DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1121-0292]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection Comments Requested;
Reinstatement with Change of an Expired Collection: 2017-19 Survey of Sexual Victimization

AGENCY: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice

ACTION: 30-day Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection was previously published in the Federal Register Volume 83, Number 38, page 8300, on February 26, 2018, allowing a 60-day comment period. Following publication of the 60-day notice, the Bureau of Justice Statistics received one request for survey instruments indicating proposed changes, and seven comments. These comments will be addressed in the supporting statement.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for an additional 30 days until [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

If you have additional comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Ramona Rantala, Statistician, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh Street NW, Washington, DC  20531 (email: Ramona.Rantala@usdoj.gov; telephone: 202-307-6170).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

1. **Type of Information Collection:** Reinstatement with change of an expired collection.

2. **The Title of the Form/Collection:** Survey of Sexual Victimization [formerly the Survey of Sexual Violence]

3. **The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:** Form numbers for the questionnaire are SSV-1, SSV-2, SSV-3, SSV-4, SSV-5, SSV-6 (Summary Form); SSV-IA, SSV-IJ, (Substantiated Incident Form). The applicable component within the Department of Justice is the Bureau of Justice Statistics, in the Office of Justice Programs.

4. **Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:** Primary: State, Local, or Tribal Government correctional facilities. Other: Federal Government and businesses (privately operated correctional institutions, both for-profit and not-for-profit). The data will be used to develop national estimates of the incidence and prevalence of sexual assault within correctional facilities, as well as characteristics of substantiated incidents, as required under the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-79).
An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: An estimate of the total number of respondents is 1,574 adult and juvenile correctional systems and facilities. (This estimate assumes a response rate of 100%.) Federal and state correctional systems for adults and juveniles (102 respondents) will each take an estimated 60 minutes to complete the summary form; local, military, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, tribal, and privately operated facilities (1,472 respondents) will each take an estimated 30 minutes to complete the summary form; and incident forms (an estimated 3,000 incident forms will be completed each year, one for each incident that was substantiated) will take about 30 minutes per form. The burden estimates are based on data from the prior administration of the SSV.

An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: There is an estimated 2,338 total burden hours per year associated with this collection, with a combined total of 7,014 for the three years.

If additional information is required contact: Melody Braswell, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 3E.405A, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: July 26, 2018

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