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2024 CENSUS OF TRIBAL COURT SYSTEMS QUESTION GUIDE

Please complete the question guide before starting the questionnaire. The question guide is to assist with gathering administrative data asked in the survey. Skip any questions that are not applicable for your court but try to complete the question guide before starting the online web survey.

*For terms and phrases marked with *, §, †, or ‡, please see the 2024 Census of Tribal Court Systems Glossary located at the end of this question guide for more details.*

Question B1. During fiscal years (FY) 2023 and 2024, what were the operational budgets of your tribal court excluding capital outlays expenditures such for as construction cost for new buildings, major repairs, and improvements?* (If you are unable to provide the actual number, please provide your best estimate and check the "Estimate" box.) * *See Operating Expenditures/Budget definition in glossary.*

	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
a. Base funding (annual funding such as tribal funding or BIA funding)	$ ☐ *Estimate*	$ ☐ *Estimate*
b. Additional funding (grants, one-time funding, or other funding available for a limited period)	$ ☐ *Estimate*	$ ☐ *Estimate*

B4, B5 and B6. Enter your tribal court's total number of full and part-time personnel for the pay period that included December 31, 2024. *Count personnel who are regularly scheduled to work less than 35 hours per week as part-time. If you are unable to provide the actual number, provide your best estimate and check the "Estimate" box. If none, enter 0.*

	Full-time paid by court	Part-time paid by court
B4. a. Total Employees	☐ *Estimate*	☐ *Estimate*
Counts by race and ethnicity		
B5. a. White	☐ *Estimate*	☐ *Estimate*
B5. b. American Indian or Alaska Native	☐ *Estimate*	☐ *Estimate*
B5. c. Black or African American	☐ *Estimate*	☐ *Estimate*
B5. d. Hispanic or Latino	☐ *Estimate*	☐ *Estimate*
B5. e. Asian	☐ *Estimate*	☐ *Estimate*
B5. f. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	☐ *Estimate*	☐ *Estimate*
B5. g. Middle Eastern or North African (MENA)	☐ *Estimate*	☐ *Estimate*

B5. h. Multiracial/Multiethnic	☐ *Estimate*	☐ *Estimate*
B5. i. Race and Hispanic origin not known	☐ *Estimate*	☐ *Estimate*
Counts by sex		
B6. a. Male Employees	☐ *Estimate*	☐ *Estimate*
B6. b. Female Employees	☐ *Estimate*	☐ *Estimate*

B7. How many of the following types of personnel were employed or worked in your tribal courts for the pay period that included December 31, 2024? *Count personnel who are regularly scheduled to work less than 35 hours per week as part-time. If you are unable to provide the actual number, provide your best estimate and check the "Estimate" box. If none, enter 0. If a particular position does not exist in your court, select "Not applicable."*

Positions	Full-time paid by court	Part-time paid by court	Contract paid by court	Pro bono*
a. Trial/Appellate court judge	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable*
b. Prosecution/prosecutor	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable*
c. Indigent defense services/public defender	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable*

[*] *See pro bono definition in glossary.*

D10. How many juvenile law-violating[*] cases were **filed** in your tribal court in calendar years 2023 and 2024? *If you are unable to provide the actual number, provide your best estimate and check the "Estimate" box. If none, enter 0. If you do not track these numbers, check the "Do not track these case numbers" box.*

[*] *See law-violating cases definition in glossary.*

	Cases Filed in 2023	Cases Filed in 2024
a. Juvenile delinquency[†] cases	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*
b. Juvenile status offense[‡] cases (for example: underage drinking, tobacco smoking, truancy, running away)	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*

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† *See juvenile delinquency definition in glossary.*
‡ *See status offense definition in glossary*

D11. During 2023 and 2024, what were the total number of juvenile dispositions for the following? *If your court had no instances of the disposition, enter "0." If you are unable to provide the actual number, provide your best estimate and check the "Estimate" box. If a particular disposition does not exist in your court, select "Not applicable." If you do not track disposition counts, check the "Do not track these numbers" box.*

	Number juveniles sentenced in 2023	**Number juveniles sentenced in 2024**
a. Detained, but not serving detention	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable* ☐ *Do not track these numbers*	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable* ☐ *Do not track these numbers*
b. Serving detention	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable* ☐ *Do not track these numbers*	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable* ☐ *Do not track these numbers*
c. Probation without detention	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable* ☐ *Do not track these numbers*	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable* ☐ *Do not track these numbers*
d. Other alternative disposition including suspended disposition	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable* ☐ *Do not track these numbers*	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable* ☐ *Do not track these numbers*

D14. How many juveniles have dual status* in calendar year 2024?
∗ *See dual status definition in glossary.*

	Number of Dual Status Juveniles in 2024
a. Dual status juveniles in 2024	_____ ☐ *Do not track these case numbers.*

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D17. How many child welfare or dependency cases were **filed** in your tribal court in calendar years 2023 and 2024? *If you are unable to provide the actual number, provide your best estimate and check the "Estimate" box. If none, enter 0. If you do not track these numbers, check the "Do not track these case numbers" box.*

	Cases Filed in 2023	**Cases Filed in 2024**
a. Child welfare and dependency cases	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*

D18. How many Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) cases were transferred to the tribal court in calendar years 2023 and 2024? *If you are unable to provide the actual number, provide your best estimate and check the "Estimate" box. If none, enter 0. If you do not track these numbers, check the "Do not track these case numbers" box.*

	Transferred in 2023	**Transferred in 2024**
a. Cases transferred from a state court	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*
b. Cases transferred from another tribal court	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*

F2. How many criminal* cases were **filed** in your tribal court in calendar years 2023 and 2024? *If you are unable to provide the actual number, provide your best estimate and check the "Estimate" box. If none, enter 0. If you do not track these numbers, check the "Do not track these case numbers" box.*
∗ *See criminal case definition in glossary.*

	Cases Filed in 2023	**Cases Filed in 2024**
a. Total Criminal Cases Filed	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*
b. Cases Filed Involving† Domestic Violence*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*
c. Cases Filed Involving† Violation of Protection Orders Filed	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*
d. Cases Filed Involving† Sex Trafficking‡	☐ *Estimate*	☐ *Estimate*

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	☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	☐ *Do not track these case numbers*
e. Cases Filed Involving† Labor Trafficking§	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*
f. Cases Filed Involving† Drug Sales or Distribution	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*
g. Cases Filed Involving† Opioid/Fentanyl Sales or Distribution	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*
h. Cases Filed Involving† Methamphetamine Sales or Distribution	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*
i. Cases Filed Involving† Neglect, Abuse, or Financial Exploitation of the Elderly	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*
j. Cases Filed Involving† Kidnapping	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*
k. Cases Filed Involving† Murder, Homicide or Manslaughter	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*
l. Cases Filed Involving† Rape or Sexual Assault	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*
m. Cases Filed Involving† Aggravated Assault	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*

† *See involving definition in glossary.*
* *See domestic violence definition in glossary.*
‡ *See sex trafficking definition in glossary.*
§ *See labor trafficking definition in glossary.*

F3. How many civil* cases were **filed** in your tribal court in calendar years 2023 and 2024? *If you are unable to provide the actual number, provide your best estimate and check the "Estimate" box. If none, enter 0. If you do not track these numbers, check the "Do not track these case numbers" box.*

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** See civil case definition in glossary.*

	Civil Cases Filed in 2023	Civil Cases Filed in 2024
a. Total Civil Cases Filed	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*

F5. How many criminal* cases over non-Indians were **filed** in your tribal court in calendar years 2023 and 2024? *If you are unable to provide the actual number, provide your best estimate and check the "Estimate" box. If none, enter 0.*
∗ See criminal case definition in glossary.

	Cases Filed in 2023	Cases Filed in 2024
a. Total Criminal Cases Over Non-Indians Filed	☐ *Estimate*	☐ *Estimate*

F6. How many civil* cases over non-Indians were **filed** in your tribal court in calendar years 2023 and 2024? *If you are unable to provide the actual number, provide your best estimate and check the "Estimate" box. If none, enter 0.*
∗ See civil case definition in glossary.

	Cases Filed in 2023	Cases Filed in 2024
a. Total Civil Cases Over Non-Indians Filed	☐ *Estimate*	☐ *Estimate*

F7. How many restraining orders and/or protection orders did your tribal court issue in calendar years 2023 and 2024? *If you are unable to provide the actual number, provide your best estimate and check the "Estimate" box. If none, enter 0. If you do not track these numbers, check the "Do not track these numbers" box.*

	Orders issued in 2023	Orders issued in 2024
a. Restraining orders and/or protection orders	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these numbers*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these numbers*

F8. How many restraining orders and/or protection orders **against non-Indians** did your tribal court issue in calendar years 2023 and 2024? *If you are unable to provide the actual number, provide your best estimate and check the "Estimate" box. If none, enter 0. If you do not track these numbers, check the "Do not track these numbers" box.*

	Orders issued in 2023	Orders issued in 2024
a. Restraining orders and/or protection orders against non-Indians	☐ *Estimate*	☐ *Estimate*

	☐ *Do not track these numbers*	☐ *Do not track these numbers*

F9. How many criminal convictions for violation of protection orders did your tribal court issue in calendar years 2023 and 2024? *If you are unable to provide the actual number, provide your best estimate and check the "Estimate" box. If none, enter 0. If you do not track these numbers, check the "Do not track these numbers" box.*

	Criminal convictions in 2023	**Criminal convictions in 2024**
a. Criminal convictions for violation of protection orders	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these numbers*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these numbers*

F10. How many criminal convictions for violation of protection orders **against non-Indians** did your tribal court issue in calendar years 2023 and 2024? *If you are unable to provide the actual number, provide your best estimate and check the "Estimate" box. If none, enter 0. If you do not track these numbers, check the "Do not track these numbers" box.*

	Criminal convictions in 2023	**Criminal convictions in 2024**
a. Criminal convictions for violation of protection orders against non-Indians	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these numbers*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these numbers*

F11. How many domestic violence* cases **against non-Indians** were **filed** in your tribal court in calendar years 2023 and 2024?
**See domestic violence definition in glossary.*

	Cases filed in 2023	**Cases filed in 2024**
a. Domestic violence cases against non-Indians	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*

F12. During calendar years 2023 and 2024, excluding juveniles[*], what was the total number of defendants sentenced[†] to the following? *If your court had no instances of the disposition, enter "0." If a particular sentence does not exist in your court, select "Not applicable."*
[*] *See juvenile definition in glossary.*
[†] *See counts of defendants sentenced in glossary.*

	Number sentenced in 2023	**Number sentenced in 2024**
a. Jail or prison terms	_____	_____ ☐ *Estimate*

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	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable* ☐ *Do not track these numbers*	☐ *Not applicable* ☐ *Do not track these numbers*
b. Probation without jail or prison terms	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable* ☐ *Do not track these numbers*	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable* ☐ *Do not track these numbers*
c. Other alternative sentence	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable* ☐ *Do not track these numbers*	_____ ☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Not applicable* ☐ *Do not track these numbers*

F13. During calendar years 2023 and 2024, what was the total number of criminal cases with **juveniles tried as adults** in your court? *If you are unable to provide the actual number, provide your best estimate and check the "Estimate" box. If your court had no instances of juveniles tried as adults, enter 0. If you do not track these numbers, check the "Do not track these numbers" box.*

	Criminal Cases in 2023	**Criminal Cases in 2024**
a. Juveniles tried as adults	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*	☐ *Estimate* ☐ *Do not track these case numbers*

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Civil Case: Noncriminal matters—such as contract disputes or damages for destruction of personal property—involving individuals or organizations. It is brought to enforce a right or redress.

Child in Need of Services (CHINS): A juvenile who is beyond the control of his or her parent such that the child's behavior endangers the health, safety, or welfare of the child or other person. Cases involving child in need of services (CHINS) matters can also include Family in need of services (FINS) or Minor in need of services (MINS) matters.

Counts of Defendants Sentenced: Total number of defendants sentenced by your court. Count should include those that have been sentenced but did not serve.

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Criminal Case: Any incident, action, or activity to which your office dedicates resources at any point of the process, including an investigation, that may lead to a case filing.

Dependency Matters: Cases that are filed with a court when there are reports that children have been abandoned, abused, or neglected by their parent(s) or legal guardian. Dependency cases are also filed with a court when parents or legal guardians are unable or unwilling to care for their children. Examples include Child in Need of Protection or Child in Need of Aid cases.

Domestic Violence: Refers to violence between married or cohabiting couples, as well as violence against other members of the offender's household, such as children, siblings, parents, elderly relatives, or other family members of current or past intimate partners.

Dual Status: Defined as a child who has come into contact with both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems and occupies various statuses in terms of the individual's relationship to such systems.

Indigent: Refers to individuals who are impoverished, or not financially able to employ counsel. A defendant who is indigent has a constitutional right to court-appointed representation, according to a 1963 Supreme Court decision, Gideon v. Wainwright.

Involving: The case included at least one count of the charge listed. Do not include counts of charges if multiple charges of the same offense were included in the case.

Juveniles: Anyone under the age of adulthood of the court system. Counts of juveniles should include juveniles tried as adults.

Juvenile Delinquency: Acts committed by a juvenile that would be considered a criminal offense if committed by an adult.

Joint Jurisdiction Court (Tribal-State Court): An agreement between tribal and state governments whereby both entities work collaboratively toward shared goals of improving access to justice, fostering public trust and increasing accountability.

Labor Trafficking: Recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services using force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

Law-Violating Cases: Refers to both delinquency cases and status offense cases.

Operating Expenditures/Budgets: All recurring fixed and variable costs associated with the management and administration of your court system. This does not include non-recurring fixed capital costs such as building construction and major equipment purchases.

Pro Bono: Any volunteers and personnel funded by or provided through other agencies at no cost to your tribal court.

Sex Trafficking: A commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion OR in which the person induced to perform such an act is younger than age 18.

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Status Offense: 25 CFR § 11.900(m) - Status offense means an offense which, if committed by an adult, would not be designated a crime under this part or under an ordinance of the tribe.