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Appendix A: Invitation to DOC/BOP/Multiple-jail jurisdiction Head



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Statistics

Washington, DC 20531

Month Day, 2024

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Sincerely,

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Appendix B: Invitation to Private Correctional Company Representative



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Appendix C: Invitation to Single-Facility Jail Jurisdictions



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Appendix C: Invitation to Single-Facility Jail Jurisdictions

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Acting Director
Bureau of Justice Statistics

Month Day, 2024



Dear <<Insert name of POC>>:

My name is Laura Thornton, and I am the Project Director on behalf of the Correctional Officer Stressors and Suicide (COSS) Feasibility Study for Abt Global. <Insert name of original agency contact> has designated you as the appropriate person at your agency to assist us in designing this project. I would like to schedule an interview with you.

Questions during the interview will focus on policies and practices that guide the agency's correctional officer staffing and impact correctional officer experiences. In addition to discussing the availability and quality of data, we will also try to identify challenges agencies may have in providing this information to BJS as well as potential mitigation strategies. Individual responses about your facilities will not be published or released outside of BJS. BJS and Abt are bound by federal law (34 USC 10231) to use data for research and statistical purposes only, maintain and protect the data securely, and ensure data confidentiality. Your responses will remain confidential. Only Abt and BJS staff will have access to the names and responses of correctional staff who are interviewed. We anticipate the interview will take between 45 and 60 minutes.

Please provide your availability for the interview during the following period: [insert interview timeline]. We will follow-up to confirm a date and time and provide additional information on interview logistics.

For your reference, we have attached the Frequently Asked Questions for this study. If at any time you have questions about the COSS Study, the interviews, or your participation, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at Laura.Thornton@abtglobal.com, or the BJS COSS Program Manager Tracy Snell at Tracy.L.Snell@usdoj.gov.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this study. We look forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

Laura Thornton, Ph.D.
COSS Study Project Director, Abt Global



Interviewers

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Dr. Jennifer Bronson is the Criminal Justice Principal Associate at Abt Global where she directs the Correctional Officers Stressors and Suicide Feasibility Study. She has 16 years of experience managing, designing, and implementing mixed methods research studies, evaluations, and data collections with a focus on the intersection of behavioral health across the criminal justice continuum. Her work has included scholarship on suicides among special populations and the prevention of firearm-facilitated suicides. Prior to joining Abt in 2022, Bronson was the Senior Director of Research at the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors Research Institute and a DOJ-Bureau of Justice Assistance Visiting Fellow. She was also a Statistician at BJS from 2014-2019. Jennifer has a BS and MS in Sociology from Virginia Commonwealth University and a PhD in Medical Sociology from Howard University.

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Dr. Laura Thornton serves as a Task Lead for the Correctional Officers Stressors and Suicide Feasibility Study and is an Associate for Abt Global. Dr. Thornton is an Applied Developmental Psychologist with 9 years of experience in conducting applied research as well as 7 years of technical assistance and implementation experience in justice, mental, and public health domains. Prior to her graduate work, Laura worked as a Juvenile Supervision Officer for Williamson County Juvenile Detention in Texas. She received her MS in Psychology and PhD in Applied Developmental Psychology from the University of New Orleans.

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Neve Brennan is an Associate Analyst at Abt Global. At Abt, Neve works on multiple projects outside of the AHRQ NCEPCR Dissemination and Stakeholder Engagement Support project, including a Correctional Officer Stressors & Suicide Study and the CDC Opioid Rapid Response Patient Absorption Scoping Project. Before joining Abt, she worked as a Research Assistant at Westat on longitudinal studies that followed individuals with genetic mutations that predisposed them to cancer. She also worked as a Research Assistant for the George Washington University branch of Workplace Health Without Borders, where she researched the effects of heat stress and the incidence of heat illness in order to draft policy recommendations that protect migrant agricultural workers in the United States. Neve received her undergraduate degree in Psychology and Political Science from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

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Vanessa Masick is a Science and Research Analyst at Abt Global working on several Justice projects with both quantitative and qualitative data elements. Prior to Abt, she was a Research Assistant at Westat and worked on a variety of Public Health projects related to COVID-19, Intimate Partner Violence, and Healthcare. Her primary role was to serve as a Data Manager to facilitate data collection and processing. Her educational background is in Criminology and Criminal Justice; her MS thesis evaluated the relationship between the economic conditions, as defined by unemployment rates, in late adolescence and criminal offending in early adulthood using a multivariate linear regression model. Vanessa received a BA in Criminology and Criminal Justice, and a BA in Classical Languages and Literatures both from the University of Maryland, as well as an MS in Criminology from the University of Pennsylvania.



Appendix F: Frequently Asked Questions

Correctional Officer Stressors and Suicide Feasibility Study

What is the Correctional Officer Stressors and Suicide Feasibility Study?

The Correctional Officer Stressors and Suicide (COSS) Feasibility Study is being conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) to determine measures that are associated with correction officer (CO) stressors and suicide. Abt Global (Abt), BJS's data collection agent for this study, will conduct an environmental scan; convene an expert panel; conduct interviews with staff at jails, state departments of correction (DOCs), the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), and large private correctional operators; and design a survey instrument that can be used to collect nationally representative data on factors associated with CO stressors and suicide. **BJS is not asking respondents to provide any CO or inmate data during the feasibility study.**

Why is BJS conducting a study on CO stressors and suicide?

This project is in partial response to a congressional directive to collect data on law enforcement suicide.¹ Research has shown that people working in law enforcement, including COs, are 54% more likely to die of suicide compared to all other working decedents.² However, there are important differences in police officer and CO occupations, as well as their suicide deaths.³ The statistics on death by suicide for COs demonstrate the need to better understand the challenges and stressors COs face on the job and the supports and prevention efforts that may decrease suicide among correctional officers.

This study is part of a program of BJS activities that will address the congressional mandate related to public

safety workers' suicide. In particular, this study complements the FBI's ongoing Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection initiative and the work of BJS's Law Enforcement Statistics Unit to understand the existence and availability of programming and policies designed to support wellness and coping, and to monitor for stress and suicidality among law enforcement officers. The current study's goal is to determine what data are available and can be collected on CO stressors and suicide.

What is the Bureau of Justice Statistics?

BJS is the primary statistical agency of the U.S. Department of Justice. BJS's mission is to collect, analyze, publish, and disseminate information on crime, criminal offenders, victims of crime, and the operation of justice systems at all levels of government. This information is critical to federal, state, and local policymakers in combating crime and ensuring that justice is both efficient and evenhanded.

What is Abt Global's role in this study?

Abt is BJS's data collection agent for the COSS Feasibility Study. Abt will be responsible for conducting an environmental scan, facilitating interviews with correctional agency staff, building a data collection instrument, and producing a study report for BJS. Abt has more than 40 years of experience working with the Justice Department and other criminal justice agencies across the country.

How long will the interview take?

The interview will take between 45 and 60 minutes.

¹ Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (P.L. 116-260).

² Violanti J.M., & Steege A. (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1108/pijpsm-09-2019-0157>

³ Zimmerman, G.M., Fridel, E.E., & Frost, N.A. (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1080/07418825.2023.2188063>

Appendix F: Frequently Asked Questions (*continued*)

Is participation in the COSS Feasibility Study voluntary?

Yes, participation in the study is voluntary. You may decline to answer any and all questions or stop the interview at any time. Your participation will help BJS learn about data on CO stress and correlates of suicide that are available from correctional agencies; assess the accessibility and quality of the data; and identify obstacles to and mechanisms for providing these data (e.g., legal, technological, resource, and confidentiality issues).

What questions will be asked during the interview?

The interview will consist of a series of questions that focus on two areas:

- (1) Policies and practices that guide the agency's correctional officer staffing and impact correctional officer experiences.
- (2) Key challenges agencies may have in providing this information to BJS and mitigation strategies.

The interview will be conducted by an experienced interviewer from Abt. The interviewer will be accompanied by a person who will take notes during the phone interview. Before starting any questions, we will ask permission to record the interview. We will not record if agency policy prohibits recording or if a participant wishes to opt out of recording.

How will BJS use the results of this study?

BJS will use the results of this study to determine whether data on CO stressors and suicide can be gathered from jails, DOCs, BOP, and private correctional operators. Individual responses collected for this study will not be published or released outside of BJS; however, BJS may produce a technical report

summarizing aggregate responses. BJS may consider collecting system- or facility-level data for COs working in jails and prisons.

How does BJS keep data secure?

BJS is authorized to collect data under Title [34 U.S.C. § 10132](#). BJS may only use the information it collects for statistical or research purposes, consistent with Title [34 U.S.C. § 10134](#). BJS is required to protect information identifiable to a private person from unauthorized disclosure and may not publicly release data in a way that could reasonably identify a specific private person ([34 U.S.C. § 10231](#)).

The interview will collect identifying information, including the respondent's name, address, email, and telephone number. All information related to the interviews, including the recordings of interviews, will be stored on a secure drive at Abt, with restricted access to those staff members who are directly involved in data collection. To protect the identities of the respondents, no identifying information will be kept in the final data file. In addition, the recorded conversations of the interviews will be erased upon completion of the feasibility study report. We estimate this to be 1 month after the interview has ended. Once the summary report is complete, all copies of the interview data will be destroyed. All project staff are required to sign a pledge of confidentiality and a privacy certificate to maintain the data under the security provisions outlined in the Justice Department regulations at 28 CFR § 22.23. (See [BJS Data Protection Guidelines](#) for information on how BJS and its data collection agents use and protect data collected under BJS authority.)

Who do we contact for more information?

For more information, please contact BJS Statistician Tracy Snell, MPP, in the Prisons Corrections Statistics Unit at Tracy.L.Snell@usdoj.gov or (202) 598-1660.

Correctional Officer Stressors and Suicide Feasibility Study: Interview Guide

Facilities		Interviewers	
Facility Point of Contact		Notetakers	
Date		Interviewees	

Introduction and purpose of the call

Hello, this is [INTERVIEWER NAME], calling from Abt Global (Abt) on behalf of the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS). Thank you for agreeing to participate in BJS’s feasibility study on Correctional Officers Stressors and Suicide.

Information about the Study: The purpose of this study is to learn about correctional officer stressors and suicide. We will be asking you questions about practices and policies that impact correctional officers in your <<facility/facilities>>, data collected by your agency on correctional officer stressors and suicide. We are interested in learning about and how and where those data are housed, as well as any potential challenges and solutions that BJS might encounter if they were to request administrative-level data for research purposes. We are collecting this information for internal BJS planning purposes to determine whether BJS should try to gather administrative-level correctional officer data from prisons and local jails in the future.

We ask for your assistance with this study because your input is valuable in helping BJS understand what information about correctional officer stress and suicide is kept by your agency and the capability to share these data. Your responses will help BJS to make an informed decision on whether and how to proceed with collecting statistics on correctional officer stress and suicide. The interview should take between 45 and 60 minutes. Your participation in this study is voluntary. You may decline to answer any questions, or stop your participation, at any time.

Confidentiality Statement: Individual responses about your <<facility/facilities>> will not be published or released outside of BJS. BJS and Abt are bound by federal law (34 USC 10231) to use data for research and statistical purposes only, maintain and protect the data securely, and ensure data confidentiality. Your responses will remain confidential. Only Abt and BJS staff will have access to the names and responses of correctional staff who are interviewed.

Before we Begin: Before we begin the interview, we would like your permission to record this interview. Again, your responses to our questions will not be published or released outside of BJS. BJS and Abt are bound by federal law (34 USC 10231) to use data for research and statistical purposes only, maintain and protect the data securely, and ensure data confidentiality. Do we have your permission to record this interview?

Interviewee answers Yes/No. If yes, continue:

We are now recording based upon your consent to record this interview.

We were given your name by <<insert name of DOC/jail jurisdiction/company>> as someone who is knowledgeable about policies and practices related to correctional officer stress and suicide being used

**NOTE: If speaking to DOC rep, in preparation for the call, populate the list of prison facilities under that DOC’s jurisdiction.*

at facilities within your agency. Are you able to answer questions on these topics? Can you please tell us your official title and role within the <<facility/DOC/company>>?

You may not be able to answer all of our questions right now – that is okay! We will be taking notes, and we will send them to you after the interview, along with any questions that are outstanding. Do you have any questions before we begin?

Great! We will begin taking notes now. **[Start notetaking]**

Confirming Facility Information [Pre-populated prior to call]

I would like to begin by confirming some of the information we have collected on your <<facility/DOC/company>>. I will read the information we have gathered, and please tell me if there is any information to correct.

<p>▪ Facility type(s) (check all that apply):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Jail</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Locally operated</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Privately operated</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Prison</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> State-operated</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Privately-operated</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> BOP-operated</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Integrated system (combined jail/prison)</p>	<p>▪ Respondent type</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reporting for a single jurisdiction/facility</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reporting for multiple facilities</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> DOC</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> BOP</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Private corporation</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Jail jurisdiction</p>
<p>▪ Facility(ies) house (check all that apply):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pretrial and awaiting sentencing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Holds for other agencies</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sentenced</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____</p>	<p>▪ Custody classification of inmates in your facility(ies) (check all that apply):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Minimum/Low <input type="checkbox"/> Super</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> High</p>
	<p>▪ Sex of inmates housed: Female-only / Coed facility / Combo</p>

[If respondent is reporting on multiple facilities:]** Given that we are asking about the availability of data for multiple facilities operated by your jurisdiction, I would like you to answer on behalf of all of those facilities. The response may be the same for all facilities; however, please let me know if there are any questions that may have different answers for different facilities. For example, you may have the

same policies and procedures for all of your facilities; however, you may have human resource system vendors that differ based on facility.

During the interview, we will ask you to tell us about the policies and practices that guide the facility's correctional officer staffing and influence correctional officer experiences. For each item, we would also like you tells us about any significant challenges facilities may have in providing this information to BJS. This may include legal, technological, resource, or confidentiality issues that may prevent you from reporting the information. We would also like to hear your thoughts about any potential mitigation strategies for these potential barriers.

Interviewer instruction:

Probes are requested for "No" and "Don't Know" (DK) responses. Probes should be based on the nature of the response given.

For "no" or "DK" with further explanatory information: Please tailor probes based on the explanation accompanying the response to learn more detail about the explanation provided, as appropriate.

For responses of DK with no explanatory information, examples of possible probes appear below:

- 1. Is there someone in your agency who might be able to provide this information?"**
(for potential use with all items)
- 2. Is this information that you might be able to provide in the future? What steps would you need to take to provide these data?**
- 3. "If you do not know the answer, is this because this policy does is applied differently (e.g. across facilities, for some positions but not others?" (e.g., to use with items 6, 8)**

For responses of no with no explanatory information, examples of possible probes appear below:

"When you say that your agency would not be able to provide this information at a facility level"

- 1. Is this information not collected/recorded by your agency?**
- 2. Is this information available for all facilities but individual facilities?**
- 3. is the reason because this circumstance has not arisen? Has this circumstance occurred but a policy does not exist?" (e.g., to use with items 12, 13)**

Let's begin with Section 1.

SECTION 1: Staffing levels and work schedules for Correctional Officers

First, we'd like to ask some questions about CO staffing levels and work schedules

1. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:
 - a. "Please describe the standard work/shift schedule for COs? Hours of shifts, times of shifts, number of days/shifts per pay period. Please define what is included in a pay period (e.g., weekly, two-weeks, monthly)." *Open-ended response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

b. Are there on-call periods for staff? Please define the on-call periods (e.g., regular part of staff scheduling, are they used only to cover staff shortages, time on-call vs. time not on-call during how many days, per week or per pay period, etc.) *Open-ended response* → **Probe**

Probe notes:

2. Would your agency be able to provide data at a facility-level for this question:

“How many funded positions for full-time COs were authorized as of Jan. 1, XX?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know** → **Probe**

Probe Notes:

3. Would your agency be able to provide data at a facility-level for this question:

“How many funded positions for full-time supervisory COs were authorized as of Jan. 1, XX?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know** → **Probe**

Probe Notes:

4. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“How many funded positions for full-time COs were vacant as of Jan. 1, XX?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know** → **Probe**

Probe Notes:

5. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“How many funded positions for supervisory COs were vacant as of Jan. 1, XX?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know** → **Probe**

Probe Notes:

6. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“From Jan. 1, XX – Dec. 31, XX, how many COs were hired?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know** → **Probe**

Probe Notes

7. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“From Jan. 1, XX – Dec. 31, XX, how many COs ended employment at your facility by:”

- a. “Quitting without notice?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know** → **Probe**

Probe Notes:

- b. “Resignation with any prior notice?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know** → **Probe**

Probe Notes:

- c. “Retirement?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- d. “Termination?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- e. “Any other types of departure from employment?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe: If yes, please tell me about the other types of departure.**

Probe Notes:

8. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“From Jan. 1, XX – Dec. 31, XX, how many COs had an extended leave of absence (not traditional paid time off; for example: parental leave, Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), administrative leave, suspension, short-term disability, leave without pay)?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

9. Would your agency be able to provide this data and/or policies at a facility-level for this question:

“Does the facility have a policy on:”

- a. “The maximum work hours for COs per day?” *Yes/No response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- b. “The minimum rest time required for COs after shifts?” *Yes/No response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- c. “Mandatory overtime for COs?” *Yes/No response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe: If yes: Are COs always required to work assigned mandatory overtime? Please describe reasons COs may decline mandatory overtime, consequences that may result, etc.**

Probe Notes:

- i. “What is the allowed maximum number or limit of overtime hours?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

- ii. “What time period does this maximum or limit apply to (e.g., “The maximum over time hours a CO can work per week is 24 hours”)?”: Please select one

_ Daily;

_ Weekly;

_ Pay period – Define pay period length” *Checked response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

10. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“What is the average number of overtime hours worked by COs, as of the most recent pay period or month?” *Numeric response, by pay period, by month (select one)* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

11. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

- a. “How many COs worked overtime hours in the most recent pay period or month? *Numeric response, by pay period, by month (select one)*” **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- b. “How many COs did not work any overtime hours in the most recent pay period or month? *Numeric response, by pay period, by month (select one)*” **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

12. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

- a. “What is the total number of overtime hours worked by COs for the last calendar year? *Numeric response*” **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- b. “What is the total number of non-overtime hours worked by COs for the last calendar year? *Numeric response*” **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

13. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“Does your facility use non-custodial staff to fulfill a custodial role (augmentation)? *Yes/No response.*” **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- a. “If YES to Q13: How many hours has non-custodial staff been used to augment custodial staff in the facility from Jan. 1, XX – Dec. 31, XX? *Numeric response*” **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- b. “If YES to Q13: How many non-custodial staff provided augmentation for at least one shift from Jan. 1, XX – Dec. 31, XX? *Numeric response*” **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Note:

14. Are there any legal, technological, resource, or confidentiality issues that would make it difficult or impossible to respond to any of these questions about staffing levels and work schedules for Correctional Officers? *Yes/No*

- a. IF YES to Q14: Can you describe what those issues are?

Probe Notes:

- b. IF YES to Q14: Can you think of any ways that might help us to resolve these issues?

Probe Notes:

SECTION 2: Salary and time off for Correctional Officers

Next, we would like to ask you about salary and time off for Correctional Officers

15. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“What is the average annual salary for COs at this facility?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- a. “What is the starting salary with zero years of previous experience for COs at this facility?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered**

Probe Notes:

16. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“How does your facility track vacation and sick time, select which best fits your facility’s practices?” *Select individual response*

- Paid Time Off, which includes sick and vacation time, **not** tracked separately (e.g., “have 48 hours of paid time off) **Answer Q16 PTO variant and skip Q17, Q18**

- Paid Time Off, which includes sick and vacation time, but tracked separately (e.g., “have 8 hours of sick time and 40 hours of vacation time”) **skip 16 PTO variant, go to 17**

- Sick and Vacation Time tracked separately (e.g., “have 8 hours of sick time and 40 hours of vacation time”) **skip Q16 PTO variant, go to 17**

Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe

Probe Notes:

a. “Does your facility require a certain amount of paid time off or vacation to be used each year?” *Yes/No response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

17. PTO variant – Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“How many days of paid time off per calendar year are full-time COs provided in your facility?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe to determine if there are different leave amounts given based on tenure, rank, other factors**

Probe Notes:

a. “What was the average number of paid time off days used by COs between Jan. 1, XX – Dec. 31, XX?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

18. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“How many days of paid vacation per calendar year are full-time COs provided in your facility?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

a. “What was the average number of paid vacation days used by COs between Jan. 1, XX – Dec. 31, XX?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

19. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“How many days of paid sick leave per calendar year are COs provided in your facility?”
Numeric response **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- a. “What was the average number of paid sick leave days used by COs at this facility between Jan 1., XX – Dec. 31, XX? *Numeric response*” **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

20. Are there any legal, technological, resource, or confidentiality issues that would make it difficult or impossible to respond to any of these questions about salary and time off for Correctional Officers? *Yes/No*

- a. IF YES to Q20: Can you describe what those issues are?

Probe Notes:

- b. IF YES to Q20: Can you think of any ways that might help us to resolve these issues?

Probe Notes:

SECTION 3: Education and training for Correctional Officers

Now we would like to ask you about the types educational and training requirements and opportunities for Correctional Officers

21. Would your agency be able to provide this data and/or policy at a facility-level for this question:

“What are the minimum education requirements to be a CO in this facility/state?” *Open-ended response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

22. Would your agency be able to provide this data and/or policy at a facility-level for this question:

“What is the minimum age requirement to be hired as a CO in this facility/state?” *Open-ended response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

23. Would your agency be able to provide this data and/or policy at a facility-level for this question:

“Does your agency have a training program for new COs in this facility/state?” *Yes/No response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- a. If YES to Q23: “How long is the training program for new COs in this facility/state? Please specify in hours.” *Numeric response Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe*

Probe Notes:

24. Would your agency be able to provide this data and/or policy at a facility-level for this question:

“Are COs required to take any annual or semi-annual trainings?” *Yes/No response Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe*

Probe Notes:

- a. “If YES to Q24: What are the trainings?” *Open-ended response Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered*

25. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“Are COs provided opportunities to attend professional conferences or other professional development activities other than required training?” *Yes/No response Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe*

Probe Notes:

- a. If Yes to Q25: “How many COs attended professional conferences between Jan. 1, XX – Dec. 31, XX?” *Numeric response Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered*
- b. IF Yes to Q25: “How many COs engaged in professional development activities, other than conferences between Jan. 1, XX – Dec. 31, XX?” *Numeric response Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered*

26. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“Does your state/facility have a union which COs can join?” *Yes/No Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered If No/Do not know → Probe*

Probe Notes:

- a. “How many COs in this facility belonged to a labor union as of Dec. 31, XX?” *Numeric response Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe*

Probe Notes:

27. Would your agency be able to provide this information at a facility-level for this question:

“Are COs issued a firearm for work?” *Yes/No response Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered*

- a. “If YES to Q27: How many COs had a work-issued firearm, as of December 31, XX?”
Numeric response Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe

Probe Notes:

- b. “If YES to Q27: Does your facility have a policy that outlines use and storage of duty firearms during off-duty hours?” *Yes/No response Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe*

Probe Notes:

28. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“Are COs required to attend training on safe storage of firearms?” *Yes/No response Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe*

Probe Notes:

- a. “If YES to Q28: How often is the training required (e.g., annual, at time of hiring)?”
Open-ended response Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe

Probe Notes:

29. Are there any legal, technological, resource, or confidentiality issues that would make it difficult or impossible to respond to any of these questions about education and training for Correctional Officers? *Yes/No*

- a. IF YES to Q29: Can you describe what those issues are?

Probe Notes:

- b. IF YES to Q29: Can you think of any ways that might help us to resolve these issues?

Probe Notes:

SECTION 4: Correctional Officer Stressors and Indicators of Stress

Next we’d like to ask you about information you can provide on stressors for COs in the workplace and indicators of CO stress

30. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“Does your facility have a policy that limits or sets the number of inmates for which a CO can be assigned and/or supervise?” *Yes/No response Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe*

Probe Notes:

31. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“Does your facility have a restrictive housing unit, sometimes called special population, solitary confinement, isolation units, and does not include medical units?” *Yes/No response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- a. If YES to Q31: “Are there limits or rules about the number of hours or amount of time that a CO can work in a restrictive housing unit?” *Yes/No response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- i. If YES to Q31a: “What are those limits?” *Open-ended response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered**

32. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“How many COs were the subject of an investigation conducted by the facility or an oversight authority in your system from Jan. 1, XX – Dec. 31, XX?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- a. “From Jan 1., XX – Dec. 31, XX, what topic or behaviors were COs under investigation for?” *Open ended response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

33. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“How many COs received any disciplinary action from Jan. 1, XX – Dec. 31, XX?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- a. “From Jan 1., XX – Dec. 31, XX, what topic or behaviors did COs receive disciplinary action for?” *Open ended response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

34. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“From Jan. 1, XX – Dec. 31, XX, how many workplace injuries were reported by COs at this facility?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- a. “If Q34>0: How many COs reported workplace injuries at this facility from Jan. 1, XX – Dec. 31, XX? *Numeric response*” **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- b. “If Q34>0: How many workplace injuries reported by COs were due to an assault or use of force incident? *Numeric response*” **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- c. “If Q34>0: How many COs filed a workers compensation claim from Jan. 1, XX – Dec. 31, XX? *Numeric response*” **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

35. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“How many COs were known to have died from suicide between Jan. 1, XX – Dec. 31, XX?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

36. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“How many non-CO staff were known to have died from suicide between Jan. 1, XX – Dec. 31, XX?” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

37. Are there any legal, technological, resource, or confidentiality issues that would make it difficult or impossible to respond to any of these questions about correctional officer stressors and indicators of for Correctional Officers? *Yes/No*

- a. IF YES to Q37: Can you describe what those issues are?

Probe Notes:

- b. IF YES to Q37: Can you think of any ways that might help us to resolve these issues?

Probe Notes:

SECTION 5: Services and Programs available to Correctional Officers

Now we'd like to ask you about services and programs available to COs to assist with stressors in their work and daily lives

38. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“Does your facility offer an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for COs?” *Yes/No response*
Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe

Probe Notes:

- a. “If YES to Q38: Does your facility have a policy that allows managers or Human Resources to initiate EAP contact on behalf of the CO?” *Yes/No response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

“If YES to Q38a:”

- i. “Does your facility initiate EAP contact if a CO screens positive for drugs/substances?” *Yes/No response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- ii. “Does your facility initiate EAP contact if a CO is under investigation?” *Yes/No response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- iii. “Does your facility initiate EAP contact if a CO receives discipline?” *Yes/No response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- iv. “Does your facility initiate EAP contact with employees following critical events?” *Yes/No response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

39. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“Does your facility offer CO’s other types of wellness programs that are separate from an EAP for COs?” *Yes/No response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- a. “If YES to Q39: Please tell me what types of wellness programs are available to CO’s at this facility.” *Open ended response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

40. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“Does the facility have a policy that requires a Critical Incident Stress Management response within a specified time frame when certain incidents occur? *Yes/No response*” **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

41. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“From Jan. 1, XX through Dec. 31, XX, how many Critical Incident Stress Management responses, by type of incident, were initiated?”

- a. “Inmate death” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered**
- b. “Inmate fight that results in injury to other inmates” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered**
- c. “Inmate fight that results in injury to COs or other facility staff” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered**
- d. “Inmate suicide attempt” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered**
- e. “Sexual assault on inmate” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered**
- f. “Sexual assault on CO or facility staff” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered**
- g. “Death of CO or facility staff” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered**
- h. “Suicide of CO or facility staff” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered**
- i. “Disturbances” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered**
- j. “Other – please specify” *Open-ended response and Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered**

Probe Notes:

Definitions: A disturbance is an incident brought about by inmate action that results in loss of control of the facility or a portion of the facility and requires extraordinary measures to regain control.

A loss of control is defined as a situation in which inmates are acting in concert to disrupt facility operations and refuse to comply with lockdown orders.

Examples of extraordinary measures include sending in a significant number of staff or the tactical response team, firing of shots, use of gas, etc.

42. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“What is included in your facility’s Critical Incident Stress Management response? Check all that apply”

- a. “Critical Incident Stress Debriefing” *Yes/No response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- b. “Post critical incident seminars” *Yes/No response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- c. “Trauma dog/Pet therapy” *Yes/No response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- d. “Access to counselor and resources” *Yes/No response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

- e. “Other elements – specify” *Yes/No and open response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered**

43. Are there any legal, technological, resource, or confidentiality issues that would make it difficult or impossible to respond to any of these questions about services and programs for Correctional Officers? *Yes/No*

- a. IF YES to Q43: Can you describe what those issues are?

Probe Notes:

- b. IF YES to Q43: Can you think of any ways that might help us to resolve these issues?

Probe Notes:

SECTION 6: Characteristics of Correctional Officers and facilities

Finally, we'd like to ask you some questions about characteristics of CO's and facilities in your system

44. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“How many COs currently employed by this facility are: Men, Women, Total. *Numeric response*” **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered**

a. “From Jan. 1, XX – Dec. 31, XX, how many COs employed by this facility were: Men, Women, Total. *Numeric response*” **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/ Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

45. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“Of the total COs currently employed by this facility, how many were: Asian; Black or African American; Hispanic or Latino; Middle Eastern or North African; Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; White” *Numeric response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered → Probe**

Probes:

1. Which of these categories exist in the agencies information system?
2. Do the definitions given here match the definitions for the agency categories?
3. Which of these categories are not included in the agency's information system?
4. What categories does your system use that are not included in the race breakout that we presented here? Given these differences, how would you report the race for COs in these other categories?

Definitions:

American Indian or Alaska Native. Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of North, Central, and South America, including, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, and Maya.

Asian. Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of Central or East Asia, Southeast Asia, or South Asia, including, for example, Chinese, Asian Indian, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, and Japanese.

Black or African American. Individuals with origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa, including, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, and Somali.

Hispanic or Latino. Includes individuals of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Salvadoran, Cuban, Dominican, Guatemalan, and other Central or South American or Spanish culture or origin.

Middle Eastern or North African. Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of the Middle East or North Africa, including, for example, Lebanese, Iranian, Egyptian, Syrian, Iraqi, and Israeli.

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands, including, for example, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, and Marshallese.

White. Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, including, for example, English, German, Irish, Italian, Polish, and Scottish

46. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“What was the rated capacity of this facility, as of Jan. 1, XX?” *Numeric Response/Don’t Know*
Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered

If Don’t Know to Q46: “As of Jan. 1, XX, what was the design capacity of this facility?”
Numeric Response **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered**

Definition: Rated capacity is the number of beds or inmates assigned by rating officials for safe and efficient operation of this facility. It may exceed design capacity because of double bunking. However, beds in an area not designed as sleeping space, such as day rooms and multipurpose rooms, should not be included in rated capacity.

Definition: Design capacity is the number of inmates that planners or architects intended for this facility.

47. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“What was the physical security of this facility, as of Jan. 1, XX.” Mark the one box that best describes the physical security of the facility.

Super Maximum;

Maximum/close/high;

Medium;

Minimum/low;

Administrative (e.g., medical facilities);

Other – specify;

none *Selected response*” **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered**

Definitions: Super maximum, maximum/close/high security is characterized by walls or double-fence perimeters, armed towers, or armed patrols. Cell housing is isolated in one of two ways: within a cell block so that a prisoner escaping from a cell is confined within the building or by double security from the perimeter by bars, steel doors, or other hardware. All entry or exit is via trap gate or sally port.

Medium security is characterized by a single or double-fenced perimeter with armed coverage by towers or patrols. Housing units are cells, rooms, or dormitories. Dormitories are living units designed or modified to accommodate 12 or more persons. All entry or exit is via trap gate or sally port.

Minimum or low security is characterized by a fence or “posted” perimeter. Cell housing units are rooms or dormitories. Normal entry and exit are under visual surveillance.

48. Would your agency be able to provide this data at a facility-level for this question:

“Was this facility under a state or federal court order or consent decree for specific conditions of confinement as of Jan. 1, XX?” *Yes/No response*” **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered**

- a. If Yes to Q48: “What is the maximum number of inmates this facility is allowed to house?” *Numeric Response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered**
- b. If Yes to Q48: “What were the specific conditions?” Mark all conditions that apply: Crowding; Visiting/mail/telephone policy; Accommodation of disabled; Religious practices; mental health services/treatment; Search policies or practices; Fire hazards; Medical facilities or services; Disciplinary procedures or policies; Grievance procedures or policies; Staffing; Administrative segregation procedures or policies; Library services; Recreation/exercise; Inmate classification; Foodservices/nutrition/cleanliness; Counseling Programs; Education; Other- specify. *Selected responses* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered**

49. Are there any legal, technological, resource, or confidentiality issues that would make it difficult or impossible to respond to any of these questions about Characteristics of correctional officers and facilities? *Yes/No*

- a. IF YES to Q49: Can you describe what those issues are?

Probe Notes:

- b. IF YES to Q49: Can you think of any ways that might help us to resolve these issues?

Probe Notes:

SECTION 7: Close-out Interview

That concludes the specific questions that we have for you. However, we would like to hear your thoughts.

50. “Are there other resources in your agency to support COs that you think would be helpful for us to know about?” *Yes/No response* **Yes/No/Do not know/Unanswered, If No/Do not know → Probe**

Probe Notes:

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- a. “If YES to Q50: “What are these other resources provide to support COs? *Open-ended response*” **Yes/No/Do not know`/Unanswered**

51. Are there any other policies, programs, or practices at your agency that would help us understand the impact of correctional officer stressors and suicide?

Thank you for your time and assistance. Do you have any questions we can answer?

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Institutional Review Board Initial Determination

Principal Investigator/Project Director: Jennifer Bronson/

Project Title: BJS Statistical Support Program (SSP)-COSS

Sponsor Agency: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Abt IRB #: 2244

Initial Determination Status: Does not require review by the IRB because project activities do not meet the definition of research per 45CFR46.102(l)

Please note the following requirements:

Abt Associates IRB #: This study has been assigned the following Abt Associates IRB# **2244**. Please refer to this number in your future correspondence with the Board.

Change in Study Status: This determination only applies to the protocol submitted to the IRB for review at this time. Should there be changes to the protocol in the future, the study should be resubmitted to determine whether further IRB review is required.

Questions or concerns regarding this determination should be directed to the Abt Associates' IRB at irb@abtassoc.com.

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