



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

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: April 1, 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 include adding reminder emails to nonresponders that include a final deadline for the close of data collection and notification that not responding will result in being listed as a “Nonresponding facility” in the final SSV report.

Reminder email

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

Hello! By now, you should have received a request from Census to submit data for the 2024 Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV). This form was mailed to your facility back in September and was due to us December 15, 2025. As of today, our records show that we still have not received the 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 complete the attached survey forms or forward them to whomever can best complete them for your agency. You are also able to go to our website,

<https://respond.census.gov/ssv/login> and upload these forms to the site using your User ID and password that was sent in the original letter to your facility. Just to make sure you're aware, **PREA requires that BJS include in our report to Congress a list of any sampled facilities that do not participate.** Please return these forms or submit your data online by <Date>.

If you have any general questions or need assistance with login information, please reach out to staff at:

govs.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.

Last chance email

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) 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 <Date>.**

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Final reminder email

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, <DATE>.

In case we don't receive a completed survey from your facility by this date, we will record your non-participation, including in our published report 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.

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