

From: [Seth Galanter](#)
To: [Mueller, Derek \(OJP\)](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] National Prisoner Statistics program (NPS)
Date: Monday, July 28, 2025 8:06:42 PM

Thank you.

-Seth

On Mon, Jul 28, 2025 at 4:31 PM Mueller, Derek (OJP) <Derek.Mueller@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hi Seth,

We do not share Supporting Statements with the public until they are visible in Reginfo (i.e., under OMB review). You can find the active package, including Part A, in reginfo.gov here: [View Information Collection Request \(ICR\) Package](#). The current draft of the instrument is attached. The only major change to the current instrument is the removal of the HIV-related questions.

Best,

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] National Prisoner Statistics program (NPS)

Mr. Mueller -

I saw the notice for the NPS survey in the July 24 Federal Register, but couldn't find anywhere online where Supporting Statement A and the information collection instrument with instructions are available.

Could you either point me to the right place, or email me the documents electronically?

Thanks.

Seth Galanter

From: [Mueller, Derek \(OJP\)](#)
To: jj3222@drexel.edu
Cc: [Comments, BJS PRA \(OJP\)](#)
Subject: RE: Comment on 2025-13933 (90 FR 34885)
Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 11:20:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Dr. Jahn,

Thank you for your comment. There are several reasons behind BJS's decision to remove the HIV/AIDS section from the 2026 NPS-1B instrument. First, as part of a larger effort to make the NPS more flexible and responsive to policy issues, BJS proposes to continue to field periodic supplements to the NPS program in order to capture relevant and timely issues in corrections, including health-related variables such as HIV/AIDS. Second, the HIV/AIDS section places a high burden on respondents as much of the information requested requires them to work with their medical teams to access these data points rather than being able to pull the information from their facility population data systems. Finally, estimates of the rate of prisoners living with HIV while in the custody of state and federal correctional authorities have remained relatively stable over the last decade. With little within-state variation from year to year, monitoring HIV-related patterns periodically rather than annually is more efficient and reduces burden on our data providers and allows BJS to adopt a more flexible model as explained above.

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From: Jahn,Jackie <jj3222@drexel.edu>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on 2025-13933 (90 FR 34885)

Dear Dr. Mueller and others at the NPS,

I write to voice concerns regarding the proposed changes to the NPS data collection, specifically the removal of the module on HIV/AIDS. These data are some of the only publicly national-level sources of information on infectious disease among incarcerated populations. They therefore function as essential public health monitoring data, providing important information for prison administration and resource allocation. These data are also routinely used in public health research aimed at the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS in prisons, particularly because this population is at elevated risk relative to the general U.S. population. Indeed, rather than phasing out the collection of the HIV/AIDS module, the NPS should be collecting more information in infectious disease, and particularly Hepatitis C, in state prison populations.

Sincerely,

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