

Request for new submission under the “Generic Clearance for Cognitive, Pilot and Field Studies for Bureau of Justice Statistics Data Collection Activities”

(OMB Control Number: 1121-0339)

TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: Census of State Courts

PURPOSE: The purpose of this generic request is to contact state court administrators to confirm and either correct or provide updated contact information on courts within their jurisdiction for the Census of State Courts (CSC) frame.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:

State court administrators and delegates whom they refer us to.

TYPE OF COLLECTION: (Check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Comment Card/Complaint Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Satisfaction Survey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usability Testing (e.g., Website or Software) | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Discussion Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Focus Group | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Outreach to verify a list of state courts</u> |

CERTIFICATION:

I certify the following to be true:

1. The collection is voluntary.
2. The collection is low-burden for respondents and low-cost for the Federal Government.
3. The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other federal agencies.
4. The results are not intended to be disseminated to the public.
5. Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions.
6. The collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the future.

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To assist review, please provide answers to the following question:

Personally Identifiable Information:

1. Is personally identifiable information (PII) collected? Yes No
2. If Yes, will any information that is collected be included in records that are subject to the Privacy Act of 1974? Yes No
3. If Yes, has an up-to-date System of Records Notice (SORN) been published? Yes No

Note: for any privacy related questions regarding your collection, please contact your component’s Senior Component Official for Privacy or the Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties.

Gifts or Payments:

Is an incentive (e.g., money or reimbursement of expenses, token of appreciation) provided to participants? Yes No

If answering yes, you will also need to describe the incentive and provide a justification for the amount.

BURDEN HOURS:

In the provided table, list the following information in each row for the type or respondent for the collection and provide total figures at the bottom for the number of respondents, participation time, and burden.

- Category of respondent – Provide the type or category of individual who will respond to your collection from the following list:
 - Individuals or Household
 - Private Sector
 - State, Local, or Tribal Governments
 - Federal Government
- Number of Respondents – Estimate of the total number of respondents by type/category.
- Participation Time – Estimate of the total amount of time (in minutes) required for participation in a collection by type/category of respondents (e.g. fill out a survey or participate in a focus group).
- Burden – Estimate of the annual burden hours by type/category or respondents.
 - To determine this estimate, multiply the number of respondents by the participation time and divide that figure by 60.

Burden Table

Category of Respondent	No. of Respondents	Participation Time to complete form	Burden
State Government: Outreach and verification of contact information of courts in their state	112	30 minutes	56 hours
Totals	112	30 minutes	56 hours

FEDERAL COST: The estimated annual cost to the Federal government is \$8,630. This includes an estimated \$6,180 for the NCSC portion of the work and an estimated \$2,450 for the GS-12 project manager’s work.

If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:

The selection of your targeted respondents

1. Do you have a customer list or something similar that defines the universe of potential respondents and do you have a sampling plan for selecting from this universe?

[X] Yes [] No

If the answer is yes, please provide a description of both below (or attach the sampling plan)? If the answer is no, please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them?

The National Center for State Courts (NCS) constructed a preliminary list of state courts through their State Courts Organization project. They added to this list through comprehensive internet searches and cross referenced the list through a review of each state's statute that enables the creation of a court. Through these efforts, NCSC constructed a frame of roughly 11,000 courts. There is no sampling plan for implementation of the instrument, as this will be a census. All state and local courts will be asked to participate in the census.

Administration of the Instrument

1. How will you collect the information? (Check all that apply)
 - Web-based or other forms of Social Media
 - Telephone
 - In-person
 - Mail
 - Other, Explain
2. Will interviewers or facilitators be used? Yes No

Submit all instruments, instructions, and scripts with the request.