



U.S. Department of Justice

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Bureau of Justice Statistics

Washington, D.C. 20531

MEMORANDUM

TO: Office of the Chief Statistician
Office of Management and Budget

FROM: Bureau of Justice Statistics

SUBJECT: Nonsubstantive change notification for the Survey of Sexual
Victimization: OMB Control No: 1121-0292

DATE: July 27, 2026

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is notifying OMB of a nonsubstantive change to the Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV) under OMB Control No: 1121-0292 (expiration date 07/31/2027). The changes consist of BJS taking part in nonresponse followup earlier in the data collection cycle and mixing outreach from BJS and Census. Outreach to nonrespondents will occur on the following schedule:

- August 31, 2026: Email invitation and formal letter sent to respondents
- September 15, 2026: Reminder email from BJS
- September 30, 2026: Reminder email from Census
- October 20, 2026: Reminder email from Census
- November 9, 2026: Reminder email from Census
- November 30, 2026: Reminder email from Census
- December 8, 2026: Reminder email from BJS
- December 14, 2026: Reminder email from BJS
- December 21, 2026: Due date extension email from Census
- January 4, 2027: Reminder email from BJS
- January 11, 2027: Weekly reminder emails from Census begin
- February 9, 2027: Reminder email from BJS
- February 22, 2027: Reminder email from BJS

Attachments

- A. Formal invitation letter
- B. Email invitation
- C. First BJS reminder email
- D. Second BJS reminder email
- E. Third BJS reminder email
- F. Fourth BJS reminder email
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- H. Sixth BJS reminder email
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Dear PREA Coordinator:

We are pleased to announce the start of the **2025 Survey of Sexual Victimization**. The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is mandated by the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA; P.L. 108-79) to “carry out, for each calendar year, a comprehensive statistical review and analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape.” BJS developed this survey to collect information on the characteristics of these incidents and to aid correctional administrators in preventing, reporting, investigating, and prosecuting such incidents.

PREA **requires** adult correctional and juvenile justice administrators to participate in the national survey. PREA also requires that BJS list all sampled facilities that do not participate in the survey in the final report shared with Congress. To fulfill the mandated PREA reporting requirements and avoid being included on this list we ask that you submit data online by **December 18, 2026**, at:

Website: <https://respond.census.gov/ssv>
UserID: «USERID»

We encourage everyone to respond online. If this is not possible, you may still submit paper forms. Blank fillable PDF forms are available for download on the survey website, <https://respond.census.gov/ssv>. If you are unable to download these forms, please contact Greta Clark at the Census Bureau at 1-800-253-2078 or greta.b.clark@census.gov to request paper forms.

Your full and timely response is important to the continued success of this effort. If you need assistance regarding your submission, please contact Greta Clark at the information above. If BJS can be of assistance, please contact Michael B. Field at michael.field@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin M. Scott".

Kevin M. Scott, PhD
Acting Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics
U.S. Department of Justice

BJS is authorized to conduct this data collection under 34 U.S.C. § 10132 and PREA. The U.S. Census Bureau is the data collection agent for this survey. By law, BJS will use the information you provide only for statistical or research purposes and is required to protect the confidentiality of information identifiable to a private person against unauthorized disclosure or misuse. [34 U.S.C. § 10134 and 34 U.S.C. § 10231] BJS is further required to ensure the confidentiality of survey participants when carrying out its review and analysis. [34 U.S.C. § 30303] Per the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, federal information systems are protected from malicious activities through cybersecurity screening of transmitted data.

For more information on how BJS and its data collection agents will use and protect data collected under BJS's authority, go to https://bjs.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh236/files/media/document/bjs_data_protection_guidelines.pdf

Email Subject Line: 2025 PREA Survey of Sexual Victimization survey invitation

Email Text:

Dear Administrator or PREA Coordinator:

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is pleased to invite you to participate in the *2025 Survey of Sexual Victimization* (SSV). A formal invitation letter has been mailed to you and should arrive shortly. A copy of the letter is also attached to this email.

BJS conducts this annual data collection in response to the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003. The SSV collects information on the characteristics of incidents of sexual victimization to aid correctional administrators in addressing the prevention, reporting, investigation, and prosecution of such incidents. PREA also requires adult correctional and juvenile justice administrators to participate in the national survey.

The U.S. Census Bureau is the data collection agent, and we request your assistance in completing and returning your information by **December 18, 2026**.

Respond online at: <https://respond.census.gov/ssv>

Please submit your data online using your unique User ID below:

***User ID text is centered **THIS IS NOT PART OF THE REAL TEXT, FOR DEVELOPER USE**

BJS is authorized to conduct this data collection under 34 U.S.C. § 10132 and PREA. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Greta Clark at the Census Bureau at 1-800-253-2078 or greta.b.clark@census.gov or Michael B. Field, BJS PREA Program Manager, at michael.field@usdoj.gov.

We understand that you receive many data requests throughout the year and greatly appreciate your taking the time to complete the SSV questionnaire. Your agency's participation is critical to the success of the SSV.

Subject Line: PREA Survey of Sexual Victimization: Follow-Up Reminder

Hello! Two weeks ago, you should have received email and letter invitations from the U.S. Census Bureau to submit data for the **2025 Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV)**. The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is mandated by the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA; P.L. 108-79) to “carry out, for each calendar year, a comprehensive statistical review and analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape,” and **we need your help completing this important data collection.**

Please respond online at: <https://respond.census.gov/ssv/login> and submit your data using the unique User ID that was sent in the original email and letter invitations to your facility.

While we encourage everyone to respond online, if this is not possible, you may still submit paper forms. Blank fillable PDF forms are available for download on the survey website, <https://respond.census.gov/ssv>.

Please submit your data online or return forms by December 18, 2026. If you have any general questions or need assistance with login information, please reach out to staff at:

ssv@census.gov

1-888-369-3613

For specific data questions, please reach out to the SSV analysts:

Greta Clark, greta.b.clark@census.gov

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With your vital cooperation, we are confident we will all learn more about this critical issue and how to prevent victimization going forward. Thank you for your time and participation.

Subject line: PREA Survey of Sexual Victimization: Deadline Approaching

Good [morning/afternoon],

As of today, our records show that we still have not received a completed 2025 Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV) questionnaire from your facility. The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is mandated by the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) to carry out a comprehensive statistical analysis and report on the prevalence and nature of sexual victimization within correctional facilities, and **we need your help completing this important data collection.**

PREA requires adult correctional and juvenile justice administrators to participate in the national survey. PREA also requires that BJS list all sampled facilities that do not participate in the survey in the final report shared with Congress. **We ask that you submit your data by next Friday, December 18, 2026**, to fulfill the mandated PREA reporting requirements and avoid being included on this list.

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Subject line: PREA Survey of Sexual Victimization: Submission Deadline Here

Good morning,

The submission deadline for the 2025 Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV) is **this Friday, December 18, 2026**, and our records show that we still have not received a completed SSV questionnaire from your facility.

PREA requires adult correctional and juvenile justice administrators to participate in the national survey. **Please submit your data this week** to fulfill the mandated PREA reporting requirements.

You can find instructions for completing the survey in the text below.

Thank you for your time and participation.

Good [morning/afternoon],

As of today, our records show that we still have not received a completed 2025 Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV) questionnaire from your facility. The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is mandated by the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) to carry out a comprehensive statistical analysis and report on the prevalence and nature of sexual victimization within correctional facilities, and **we need your help completing this important data collection.**

PREA requires adult correctional and juvenile justice administrators to participate in the national survey. **We ask that you submit your data by next Friday, December 18, 2026**, to fulfill the mandated PREA reporting requirements.

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Subject line: PREA Survey of Sexual Victimization: Deadline Extended

Hello! By now, you should have received an email from the U.S. Census Bureau notifying you that the deadline for the 2025 Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV) has been extended to **February 26, 2027**. As of today, our records show that we still have not received a completed SSV questionnaire from your facility. The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is mandated by the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) to carry out a comprehensive statistical analysis and report on the prevalence and nature of sexual victimization within correctional facilities, and **we need your help completing this important data collection.**

Your participation is important. Please respond online at: <https://respond.census.gov/ssv/login> and submit your data using the unique User ID that was sent in the original email and letter invitations to your facility. You may also use the attached fillable PDF forms or forward them to whomever can best complete them for your agency.

As a reminder, **PREA requires adult correctional and juvenile justice administrators to participate in the national survey. PREA also requires that BJS include in our report to Congress a list of any sampled facilities that do not participate.** Please submit your data online or return these forms by February 26, 2027.

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Subject line: Last chance to submit: PREA Survey of Sexual Victimization

Good morning,

As of today, our records show that we still have not received a completed Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV) questionnaire from your facility. The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is mandated by the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) to carry out a comprehensive statistical analysis and report on the prevalence and nature of sexual victimization within correctional facilities. **PREA requires that BJS include in our report to Congress a list of any sampled facilities that do not participate. Your facility will be listed if you do not respond by February 26, 2027.**

Please go to our website, <https://respond.census.gov/ssv/login> and complete the survey using the unique User ID that was sent in the original email and letter invitations to your facility. You may also use the attached fillable PDF forms or forward them to whomever can best complete them for your agency.

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Subject line: Final Reminder: Last chance to submit PREA Survey of Sexual Victimization

Good morning,

This is your final reminder email to complete the Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV) by this Friday, February 26, 2027.

If we do not receive a completed survey from your facility by this date, we will record your non-participation in our published report to Congress as required by the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).

Please find instructions for completing the survey in the text below.

Thank you for your time and participation.

Good morning,

As of today, our records show that we still have not received a completed Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV) from your facility. The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is mandated by the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) to carry out a comprehensive statistical analysis and report on the prevalence and nature of sexual victimization within correctional facilities. **PREA requires that BJS include in our report to Congress a list of any sampled facilities that do not participate. Your facility will be listed if you do not respond by February 26, 2027.**

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Attachment I: First Census
reminder email

Subject Line: 2025 Survey of Sexual Victimization: One Month In! [Facility Name, State Abbrev.]

Dear [FACILITY CONTACT],

Hello! The 2025 Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV) launched one month ago, and as of today, **our records show that we have not received a completed questionnaire from your facility.**

The SSV collects important information on the prevalence and nature of sexual victimization within correctional facilities. The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is authorized to conduct this data collection under 34 U.S.C. § 10132 and the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), and the U.S. Census Bureau collects this data on their behalf. PREA requires adult correctional and juvenile justice administrators to participate in the national survey.

Please respond online at: <https://respond.census.gov/ssv/login> and submit your data using your unique User ID: [UserID]

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Attachment J: Second
Census reminder email

Subject Line: 2025 Survey of Sexual Victimization: Two Months Left! [Facility Name, State Abbrev.]

Dear [FACILITY CONTACT],

Hello! The 2025 Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV) closes in two months, on December 18, 2026. As of today, **our records show that we still have not received a completed questionnaire from your facility.**

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Attachment K: Third
Census reminder email

Subject Line: 2025 Survey of Sexual Victimization: Six Weeks Left! [Facility Name, State Abbrev.]

Dear [FACILITY CONTACT],

Hello! The 2025 Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV) closes in six weeks, on December 18, 2026. As of today, **our records show that we still have not received a completed questionnaire from your facility.**

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Attachment L: Fourth
Census reminder email

Subject Line: 2025 Survey of Sexual Victimization: Time is running out! [Facility Name, State Abbrev.]

Dear [FACILITY CONTACT],

Hello! The 2025 Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV) closes in three weeks, on December 18, 2026. By now you should have received the original SSV invitation that was mailed to your facility at the end of August, as well as several email reminders, and **our records show that we still have not received a completed questionnaire from your facility.**

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Attachment M: Fifth
Census reminder email

Subject Line: 2025 Survey of Sexual Victimization: Deadline Extended [Facility Name, State Abbrev.]

Dear [FACILITY CONTACT],

Hello! In August, we launched the 2025 Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV), and our records show that we still have not received a completed questionnaire from your facility. The survey was scheduled to close on December 18, but **we have extended the deadline for the few remaining nonrespondents to February 26, 2027.**

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Subject Line: 2025 Survey of Sexual Victimization Is **Overdue!** [Facility Name, State Abbrev.]

Dear [FACILITY CONTACT],

Hello! As of today, **our records show that we still have not received a completed Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV) questionnaire from your facility.** The original SSV request was mailed to your facility back in August and was due to us by December 18, 2026.

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