

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1121–0296]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comments Requested; Reinstatement, With Change, of a Previously Approved Collection for Which Approval Has Expired: 2018 Census of Medical Examiner and Coroner Offices (CMEC)**AGENCY:** Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice.**ACTION:** 60-day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs, 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 60 days until February 11, 2019.

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 Connor Brooks, Statistician, Law Enforcement Statistics Unit, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh Street NW, Washington, DC 20531 (email: Connor.Brooks@usdoj.gov; phone: 202–514–8633).

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.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Reinstatement of the Census of Medical Examiner and Coroner Offices, with changes, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

(2) *The Title of the Form/Collection:* 2018 Census of Medical Examiner and Coroner Offices.

(3) *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* The form number is CMEC–1. The applicable component within the Department of Justice is the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

This information collection is a census of medical examiner and coroner offices. The 2018 survey is revised from the data collection referencing 2004. BJS plans to field the 2018 CMEC from May through November 2019. Respondents will be the medical examiners and coroners (or members of their staff) working in medicolegal death investigation offices.

Abstract: The 2018 CMEC will focus on the same topics as the 2004: The number and type of medical examiner and coroner offices operating in the U.S., staff at these offices, budget and capital resources, workload, policies and procedures regarding casework, specialized death investigations, records and evidence retention, resources, and operations. The survey was assessed by a panel of practitioners and subject matter experts. Results from these efforts were used to revise the survey to ensure content was up-to-date and relevant to the medicolegal death investigation system today. The survey was also revised to improve clarity and ease of answering questions. Suggestions resulting from this review were incorporated into the survey and then cognitively tested with 14 medical examiner and coroner offices.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* A projected 2,400 respondents will take an average of 1.5 hours each to complete form CMEC–1, including time to research or find information not readily available. In addition, an estimated 1,100 respondents will be

contacted for data quality follow-up by phone at 15 minutes per call.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* There are an estimated 3,875 total burden hours associated with this information collection.

If additional information is required contact: Melody Braswell, 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: December 7, 2018.

Melody Braswell,

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

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[OMB Number 1121–0147]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Reinstatement, With Change, of a Previously Approved Collection for Which Approval Has Expired: Census of State and Federal Adult Correctional Facilities**AGENCY:** Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice.**ACTION:** 60-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs, 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 60 days until February 11, 2019.

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 Laura Maruschak, Statistician, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh Street NW, Washington, DC 20531 (email: laura.maruschak@usdoj.gov; telephone: 202–307–5986).

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.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

(2) *The Title of the Form/Collection:* Census of State and Federal Adult Correctional Facilities.

(3) *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* The form number for this collection is CJ-43. The applicable component within the Department of Justice is the Bureau of Justice Statistics (Corrections Unit), in the Office of Justice Programs.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

Primary: State departments of corrections (DOCs) and the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP).

Others: Various local authorities and private entities for which primary respondents cannot provide facility-level data.

The affected public consists of approximately 451 respondents, including 51 central state DOC and BOP reporters and an estimated 400 reporters from locally- or privately-operated facilities primarily housing prisoners for state or BOP authorities. BJS will attempt to identify central reporters for private facilities operated by the same company. If successful, the overall number of respondents will be reduced.

The Census of State and Federal Adult Correctional Facilities (CCF) is part of the larger Bureau of Justice Statistics' (BJS) portfolio of

establishment surveys that inform the nation on the characteristics of adult correctional facilities and persons sentenced to state and federal prisons. The CCF collects data at the facility level. Data obtained are intended to describe the characteristics of confinement and community-based adult correctional facilities that are (1) operated by state and BOP authorities or (2) operated by local authorities or private entities under contract to state or BOP authorities. The data collected inform issues related to the operations of facilities and the conditions of confinement, including facility capacity and crowding, safety and security within prisons, staff workload, overall facility function, programming, work assignments, and special housing. All data are submitted on a voluntary basis. Consistent with the most recent iteration of the CCF in 2005, BJS plans to collect the following data on each facility eligible for the census with the reference date of June 30, 2019:

- Type of authority operating facility (federal, state, local, joint state and local)
- Whether the facility is authorized to house males, females, or both males and females
- Type of physical security at the facility
- Functions of the facility
- Whether or not the facility has a designated geriatric or hospice unit
- Percentage of prisoners permitted to leave the facility unaccompanied
- Rated or design capacity of the facility
- Whether or not the facility operated under a state or federal court order or consent decree that limited the number of prisoners it could house
- Whether or not the facility operated under a state or federal court order or consent decree for specific conditions of confinement
- Average daily population of male and female prisoners over a one-year period
- Number of prisoners on the reference date
- Number of male and female prisoners under the age of 18 on the reference date
- Number of prisoners by racial category on the reference date
- Number of prisoners held in maximum, medium, and minimum custody on the reference date
- Number of prisoners who were not U.S. citizens on the reference date
- Number of prisoners held in maximum, medium, and minimum custody on the reference date
- Number of prisoners housed in protective custody, administrative

segregation, segregated for disciplinary reasons, or other restrictive housing on the reference date

- Number of prisoners held for federal, state, local, and tribal authorities on the reference date
 - Number of male and female security staff employed by the facility on the reference date
 - Number of security staff listed by racial category on the reference date
 - Number of misconduct/disciplinary reports filed on prisoners over a one-year period
 - Number of assaults against facility staff by prisoners reported over a one-year period
 - Number of prisoner assaults by other prisoners reported over a one-year period
 - Number of disturbances that occurred at the facility over a one-year period
 - Number of escapes by prisoners that occurred at the facility over a one-year period
 - Number of walkaways by prisoners that occurred at the facility over a one-year period
 - Types of work assignments available to prisoners on the reference date
 - Types of educational programs available to prisoners on the reference date
 - Types of counseling or special programs available to prisoners on the reference date
- BJS is proposing to add the following items to the 2019 CCF collection, all of which are likely available from the same databases as existing data elements and should pose minimal additional burden to the respondents, while enhancing BJS's ability to characterize the corrections system and populations it serves:
- Whether or not the facility is administratively linked to other facilities and if they are, names of other facilities
 - Whether or not the facility has a housing unit specifically designated for veterans
 - Number of prisoners by sex who were not U.S. citizens on the reference date
 - Number of security staff on average at facility by day shift, night shift, and overnight shift
 - Number of shared security staff with other administratively-linked facilities
 - Number of prisoner assaults by other prisoners resulting in serious injury and without serious injury over a one-year period
 - Number of GED certificates awarded to prisoners over a one-year period

Finally, BJS is proposing to remove the following items from the CCF collection, based on high burden, low utilization, and/or low response rates in 2005:

- Year facility was constructed
- Plans to renovate or close the facility during the next three years
- Net effect of planned changes in terms of bed capacity of the facility
- Number of prisoners housed in a geriatric unit on the reference date
- Year that state or federal court order or consent decree took effect
- Number of confined prisoners sentenced to death on the reference date
- Per diem fees paid to the facility for housing federal, state, or local authorities
- Payroll and non-payroll, full-time and part-time staff, employed by the facility on the reference date
- Number of male and female administrators, clerical and maintenance, educational, professional, and technical staff employed by the facility on the reference date
- Number of full-time and part-time payroll staff by racial category on the reference date
- Number of part-time security staff by racial category on the reference date
- Number of facility staff deaths resulting from assaults by prisoners for a one-year period
- Number of disturbances by type (major or other) that occurred at the facility over a one-year period
- Number of prisoners at the facility that had work assignments on the reference date
- Whether the facility operates a work release program, and if so, number of prisoners participating in the program on the reference date

BJS uses the information gathered in CCF in published reports and statistics. The reports will be made available to the U.S. Congress, Executive Office of the President, practitioners, researchers, students, the media, others interested in criminal justice statistics, and the general public via the BJS website.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* There are an estimated 451 respondents reporting for approximately 2,000 facilities. It is estimated to take 3 hours to complete each facility census form.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* There is an estimated 6,000 total burden hours associated with this collection, up from 5,100 hours in 2005. The increase in burden hours is due to an increase of approximately 300 facilities that are anticipated to be in scope for the 2019 collection.

If additional information is required contact: Melody Braswell, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 3E.405B, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: December 7, 2018.

Melody Braswell,

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

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts

Arts Advisory Panel Meetings

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given that 11 meetings of the Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held by teleconference or videoconference.

DATES: See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for individual meeting times and dates. All meetings are Eastern time and ending times are approximate.

ADDRESSES: National Endowment for the Arts, Constitution Center, 400 7th St. SW, Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Further information with reference to these meetings can be obtained from Ms. Sherry Hale, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506; hales@arts.gov, or call 202/682-5696.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The closed portions of meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of July 5, 2016, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of title 5, United States Code.

The upcoming meetings are:
Heritage Fellowships (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: January 8, 2019; 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Heritage Fellowships (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: January 10, 2019; 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

State Partnership Agreements (review of applications): This meeting will be open and by videoconference.

Date and time: January 15, 2019; 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

State Partnership Agreements (review of applications): This meeting will be open and by videoconference.

Date and time: January 16, 2019; 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

State Partnership Agreements (review of applications): This meeting will be open and by videoconference.

Date and time: January 17, 2019; 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Folk Arts Partnerships (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: January 17, 2019; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Jazz Masters Fellowships (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: January 24, 2019; 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Jazz Masters Fellowships (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: January 24, 2019; 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Research: Art Works (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: January 24, 2019; 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Research: Art Works (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: January 28, 2019; 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Regional Partnership Agreements (review of applications): This meeting will be open.

Date and time: January 30, 2019; 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dated: December 6, 2018.

Sherry Hale,

Staff Assistant, National Endowment for the Arts.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

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New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.