

Questions and Answers

Deaths in Custody Reporting Program and Annual Survey of Jails, 2016-2020

Q1. To inform the cost of years 2 through 5 for the ASJ, please clarify whether sampling should be included in the collection agent's proposed budget? Alternatively, should it be assumed that BJS will be conducting any necessary sampling?

A. Please assume that BJS will be conducting any necessary sampling.

Q2. Please clarify the correct dates for submission of the expected data files for the ASJ and DCRP?

A. The ASJ data files should be submitted by May of the following year (e.g., the 2016 ASJ data files should be submitted in May of 2017). The DCRP data files should be submitted in September of the following year (e.g., the 2016 DCRP data files should be submitted in September of 2017).

Q3. Task 6 covers several analytic products, among which are the statistical tables for the ASJ and DCRP. Per BJS's website, this type of publication typically consists of a few pages of introductory text and bulleted findings, a figure or two, a series of data tables, and a methodology section. The body text, figures, and methodology text are not specifically requested in the solicitation. Please clarify if the statistical tables task is strictly creating data tables, or if it is construction of the full statistical tables reports for the ASJ and DCRP?

A. Please assume that the task relates to strictly creating data tables.

Q4. Please clarify whether the submitted budget should account for only the process of proposing the design in year 1 of the period of performance, or should it also account for implementation of the design work in year 2 (which would be estimated, given the need for BJS's approval of any such proposal)?

A. Please account for design in the year 1 budget and for implementation in the year 2 budget.