any changes in prior year's collection)	JUN (25)	NOV (25)

2024 FIST Program
Schedule: January 2025 to March 2026

Task #	Task	Start Date	End Date
5.2	Obtain FBI NICS federal data and ATF DENI Branch data	JAN (25)	JUN (25)
5.3	Collect publicly available state agency data and internal reports and translate into FIST categories	JUN (25)	NOV (25)
5.4	Respondent outreach and communication program	JUL (25)	NOV (25)
5.4.1	Multimode follow-up strategy to maximize response rates; use tailored design method where contact with state and local agencies will occur at set intervals	JUL (25)	NOV (25)
5.4.2	Preparation and mailing of survey pre-notice	JUL (25)	JUL (25)
5.4.3	Emailing of invitation letter (with web link) to agencies with email addresses; mailing of survey packet to other agencies	JUL (25)	JUL (25)
5.4.4	Thank you/reminder post card preparation and mailing	AUG (25)	AUG (25)
5.4.5	Preparation and mailing of second survey to nonrespondents	AUG (25)	AUG (25)
5.4.6	Final contact: phone follow-up with nonrespondents (multiple rounds if needed)	SEP (25)	OCT (25)
5.4.7	Update state and local agencies' contact information	JUL (25)	NOV (25)
5.4.8	Continue any outstanding follow up until closeout	NOV (25)	NOV (25)
6	Final Verification and Dataset		
6.1	Final verification procedures	OCT (25)	DEC (25)
6.1.1	Verification of state agency publicly available and internal report data	OCT (25)	NOV (25)
6.1.2	Double data entry for paper surveys; clean data and arrange for analysis	OCT (25)	NOV (25)
6.1.3	Analyze & interpret state and local data; create national estimate from all levels of data	NOV (25)	DEC (25)
6.1.4	Non-response adjustments to account for out of scope agencies and non-response among agencies	DEC (25)	DEC (25)
6.1.5	Mean value imputation for item missing data	DEC (25)	DEC (25)
6.1.6	Generation of standard errors and confidence intervals around estimates	DEC (25)	DEC (25)
6.2	Nonresponse bias study of unit and item nonresponse	DEC (25)	JAN (26)
6.2.1	Comparison of respondents to non-respondents using auxiliary data, within state and category size	DEC (25)	JAN (26)
6.2.2	Comparison of states with 80% response (or greater) to those with less than 80% response	JAN (26)	JAN (26)
6.2.3	Compilation of analyses for nonresponse bias assessment (will inform technical report)	JAN (26)	JAN (26)
6.3	Final dataset and codebook	JAN (26)	FEB (26)
6.3.1	Provide BJS with SPSS files, codebook, and syntax for cleaning and processing data	FEB (26)	FEB (26)
6.3.2	Incorporate any BJS changes into final dataset	FEB (26)	FEB (26)
6.3.3	Submit final dataset and codebook for archiving according to BJS criteria	FEB (26)	FEB (26)
6.4	Submit end of study technical report to BJS	MAR (26)	MAR (26)
6.5	Complete statistical tables & notes to accompany tables; send to BJS	DEC (25)	FEB (26)
6.6	Write draft of summary findings, background information & methodology ; send to BJS	FEB (26)	MAR (26)
6.7	Respond to BJS requests for changes (iterative), brief senior BJS staff as	MAR (26)	MAR (26)

2025 FIST Program
Schedule: January 2026 to March 2027

Task #	Task	Start Date	End Date
1	Project Management		
1.1	Attend kickoff meeting with BJS; submit final timetable for 52-month project period	JAN (26)	JAN (26)
1.2	Maintain regular communication with BJS through meetings and progress reports	JAN (26)	MAR (27)
1.3	Submit weekly and monthly progress reports, to BJS	JAN (26)	MAR (27)
1.4	Submit decision memos when needed and maintain a decision memo log	JAN (26)	MAR (27)
1.5	Overall supervision to keep the project on time and on budget including making adjustments for unforeseen obstacles in data collection	JAN (26)	MAR (27)
2	Universe and Frame Development		
2.1	Review new legislation and ATF decisions for any changes that affect the universe of checking agencies	JAN (26)	MAR (26)
2.2	Review FBI/CJIS website for updates to NICS system	MAR (26)	MAR (26)
2.3	Review most recent survey frame and other possible DOJ sources for frame validation	MAR (26)	APR (26)
2.4	Maintenance of FIST Universe using updates to frame and info gathered from current data collection	ONGOING	
2.5	Draft strategy for data collection and sample redraw	MAY (26)	JUNE (26)
2.6	Review strategy for data collection and sample redraw with BJS	MAY (26)	JUNE (26)
2.7	Redraw local agency sample to achieve state level estimates (according to current research design)	JUNE (26)	JUNE (26)
2.8	Estimation and weighting	JUNE (26)	JUNE (26)
2.9	Design weights construction based on sample draw	JUNE (26)	JUNE (26)
3	Assess and Revise Survey Instrument		
3.1	Review new federal, state, and D.C. legislation and any ATF decisions for possible impact on current survey instrument and tailor forms accordingly	JAN (26)	MAR (26)
3.2	Obtain feedback about instrument from stakeholders and BJS; make necessary adjustments before final approval	MAR (26)	APR (26)
3.3	Paper form printing following BJS final approval	MAY (26)	MAY (26)
3.4	Maintain Web survey portal. Update web-based form to match, as closely as possible, the paper form. Test instrument and make necessary revisions.	MAY (26)	JUN (26)
3.5	Obtain feedback from BJS and make necessary adjustments prior to final approval of Web form	JUN (26)	JUN (26)
4	OMB Clearance		
4.1	Provide materials as needed by BJS for OMB clearance for FIST data collection	As Needed	
5	Survey Administration and Data Collection Procedures		
5.1	Provide survey protocols, data processing, quality control procedures and administration (protocols in project schedule will account for any changes in prior year's collection)	JUN (26)	NOV (26)

2025 FIST Program
Schedule: January 2026 to March 2027

Task #	Task	Start Date	End Date
5.2	Obtain FBI NICS federal data and ATF DENI Branch data	JAN (26)	JUN (26)
5.3	Collect publicly available state agency data and internal reports and translate into FIST categories	JUN (26)	NOV (26)
5.4	Respondent outreach and communication program	JUL (26)	NOV (26)
5.4.1	Multimode follow-up strategy to maximize response rates; use tailored	JUL (26)	NOV (26)
5.4.2	Preparation and mailing of survey pre-notice	JUL (26)	JUL (26)
5.4.3	Emailing of invitation letter (with web link) to agencies with email addresses; mailing of survey packet to other agencies	JUL (26)	JUL (26)
5.4.4	Thank you/reminder post card preparation and mailing	AUG (26)	AUG (26)
5.4.5	Preparation and mailing of second survey to nonrespondents	AUG (26)	AUG (26)
5.4.6	Final contact: phone follow-up with nonrespondents (multiple rounds if needed)	SEP (26)	OCT (26)
5.4.7	Update state and local agencies' contact information	JUL (26)	NOV (26)
5.4.8	Continue any outstanding follow up until closeout	NOV (26)	NOV (26)
6	Final Verification and Dataset		
6.1	Final verification procedures	OCT (26)	DEC (26)
6.1.1	Verification of state agency publicly available and internal report data	OCT (26)	NOV (26)
6.1.2	Double data entry for paper surveys; clean data and arrange for analysis	OCT (26)	NOV (26)
6.1.3	Analyze & interpret state and local data; create national estimate from all levels of data	NOV (26)	DEC (26)
6.1.4	Non-response adjustments to account for out of scope agencies and non-response among agencies	DEC (26)	DEC (26)
6.1.5	Mean value imputation for item missing data	DEC (26)	DEC (26)
6.1.6	Generation of standard errors and confidence intervals around estimates	DEC (26)	DEC (26)
6.2	Nonresponse bias study of unit and item nonresponse	DEC (26)	JAN (26)
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6.2.2	Comparison of states with 80% response (or greater) to those with less than 80% response	JAN (27)	JAN (27)
6.2.3	Compilation of analyses for nonresponse bias assessment (will inform technical report)	JAN (27)	JAN (27)
6.3	Final dataset and codebook	JAN (27)	FEB (27)
6.3.1	Provide BJS with SPSS files, codebook, and syntax for cleaning and processing data	FEB (27)	FEB (27)
6.3.2	Incorporate any BJS changes into final dataset	FEB (27)	FEB (27)
6.3.3	Submit final dataset and codebook for archiving according to BJS criteria	FEB (27)	FEB (27)
6.4	Submit end of study technical report to BJS	MAR (26)	MAR (26)
6.5	Complete statistical tables & notes to accompany tables; send to BJS	DEC (26)	FEB (27)
6.6	Write draft of summary findings, background information & methodology ; send to BJS	FEB (27)	MAR (27)
6.7	Respond to BJS requests for changes (iterative), brief senior BJS staff as needed	MAR (27)	MAR (27)
6.8	Submit final report draft to BJS	MAR (27)	MAR (27)
6.9	Assist BJS with inquiries from media and other external entities	Continuous	

2026 FIST Program
Schedule: January 2027 to March 2028

Task #	Task	Start Date	End Date
1	Project Management		
1.1	Attend kickoff meeting with BJS; submit final timetable for 52-month project period	JAN (27)	JAN (27)
1.2	Maintain regular communication with BJS through meetings and progress reports	JAN (27)	MAR (28)
1.3	Submit weekly and monthly progress reports, to BJS	JAN (27)	MAR (28)
1.4	Submit decision memos when needed and maintain a decision memo log	JAN (27)	MAR (28)
1.5	Overall supervision to keep the project on time and on budget including making adjustments for unforeseen obstacles in data collection	JAN (27)	MAR (28)
2	Universe and Frame Development		
2.1	Review new legislation and ATF decisions for any changes that affect the universe of checking agencies	JAN (27)	MAR (27)
2.2	Review FBI/CJIS website for updates to NICS system	MAR (27)	MAR (27)
2.3	Review most recent survey frame and other possible DOJ sources for frame validation	MAR (27)	APR (27)
2.4	Maintenance of FIST Universe using updates to frame and info gathered from current data collection	ONGOING	
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2.6	Review strategy for data collection and sample redraw with BJS	MAY (27)	JUNE (27)
2.7	Redraw local agency sample to achieve state level estimates (according to current research design)	JUNE (27)	JUNE (27)
2.8	Estimation and weighting	JUNE (27)	JUNE (27)
2.9	Design weights construction based on sample draw	JUNE (27)	JUNE (27)
3	Assess and Revise Survey Instrument		
3.1	Review new federal, state, and D.C. legislation and any ATF decisions for possible impact on current survey instrument and tailor forms accordingly	JAN (27)	MAR (27)
3.2	Obtain feedback about instrument from stakeholders and BJS; make necessary adjustments before final approval	MAR (27)	APR (27)
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3.4	Maintain Web survey portal. Update web-based form to match, as closely as possible, the paper form. Test instrument and make necessary revisions.	MAY (27)	JUN (27)
3.5	Obtain feedback from BJS and make necessary adjustments prior to final approval of Web form	JUN (27)	JUN (27)
4	OMB Clearance		
4.1	Provide materials as needed by BJS for OMB clearance for FIST data collection	As Needed	
5	Survey Administration and Data Collection Procedures		
5.1	Provide survey protocols, data processing, quality control procedures and administration (protocols in project schedule will account for any changes in prior year's collection)	JUN (27)	NOV (27)

2026 FIST Program
Schedule: January 2027 to March 2028

Task #	Task	Start Date	End Date
5.2	Obtain FBI NICS federal data and ATF DENI Branch data	JAN (27)	JUN (27)
5.3	Collect publicly available state agency data and internal reports and translate into FIST categories	JUN (27)	NOV (27)
5.4	Respondent outreach and communication program	JUL (27)	NOV (27)
5.4.1	Multimode follow-up strategy to maximize response rates; use tailored	JUL (27)	NOV (27)
5.4.2	Preparation and mailing of survey pre-notice	JUL (27)	JUL (27)
5.4.3	Emailing of invitation letter (with web link) to agencies with email addresses; mailing of survey packet to other agencies	JUL (27)	JUL (27)
5.4.4	Thank you/reminder post card preparation and mailing	AUG (27)	AUG (27)
5.4.5	Preparation and mailing of second survey to nonrespondents	AUG (27)	AUG (27)
5.4.6	Final contact: phone follow-up with nonrespondents (multiple rounds if needed)	SEP (27)	OCT (27)
5.4.7	Update state and local agencies' contact information	JUL (27)	NOV (27)
5.4.8	Continue any outstanding follow up until closeout	NOV (27)	NOV (27)
6	Final Verification and Dataset		
6.1	Final verification procedures	OCT (27)	DEC (27)
6.1.1	Verification of state agency publicly available and internal report data	OCT (27)	NOV (27)
6.1.2	Double data entry for paper surveys; clean data and arrange for analysis	OCT (27)	NOV (27)
6.1.3	Analyze & interpret state and local data; create national estimate from all levels of data	NOV (27)	DEC (27)
6.1.4	Non-response adjustments to account for out of scope agencies and non-response among agencies	DEC (27)	DEC (27)
6.1.5	Mean value imputation for item missing data	DEC (27)	DEC (27)
6.1.6	Generation of standard errors and confidence intervals around estimates	DEC (27)	DEC (27)
6.2	Nonresponse bias study of unit and item nonresponse	DEC (27)	JAN (28)
6.2.1	Comparison of respondents to non-respondents using auxiliary data, within state and category size	DEC (27)	JAN (28)
6.2.2	Comparison of states with 80% response (or greater) to those with less than 80% response	JAN (28)	JAN (28)
6.2.3	Compilation of analyses for nonresponse bias assessment (will inform technical report)	JAN (28)	JAN (28)
6.3	Final dataset and codebook	JAN (28)	FEB (28)
6.3.1	Provide BJS with SPSS files, codebook, and syntax for cleaning and processing data	FEB (28)	FEB (28)
6.3.2	Incorporate any BJS changes into final dataset	FEB (28)	FEB (28)
6.3.3	Submit final dataset and codebook for archiving according to BJS criteria	FEB (28)	FEB (28)
6.4	Submit end of study technical report to BJS	MAR (28)	MAR (28)
6.5	Complete statistical tables & notes to accompany tables; send to BJS	DEC (27)	FEB (28)
6.6	Write draft of summary findings, background information & methodology ; send to BJS	FEB (28)	MAR (28)
6.7	Respond to BJS requests for changes (iterative), brief senior BJS staff as needed	MAR (28)	MAR (28)
6.8	Submit final report draft to BJS	MAR (28)	MAR (28)
6.9	Assist BJS with inquiries from media and other external entities	Continuous	

Attachment 8. Proposed Correspondence

Firearm Inquiry Statistics (FIST) Program

Examples included:

- Pre-notification letter template
- Survey invitation letter template
- First follow-up postcard text
- Second cover letter template
- Phone script for follow-up calls



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«AddressBlock» [Send by email or by regular mail if no email address is on file]

«GreetingLine»

I am writing to inform you that within the next few weeks you will receive a request to complete a brief survey from the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) for the Firearm Inquiry Statistics (FIST) Program.

BJS began the FIST survey in 1995 to provide national estimates of the total number of firearm transfer applications received and denied pursuant to the Brady Act and similar state laws. The survey collects counts of firearm transfer and permit checks conducted by state and local agencies and combines this information with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) transaction data to produce national estimates of background check activity. The Regional Justice Information Service (REJIS) is the data collection agent for the FIST Program and is authorized to collect data on behalf of BJS.

Additional information on reasons for denials and law enforcement actions the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) take against denied persons is also collected. BJS presents all of this information in the Background Checks for Firearms Transfers statistical series, found at: (<https://bjs.ojp.gov/data-collection/firearm-inquiry-statistics-fist-program>).

Our records indicate that your agency currently collects information on «PERMIT/CHECK_TYPE» applications for the state of «STATE_NAME». The survey takes approximately 30 minutes to complete, and REJIS will be available to answer any questions you may have about the survey or FIST data.

Your participation in this data collection is critical to ensuring the reliability of national estimates produced for firearm background check activities. On behalf of BJS and REJIS, I thank you in advance for your support of the FIST Program and participation in the 2023 data collection. Should you have any immediate questions, please feel free to contact Elizabeth Davis, FIST Program Manager, at 202-598-9782, or Elizabeth.Davis@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Scott, Acting Director
Bureau of Justice Statistics



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«AddressBlock» [Send by email or by regular mail if no email address is on file]

«GreetingLine»

I am writing to request your participation in the 2023 Firearm Inquiry Statistics (FIST) survey. You should have received a letter from Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) Acting Director Kevin M. Scott introducing this effort. BJS has conducted this survey since 1995 with assistance from the Regional Justice Information Service (REJIS). Data provided by your agency and other agencies from across the nation will be combined to produce a national estimate of firearm applications and denials, along with reasons for denials. The data obtained will be published in the “Background Checks for Firearm Transfers” series on the BJS website (<https://bjs.ojp.gov/data-collection/firearm-inquiry-statistics-fist-program>).

[Email recipients] You may complete the survey on our secure web site by going to rejis.org/FIST; then click the survey link and enter your **User ID («UserID»)** and **Password «WebPswd»**. If you prefer a paper survey, please inform REJIS (contact information is below) and they will mail you a survey promptly.

[Regular mail recipients] The enclosed survey is designed to capture your agency’s data for the 2023 calendar year. Instructions for completing and returning the survey are included on the form. You may return the form by mail using the enclosed postage-paid envelope, by fax to 314-535-1729, or by email to fist@rejis.org. There is also the option for you to complete the survey on our secure web site by going to rejis.org/fist; then click the survey link and enter your **User ID («UserID»)** and **Password «WebPswd»**.

We would greatly appreciate your return of a completed survey by _____, 20__.

Participation by your agency in this voluntary effort will continue to allow BJS to provide a wealth of data for policymakers, researchers, administrators, and others who use the data to study background check trends and activities nationwide and to understand the impact of the Brady Act and its enforcement. All data collected are summary statistics of an administrative nature and do not support identification of any individual. Data collected will be archived at the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data.

Thank you for your support of the FIST program and contributions to the FIST data collection. BJS and REJIS greatly appreciate your efforts. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this request at Elizabeth.Davis@usdoj.gov, or 202-514-8633. You may direct general comments, feedback, or questions about the FIST program to the FIST Project Manager, Ron Frandsen, at 1-800-531-2150 or 314-633-0320, or send an e-mail to fist@rejis.org.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Davis
BJS Program Manager

Text of Thank You / First Follow-up Postcard:

_____, 2024

On _____, 2024 the Firearm Inquiry Statistics (FIST) survey was [emailed] [mailed] to you as part of a data collection effort on behalf of the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

If you have already completed and returned the survey, please accept our sincere thanks. If not, we request that you do so as soon as possible so that we can complete our efforts to produce national estimates of the total number of firearm transfer and permit applications and denials resulting from the Brady Act and similar state laws. Your efforts are critical to ensure the reliability of these estimates.

If you did not receive the survey or if it was misplaced, please call us toll-free at 1-800-531-2150 and we will send you another one right away.

Thank you again for your efforts.

Ron Frandsen, FIST Project Manager



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_____, 20__

On _____, 20__ we [emailed a survey link] [mailed a survey packet] to your office, on behalf of the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), and asked for data from your agency on firearm transfers or permits, including counts for applications, denials, and reasons for denials. According to our records, the tallies for your agency have not been returned as of this date.

We are writing again because of the importance of your agency's totals in helping us obtain accurate data for "Background Checks for Firearm Transfers," a series published on the BJS website (<https://bjs.ojp.gov/data-collection/firearm-inquiry-statistics-fist-program>). In order to accurately paint a portrait of firearms background check activity pursuant to the Brady Act and similar state laws, we need your input.

If you have already submitted your agency's data for 2023 and we have not yet received it, we sincerely thank you for your participation. If you still need to submit your data, a survey is enclosed with this letter to collect background check data recorded by your agency for 2023. The materials can be returned by fax to 314-535-1729, by email (fist@rejis.org), or by mail in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope. We encourage you to avail yourself of the secure Web reporting option as well. To complete the survey online, please go to rejis.org/fist and enter your **User ID ()** and **Password ()**. **In order for us to complete our analyses of the 2023 data, please return the completed survey by _____, 2024.**

Thank you for your assistance and continued participation in this important effort. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about this request, or if there is any way we may be of assistance to you, please contact us by phone at 1-800-531-2150 or by email at fist@rejis.org.

Sincerely,

Ron Frandsen
FIST Project Manager

FIST Phone Script – 2023 Data Collection

Hello, my name is and I'm calling from the Regional Justice Information Service. May I please speak with [CONTACT 1 (or 2 if needed)]? (If contact no longer there, ask for person in charge of [relevant transfer/permit type]. Leave your contact information if leaving a message).

We recently mailed the Firearm Inquiry Statistics Program survey – also known as FIST -- to you on behalf of the Bureau of Justice Statistics. We are asking for data from 2023 on applications and denials for _____. (Agency-appropriate terminology is included on call sheet.)

We have previously mailed two FIST surveys to your agency but have not received a response, so I am calling to see if you received the survey.

- **If no** → offer to send another copy by mail, fax or URL for FIST survey. **VERIFY CONTACT INFO**

To access web version of the survey, supply the URL over the phone, or email: rejis.org/FIST the respondent UserID, and WebPsswr (provided on call sheet).

- **If yes** → *would you be able to fill out the survey or complete the online version?* Offer to mail or fax survey, or offer the Web survey. **Can also offer take data over the phone.** This may be a good option if respondent indicates they'll do it "later" or hesitates to participate because it will take too much time.

If respondent wants to know more about the FIST survey, provide a brief explanation of the survey's purpose and data collected:

The FIST survey is a very brief survey, run by BJS, that collects counts of firearm transfer and permit applications and denials from state and local agencies. This information is combined with data collected from the FBI to produce the only national estimates of background checks conducted throughout the country. We've been doing this for BJS since 1996.

We anticipate the survey will take no longer than 25 minutes (likely less) to complete and we are more than happy to walk you through it and discuss any questions you may have.

(If respondent promises to return data at a later time, **ASK FOR TIMEFRAME IN WHICH WE CAN EXPECT A RESPONSE!**)

On behalf of BJS and REJIS, thank you for your time!

**NOTE: If you get a refusal because the respondent doesn't want to share info with the federal government (as sometimes happens), you can let them know that the FBI already publishes data on every state on their website, of all inquiries to the system. So that data is already publicly available, but the FBI lacks certain data that state and local agencies can provide. What FIST tries to do is get a picture of background check activity as accurately as possible.*

Data sources for 2024 FIST program, by jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	FBI reports NICS		State agency reports data for entire state ²	Local agencies report data ²
	handgun & long gun data ¹	FBI reports only NICS long gun data		
Total	33	5	38	12
Alabama	X			
Alaska	X		X	
Arizona	X		X	
Arkansas	X		X	
California			X	
Colorado			X	
Connecticut			X	
Delaware	X		X ³	
District of Columbia	X		X	
Florida			X	
Georgia	X			X
Hawaii			X	
Idaho	X			X
Illinois			X	
Indiana	X			
Iowa	X			X
Kansas	X		X	
Kentucky	X		X	
Louisiana	X		X	
Maine	X			
Maryland		X	X	
Massachusetts	X		X	
Michigan	X		X	
Minnesota	X		X	X
Mississippi	X		X	
Missouri	X			
Montana	X			X
Nebraska		X	X	X
Nevada			X	X
New Hampshire		X	X	
New Jersey			X	
New Mexico	X			
New York	X		X	X
North Carolina	X			X
North Dakota	X		X	
Ohio	X		X	
Oklahoma	X		X	
Oregon			X	X ³
Pennsylvania			X	
Rhode Island	X		X	
South Carolina	X		X	
South Dakota	X			X
Tennessee			X	
Texas	X		X	
Utah			X	
Vermont	X			
Virginia			X	
Washington		X	X	
West Virginia	X			X
Wisconsin		X	X	
Wyoming	X		X	

Note: States in more than one category have division of NICS checks and/or more than one type of check or permit.

¹In addition to the jurisdictions shown above, the FBI conducts all NICS transfer checks for five other U.S. jurisdictions: American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. These jurisdictions are not surveyed by the FIST program.

²State and local agencies may conduct NICS checks (as a full or partial point of contact) or conduct transfer or permit checks required by state law. A state agency may compile data from local agencies.