

## General Information

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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 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 CFRcourt, 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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### CFR Court Survey

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### Reference List of Select Question Items

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### Section A. Administration and Operation

- Which tribes are under the jurisdiction of this Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) court?
- Which law enforcement agencies provide the policing function on the Indian country over which your CFR court has jurisdiction?
- How long has your CFR court been operational?
- Number of civil cases filed in 2014 (both traffic and non-traffic cases)?
- Number of criminal cases filed in 2014?
- How often does your CFR court hold sessions or hear cases?
- Fiscal year 2014 operation budget?
- Which sources provided funding for your CFR court operations during 2014?
- Types and number of positions and services funded by the court's operating budget in 2014?
- Does your CFR court currently have a victim service program?
- Number of DUI/DWI convictions in 2014?
- Does your CFR court rely on county or local government social service agencies for court-ordered treatment in juvenile and/or family cases?

### Section B. Appellate System

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

### Section C. Prosecution and Indigent Defense

- Does your CFR court currently have a tribal prosecutor or prosecutor's office?
- Does your CFR court currently have a tribal public defender or defender's office?

- Who delivers your CFR court's free criminal defense services?
- Who delivers your CFR court's free civil legal services?

### Section D. Pretrial, Probation and Reentry Programs and Services

- Does your CFR 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 CFR court operate a formal reentry program involved in assisting tribal members planning to return to your community?

### Section E. Juvenile Cases

- Types of juvenile law-violating cases handled by your CFR court?
- Number of juvenile law-violating cases filed in 2014 (both delinquency and status offense cases)?
- Who provides free legal representation in juvenile law-violating cases?
- Sentencing options
- Does your CFR court maintain a probation or parole function for juveniles?
- Types of Indian child welfare or dependency matters handled by your CFR 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 CFR court?

### Section G. Information Systems Access and Data Entry

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