What deaths should be reported?

- INCLUDE deaths of ALL persons —
  - CONFINED in your jail facilities, whether housed under your own or another jurisdiction;
  - UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION but housed in special jail facilities (e.g., medical/treatment/release centers, halfway houses, and work farms); or on transfer to treatment facilities;
  - UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION but out to court;
  - WHILE IN TRANSIT to or from your facilities while under your jurisdiction.

- EXCLUDE deaths of ALL persons —
  - CONFINED in facilities operated by two or more jurisdictions or those held in privately operated jails.
  - UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION but in non-residential community-based programs run by your jails (e.g., electronic monitoring, house arrest, community service, day reporting, work programs).
  - UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION but on AWOL, escape, or long-term transfer to other jurisdiction.
  - IN THE PROCESS OF ARREST by your agency, but not yet booked into your jail facility.

During 2009, how many persons died while under the supervision of your local jail jurisdiction?

Number of deaths

Instructions:

- IF A DEATH OCCURRED, complete a LOCAL JAIL INMATE DEATH REPORT. Please complete items 1 through 16 for each inmate death.
- IF NO DEATHS, please indicate in the space above.
- If more than 1 death reported above, make copies of pages 2 and 3 for each additional death.
- Return this LOCAL INMATE DEATH REPORT ONLINE, or by FAX or MAIL within 30 days of receipt.
- ONLINE: https://bjsdcrp.rti.org
- FAX (TOLL-FREE): (866) 800-9179
- MAIL: RTI International, Attn: Tim Flanigan
  Project Number: 0212335.001.002.300
  3040 Cornwallis Road, P.O. Box 12194
  Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2194
- If you need assistance, call Tim Flanigan of RTI International toll-free at 1-800-334-8571, ext. 2-7743 or e-mail bjsdcrp@rti.org.

Burden Statement

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, we cannot ask you to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The burden of this collection is estimated to average 5 minutes per response for jurisdictions reporting zero deaths and 30 minutes per each reported death, including reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering necessary data, and completing and reviewing this form. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this survey, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531. Do not send your completed form to this address.
1. What was the inmate's name?

Last
__________________________  First  ______________________  Mi
__________________________  ______________________

2. On what date did the inmate die?

Month  Day  Year  2 0 0 9

3. What was the inmate's date of birth?

Month  Day  Year

4. What was the inmate's sex?

01 ☐ Male
02 ☐ Female

5. What was the inmate's race/ethnic origin?

01 ☐ White (not of Hispanic origin)
02 ☐ Black or African American (not of Hispanic origin)
03 ☐ Hispanic or Latino
04 ☐ American Indian/Alaska Native (not of Hispanic origin)
05 ☐ Asian (not of Hispanic origin)
06 ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (not of Hispanic origin)
07 ☐ Two or more races (not of Hispanic origin)
08 ☐ Additional categories in your information system— Specify

09 ☐ Not known

6. On what date had the inmate been admitted to a facility under your jail jurisdiction?

Month  Day  Year

7. For what offense(s) was the inmate being held?

a. ____________________________
b. ____________________________
c. ____________________________
d. ____________________________
e. ____________________________

8. What was the inmate's legal status at time of death?

• For persons with more than one status, report the status associated with the most serious offense.

01 ☐ Convicted — new court commitment
02 ☐ Convicted — returned probation/parole violator
03 ☐ Unconvicted
04 ☐ Other — Specify

9. Since admission, did the inmate ever stay overnight in a mental health observation unit or an outside mental health facility?

01 ☐ Yes
02 ☐ No
08 ☐ Don't know

10. Where did the inmate die?

01 ☐ In general housing within jail facility or on jail grounds
02 ☐ In segregation unit
03 ☐ In special medical unit/infirmary within jail facility
04 ☐ In special mental health services unit within jail facility
05 ☐ In medical center outside jail facility
06 ☐ In mental health center outside jail facility
07 ☐ While in transit
08 ☐ Elsewhere — Specify
11. Are the results of a medical examiner’s or coroner’s evaluation (such as an autopsy, post-mortem exam, or review of medical records) available in order to establish an official cause of death?

01 □ Yes — Complete items 12 through 16.
02 □ Evaluation complete, results are pending — Skip remaining items; you will be contacted later for those data.
03 □ No such evaluation is planned — Complete items 12 through 16.

12. What was the cause of death?

01 □ Illness
   • Exclude AIDS-related deaths.
   Specify illness

02 □ Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)

03 □ Accidental alcohol/drug intoxication — Specific type

04 □ Accidental injury to self — Describe events

05 □ Accidental injury by other (e.g., vehicular accidents during transport) — Describe events

06 □ Suicide (e.g., hanging, knife/cutting instrument, intentional drug overdose) — Describe events

07 □ Homicide committed by other inmate(s)

08 □ Homicide incidental to use of force by staff — Describe events

09 □ Other causes — Specify causes

13. Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the inmate develop the condition after admission?

   • If multiple medical conditions caused the death, mark “01” if any of the conditions were pre-existing.

01 □ Pre-existing medical condition
02 □ Deceased developed condition after admission
08 □ Could not be determined
09 □ Not applicable — cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide, or homicide

14. Had the deceased been receiving treatment for the medical condition after admission to your correctional facilities?

   • Exclude emergency care provided at time of death.

Yes   No   Don’t know
01 □ 07 □ 08 □ Evaluated by physician/medical staff
02 □ 07 □ 08 □ Had diagnostic tests (e.g. X-rays, MRI)
03 □ 07 □ 08 □ Received medications
04 □ 07 □ 08 □ Received treatment/care other than medications
05 □ 07 □ 08 □ Had surgery
06 □ 07 □ 08 □ Confined in special medical unit
09 □ Not applicable — cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide, or homicide

15. When did the incident (e.g., accident, suicide, or homicide) causing the death occur?

01 □ Morning (6 a.m. to noon)
02 □ Afternoon (noon to 6 p.m.)
03 □ Evening (6 p.m. to midnight)
04 □ Overnight (midnight to 6 a.m.)
09 □ Not applicable — cause of death was illness, intoxication, or AIDS-related

16. Where did the incident (e.g., accident, suicide or homicide) causing the death take place?

01 □ In the jail facility or on jail grounds — Specify

a. □ In the inmate’s cell/room
b. □ In a temporary holding area/lockup
c. □ In a common area within the facility (e.g., yard, library, cafeteria, day room, recreational area, or workshop)
d. □ In a segregation unit
e. □ In special medical unit/infirmary
f. □ In special mental health services unit
g. □ Elsewhere within the jail facility — Specify

02 □ Outside the jail facility (e.g., while on work release or on work detail, under community supervision, or in transit)
03 □ Elsewhere — Specify

09 □ Not applicable — cause of death was illness, intoxication, or AIDS-related

Notes