

General Information

The 2014 National Survey of Tribal Court Systems (NSTCS), developed by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), covers topics like tribal court administration, operations, staffing, caseloads, parole and probation, information systems, and more. This survey is being sent to all federally recognized tribes in the United States with a court system. The NSTCS will be administered on behalf of BJS by Kauffman & Associates, Inc., a Native-owned research firm.

This brochure is intended to give you a glimpse of survey questions so you can gather the information needed to complete the survey quickly and efficiently. The survey is made up of a mixture of multiple choice and fill-in-the-blank questions. It is understood that not all the categories will pertain to your tribal court, and the survey is designed to accommodate these variances. Upon completion of the study BJS will distribute the findings from the 2014 NSTCS.

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Reference List of Select Question Items

Section A. Tribal Justice Systems

- Total number of enrolled tribal members in 2014?
- Total resident population on your reservation, tribal land, or village in 2014?
- Which law enforcement agencies provide the policing function on your reservation, tribal land, tribal community, or village?
- Is your tribe or village subject to Public Law 280 Jurisdiction held by the state?

Section B. Tribal Court Administration

- How long has your tribal court been operational?
- Number of civil cases filed in your tribal court (both traffic and non-traffic cases)?
- How are tribal law and codes made available to the public?
- Does the state recognize your tribal court's orders in the following types of court cases:
 - Child protection (ICWA)
 - Child support
 - Domestic violence
 - Juvenile delinquency
 - Paternity
 - Private child custody (parent v. parent)
 - Other

Section C. Tribal Court System Operations

- Fiscal year 2014 operational budget?
- Which sources provided funding for your tribal court operations during 2014?
- Types and number of positions and services funded by the court's operating budget in 2014?
- Does your tribal court currently have a victim service program?

- Number of DUI/DWI convictions in 2014?
- Does your tribal court rely on county or local government social service agencies for court-ordered treatment in juvenile and/or family cases?

Section D. Appellate System

- Number of appellate cases filed by your tribal court (criminal and civil) in 2014?

Section E. Tribal Prosecution and Indigent Defense

- Does your tribe have a contract with a local or private attorney to provide prosecution services?
- How are prosecutor's office personnel selected for their positions?
- How are public defense office personnel selected for their positions?

Section F. Pretrial, Probation and Reentry Programs and Services

- Does your tribal court operate a:
 - Pre-trial diversion program
 - Pre-trial release program
 - Probation program
- Number of probation officers employed?
- Number of active probation cases in 2014?
- Does your tribal justice system operate a formal reentry program involved in assisting tribal members planning to return to your community?

Section G. Juvenile Cases

- Types of juvenile law-violating cases handled by your tribal court?
- Number of juvenile law-violating cases filed in 2014 (both delinquency and status offense cases)?

- Does your tribal court maintain a probation or parole function for juveniles?
- Types of Indian child welfare or dependency matters handled by your tribal court?
- Number of child welfare or dependency cases (for example: Child in Need of Protection or Child in Need of Aid cases) filed in 2014?

Section F. Domestic Violence and Protection Orders

- Number of restraining orders and/or protection orders filed in 2014?
- Number of domestic violence cases filed in 2014?
- Does the state recognize restraining orders and/or protection orders issued from the tribal court?

Section G. Information Systems Access and Data Entry

- Methods used to manage cases?
- With whom is your tribal court electronically networked for the purpose of transmitting criminal justice information?
- How does your tribal court post registration information to the sex offender registry?
- Does your tribe operate its own victim notification system?
- Does your tribal court maintain a restraining order and/or protection order registry?