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2014 National Survey of Tribal Court Systems:
Alaska Tribal Courts

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The information collected in this survey is vitally important for understanding the administrative and operational needs of your tribal court individually, but also helps in the planning for tribal justice systems across Alaska.

DIRECTIONS

- Please review this survey in its entirety before completion, as several sections will require gathering administrative information from various components within the tribal justice system.
- Please consult with justice system, law enforcement, and finance department representatives as necessary to obtain information to complete the survey in its entirety.
- **INTERTRIBAL COURTS PLEASE NOTE:** Fill out a separate survey for each tribe that participates in the intertribal court or ensure that each participating tribe fills out its own survey.
- Your tribe's responses will not identify you individually. We ask for your name and contact information above in case any of the survey items need clarification.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE SURVEY

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Thank you for your cooperation in this important data collection effort. Your responses are critically important to the success of this survey.

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Section A: Tribal Justice Systems

This section gathers information on the various components of your tribal justice system, including law enforcement, the court, and corrections. Complete this section even if your tribe does not operate its own tribal court or does not participate in a consortium.

A.1 What was the total number of your enrolled tribal members during 2014 (including members living both in and away from the community with official tribal membership)?

Check here if this is an estimate.

A.2 What was the total resident population (including members, nonmember Indians¹ and non-Indians) on your reservation, tribal land, or village during 2014?

Check here if this is an estimate.

A.3 Which law enforcement agencies provide a policing or criminal investigative function on your reservation, tribal land, tribal community, or village? (Select all that apply.)

a. Tribal: (Provide name of agency or agencies)

b. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA): (Provide name of agency or agencies)

c. Federal Law Enforcement other than BIA: (Provide name of agency or agencies)

d. State/County (including County Sheriff or State Troopers): (Provide name of agency or agencies)

¹“Nonmember Indian” describes an individual who is a member of a tribe other than the specific tribe completing this survey.

e. Village Public Safety Officers

f. City: (Provide name of agency or agencies)

A.4 How many miles away is the nearest State of Alaska courthouse? (If the nearest State of Alaska courthouse is located in the community, enter “0”)

Check here if this is an estimate.

A.5 Which type(s) of tribal court system operates in your tribal jurisdiction? (Select all that apply.)

a. The tribe does not operate a tribal court

b. Indigenous or traditional court (for example: peacemaking, elder panel, circle sentencing)

c. Formal tribal court (a hearing presided over by a judge or magistrate)

d. Tribal council serving as the judiciary

e. Intertribal court system: (Provide the name of all the individual tribes included in this system)

f. Joint jurisdiction court (tribal-state court): (Provide name of court)

g. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)/Court of Federal Regulation or Court of Indian Offenses (CFR)

h. Other: (Please describe)

NOTE: If your tribe does not operate a tribal court, does not have a Tribal Council that operates as a judicial forum or a judicial dispute resolution forum, or does not participate in an intertribal court system **STOP HERE. DO NOT** complete the rest of the survey. Follow the directions on the cover page to return completed portions of the survey. Thank you for your participation.

Section B: Tribal Court Administration

Hereafter the term "tribal court" or "tribal court system" is used to denote or refer to the type of justice institution operated by your tribe. The remaining sections of this survey apply to your tribal court system.

DIRECTIONS: For survey items requesting case count information, please provide the total number of cases filed by your tribal court during the calendar year 2014. Use the following definition to determine case numbers:

A filed case is a set of all charges against a single defendant filed with the court on a single day. A case with three defendants should be counted as three cases, but a case with one defendant with multiple charges should be counted as one case.

NOTE: If you are unable to provide the actual case count number, please provide your best estimate.

If the case count is none, enter "0" as your answer.

If you do not track this information, please check the "Do not track these case numbers" checkbox.

B.1 How long (in years) has your tribal court been operational?

Number of years:

B.2 Under what authority was your tribal justice system created? (Select all that apply.)

- a. Inherent sovereign authority
- b. Specifically authorized in the tribal constitution
- c. Created by tribal statute, resolution, or ordinance
- d. Other: (Please describe) _____

B.3 Does your tribal court currently exercise civil jurisdiction?

- a. Yes
- b. No (**GO TO ITEM B6**)

B.4 How many civil cases were **filed** in your tribal court in calendar year 2014?

a. Traffic cases:

Do not track these case numbers

b. Non-traffic cases:

Do not track these case numbers

B.5 Does your tribal court currently exercise criminal jurisdiction?

- a. Yes
- b. No (**GO TO ITEM B14**)

B.6 Over what type(s) of defendant does your tribal court exercise criminal jurisdiction? (Select all that apply.)

- a. Tribal members
- b. Nonmember Indians
- c. Non-Indians (defendant consenting to tribal jurisdiction)

B.7 What was the total number of criminal cases **filed** in your tribal court in calendar year 2014?

Do not track these case numbers

B.8 How many of these criminal cases **filed** in your tribal court in calendar year 2014 involved a non-Indian defendant (defendant consenting to tribal jurisdiction)?

Do not track these case numbers

B.9 During 2014, excluding juveniles, what was the total number of defendants sentenced to the following? (Write "N/A" for your answer if this does not apply.)

a. Jail or prison terms

b. Probation without jail or prison terms

B.10 How many convictions DUI/DWI for offenses were issued by your tribal court in calendar year 2014? (If your justice system does handle DUI/DWI offenses, (Write "N/A" for your answer.)

DUI/DWI Offenses:

Do not track these numbers

B.11 What are the available sanctions issued by the tribal court for DUI/DWI convictions? (Select all that apply.)

- a. Revoke driving privileges on the reservation only
- b. Suspension of driving privileges in the entire state, including reservation
- c. Counseling
- d. Fines
- e. Jails
- f. Other: (Please describe) _____

B.12 Does your tribal court share DUI/DWI conviction

information with state administering agencies (for example: the Motor Vehicle Authority, DMV, etc.)?

- a. Yes
- b. No

B.13 Which of the following does your tribal court recognize as acceptable evidence to determine Blood Alcohol Content (BAC)? *(Select all that apply)*

- a. Breathalyzer
- b. Blood tests
- c. Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST)
- d. Implied Consent
- e. Other *(Please describe)* _____

B.14 What are the various mechanisms by which tribal laws and codes are made available to the public? *(Select all that apply.)*

- a. Tribal laws and codes are not made available to the public.
- b. Paper copies are available in the tribal office, library, or other location.
- c. Electronic versions are provided in a password-protected file.
- d. Electronic copies can be downloaded from the tribal website.
- e. Electronic copies can be downloaded from a host site (for example: NARF, VERSUS, or the Tribal Court Clearinghouse).
- f. Electronic copies are available on commercial websites (for example: Westlaw).
- g. Other: *(Please describe)* _____

B.15 Does your tribal court provide defendants the right to a trial by jury?

- a. Yes
- b. No

B.16 Does your jury pool for criminal proceedings include non-Indians?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not applicable

B.17 Does the State of Alaska court system offer circle sentencing in your community?

- a. Yes
- b. No

B.18 Does the state recognize your tribal court's orders in the following types of court cases?

Case type	Yes, tribal court orders are recognized	No, tribal court orders are not recognized	N/A, tribal court does not hear this type of case
a. Child protection (ICWA) ^a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Child support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Domestic violence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Juvenile delinquency ^b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Juvenile dependency ^c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Private child custody (parent v. parent)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Other: <i>(Please describe)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

^aThe Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. § 1902.

^bActs committed by a juvenile that would be considered a criminal offense if committed by an adult.

^cFor example: Child in Need of Protection or Child in Need of Aid cases

Section C: Appellate System

DIRECTIONS: For survey items requesting case count information, please provide the total number of cases filed by your tribal court during the calendar year 2014. Use the following definition to determine case numbers:

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NOTE: If you are unable to provide the actual case count number, please provide your best estimate.

If the case count is none, enter "0" as your answer.

If you do not track this information, please check the "Do not track these case numbers" checkbox.

- C.1 Does your justice system have a court of appeals, participate in an intertribal appellate court, or otherwise have an appellate process?
- a. Yes (Please provide the official name of the court of appeals. For example: Alaska Native Court of Appeals) _____
- _____
- _____
- b. No (**GO TO SECTION D**)

- C.2 How many appellate cases were **filed** in your tribal court in the calendar year 2014?
- a. Criminal:
- Do not track these case numbers
- b. Civil:
- Do not track these case numbers

Section D: Tribal Court System Operations

- D.1 Please indicate whether your tribal court budget is on a fiscal or calendar year cycle.
- a. Tribal fiscal year. (Please enter the start and end dates of the 2014 fiscal year.)
- _____ to _____
- mm dd yyyy mm dd yyyy
- b. Calendar year
- D.2 During 2014, what was the operational budget of your tribal court for adjudication functions, excluding capital outlays for construction?² (If you are unable to provide the actual number please provide your best estimate.)
- \$
- D.3 Did any of the following sources provided funding for your tribal court operations during 2014?

Source	Yes	No
a. Tribal appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Self-Governing Compact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Public Law 93-638 Contract	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Other BIA funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) funding from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. DOJ grants, other than CTAS funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other federal funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

²Operating expenditures or budgets are defined as all recurring fixed and variable costs associated with the management and administration of your system. It does not include nonrecurring fixed capital costs such as building construction and major equipment purchases.

i. State funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Private foundations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Fines and other court costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Other grant funding: (Please describe)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Other: (Please describe)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- D.4 Were any of the following positions and services funded totally or in part by your tribal court's operating budget in 2014?

Core court positions and services	Yes	No
a. Judges (law school graduate)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Judges (non-law school graduate)		
c. Prosecution/prosecutor (law school graduate)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Prosecution/prosecutor (non-law school graduate)		
e. Indigent defense services/public defender (law school graduate)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Indigent defense services/public defender (non-law school graduate)		
g. Administration/court clerks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Bailiffs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Probation/parole	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Law clerks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Court staff attorney	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. ICWA worker (child welfare)*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Juvenile services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n. Mental health treatment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o. Alcohol and drug treatment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
p. Electronic monitoring program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
q. Victim services/victim assistance services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
r. Alternative to incarceration programming and/or staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*The Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. § 1902.

D.5 Which qualifications are required in order to serve as a trial or appellate court judge? *(Select all that apply.)*

	Trial judges	Appellate court judges (including supreme court judges)
a. Tribal member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Age minimum or maximum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Proficiency in native language	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. No felony conviction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Residency requirement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Accredited law school graduate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Member of state bar/ licensed to practice law by state	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Member of tribal bar/ licensed to practice law by tribe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Admitted to practice in federal court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. No requirements for position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D.6 How many of the following types of personnel served your tribal court system in 2014?

NOTE: "Part-time" refers to any employee who works fewer than 40 hours per week and includes job sharing. If you are unable to provide the actual number, provide your best estimate. If none, enter "0." If a particular position does not exist in your court, enter "N/A."

Staff position	Number of court employees or consultants		
	Full-time paid	Part-time paid*	Volunteer/unpaid appointee
a. Trial judge (law school graduate)			
b. Trial judge (non-law school graduate)			
c. Appellate court judge (law school graduate)			
d. Appellate court judge (non-law school graduate)			
e. Parole or probation officer			
f. Pretrial services staff			
g. Community resources specialist			
h. Court administrator			
i. Court clerk			
j. Court reporter			
k. Staff attorney (does not include prosecutor or public defender)			
l. Law clerk			

m. Tribal elder/peacemaker/ other traditional forum staff			
n. Support staff			
o. Other: <i>(Please describe)</i>			
p. TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES			
*Part-time refers to any employee or consultant who works fewer than 40 hours per week and includes job sharing.			

D.7 How are the following justice system personnel selected for these positions? *(Select all that apply.)*

Staff position	Appointed	Elected	Hired under contract	Hired as a tribal employee
a. Trial judge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Appellate court judge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Court administrator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Clerk of the court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D.8 Does your tribal court currently have any victim service programs?

- a. Yes
 b. No (**GO TO ITEM D10**)

D.9 During 2014, did your tribal court receive federal and/or state funding for victim services or programs? *(Select all that apply.)*

- a. Federal
 b. State
 c. No outside funding was received.

D.10 Does your tribal court rely on county or local government social service agencies for court-ordered treatment in juvenile and/or family cases?

- a. Yes
 b. No

Section E: Tribal Prosecution and Indigent Defense

E.1 Does your tribal court currently have a tribal prosecutor or prosecutor's office?

- a. Yes
 b. No (**GO TO ITEM E4**)

E.2 How are the following prosecutor's office personnel selected for these positions? *(Select all that apply.)*

	Appointed	Elected	Hired under contract	Hired as tribal employee
a. Chief prosecutor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Assistant prosecutor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

E.3 How many prosecutors were employed in your tribal court in calendar year 2014?

NOTE: "Part-time" refers to any employee who works fewer than 40 hours per week and includes job sharing. If you are unable to provide the actual number, provide your best estimate. If none, enter "0." If a particular position does not exist in your court, enter "N/A."

	Full-time	Part-time	Volunteer/unpaid appointee
a. Prosecutors (law school graduate)			
b. Prosecutors (non-law school graduate)			
c. TOTAL NUMBER OF PROSECUTORS			

E.4 Does your tribe have a contract with a local or private attorney to provide prosecution services?

- a. Yes
- b. No

E.5 Does your tribal system currently have a tribal public defender or defense office?

- a. Yes
- b. No **(GO TO SECTION F)**

E.6 How many public defenders were employed in your tribal court in calendar year 2014?

NOTE: "Part-time" refers to any employee who works fewer than 40 hours per week and includes job sharing. If you are unable to provide the actual number, provide your best estimate. If none, enter "0." If a particular position does not exist in your court, enter "N/A."

	Full-time	Part-time	Volunteer/unpaid appointee
a. Public defenders (law school graduate)			
b. Public defenders (non-law school graduate)			
c. TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLIC DEFENDERS			

E.7 How are the following public defense office personnel selected for these positions? *(Select all that apply.)*

	Appointed	Elected	Hired under contract	Hired as a tribal employee
a. Chief public defender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Assistant public defender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

E.8 To whom does your tribe provide free criminal defense services for offenses involving tribal members? *(Select all that apply.)*

- a. Tribe does not provide free criminal defense services. **(GO TO SECTION F)**
- b. Tribal members
- c. Nonmember Indians
- d. Non-Indians
- e. Other: *(Please describe)* _____

E.9 Are free criminal defense services based on income scale and ability to pay?

- a. Yes
- b. No

E.10 Who delivers your tribe's free criminal defense services? *(Select all that apply.)*

- a. Tribal public defender program (fixed staff)
- b. A assigned defender (appointed from a list of private bar members who accept cases on a judge-by-judge basis, court-by-court basis, or case-by-case basis)
- c. Contract counsel (nonsalaried private bar members who contract with the tribal court to provide court appointed representation in a jurisdiction)
- d. A neighboring tribal-legal services program
- e. A non-profit legal services program, including Indian Legal Services
- f. A private law firm or office pro bono program
- g. Other: *(Please describe)* _____

Section F: Pretrial, Probation and Reentry Programs and Services

F.1 Does your tribal court operate a pre-trial diversion program?³

- a. Yes
- b. No (**GO TO ITEM F3**)

F.2 Does your tribal court provide a diversion program alternative prior to formally charging the defendant with a crime?

- a. Yes
- b. No

F.3 Does your tribal court operate a pre-trial release program?⁴

- a. Yes
- b. No (**GO TO ITEM F5**)

F.4 Which of the following options are provided by your tribal court regarding the release of a defendant from detention prior to trial? (*Select all that apply.*)

- a. Release on your own recognizance (ROR)
- b. Bail
- c. Held pending further hearing or trial
- d. Other: (*Please describe*) _____

Items F5–F12 pertain to your tribal justice system’s probation program only.

F.5 Does your tribal court have a probation program?

- a. Yes
- b. No (**GO TO ITEM F13**)

³Pre-trial diversion (PTD) is an alternative to prosecution which seeks to divert certain offenders from traditional criminal justice processing into a program of supervision and services administered by the U.S. Probation Service. In the majority of cases, offenders are diverted at the pre-charge stage. Participants who successfully complete the program will not be charged or, if charged, will have the charges against them dismissed; unsuccessful participants are returned for prosecution.

⁴Pre-trial release (PTR) is the process of a defendant being released before trial, with or without conditions. A defendant may be released on his or her own recognizance or released on non-financial conditions that require monitoring the defendant in the community. Non-financial conditions may include regular contact with a pre-trial services program, drug testing, curfew, or electronic monitoring.

F.6 Who supervises individuals placed on community supervision by the tribal court? (*Select all that apply.*)

- a. A probation officer
- b. A member of the community (for example: an elder)
- c. A member of the probationer’s family
- d. Tribal court judge
- e. Prosecutor
- f. Court administrator
- g. Nobody; we have unsupervised probation.
- h. Tribal police officer
- i. Other: (*Please describe*) _____

F.7 How is your tribal justice system’s probation department funded? (*Select all that apply.*)

- a. Federal grant program(s)
- b. Non-federal grant program(s)
- c. Tribal budget
- d. Other: (*Please describe*) _____

F.8 Who oversees the probation function in your community?

- a. Tribal court
- b. Law enforcement
- c. Probation is its own department within the tribal justice system.
- d. Other: (*Please describe*) _____

F.9 How many probation officers does your tribal justice system employ? (*Include both full- and part-time.*)

If no probation officers are employed, enter “0” as your answer.

F.10 With which nontribal jurisdiction(s) does your tribal probation program work to supervise individuals who are on community supervision from federal, state, or local systems? *(Select all that apply.)*

- a. Federal probation
- b. State probation
- c. Local/municipal probation
- d. Private probation
- e. Tribal probation program does not work with any nontribal jurisdictions in this area.

F.11 Does your probation program complete and submit any of the following to the tribal court? *(Select all that apply.)*

- a. Presentence investigation report
- b. Presentence recommendations
- c. Monthly or periodic case updates
- d. Violation reports
- e. Other: *(Please describe)* _____

F.12 What was the total number of probation cases that were active (both new and on-going) during 2014?

- Do not track these case numbers

Items F13–F16 pertain to your tribal justice system’s reentry program only.

F.13 Does your community supervise individuals coming out of placement in a secure facility? (For example: state or federal prison.)

- a. Yes
- b. No **(GO TO SECTION G)**

F.14 With which facilities does your community work on reentry supervision? *(Select all that apply.)*

- a. Federal facilities
- b. State facilities
- c. County/municipal facilities
- d. Tribal facilities (within the tribe)
- e. Tribal facilities (outside of the tribe)
- f. Other: *(Please describe)* _____

F.15 Does your tribal justice system operate a formal reentry program involved in assisting tribal members planning to return to your community?

- a. Yes
- b. No

F.16 Does your community have transitional living facilities to assist tribal members returning to the community?

- a. Yes
- b. No

Section G: Juvenile Cases

DIRECTIONS: For survey items requesting case count information, please provide the total number of cases filed by your tribal court during the calendar year 2014. Use the following definition to determine case numbers:

A filed case is a set of all charges against a single defendant filed with the court on a single day. A case with three defendants should be counted as three cases, but a case with one defendant with multiple charges should be counted as one case.

NOTE: If you are unable to provide the actual case count number, please provide your best estimate.

If the case count is none, enter “0” as your answer.

If you do not track this information, please check the “Do not track these case numbers” checkbox.

G.1 Which type(s) of juvenile law-violating cases does your tribal court handle? *(Select all that apply.)*

- a. Tribal court does not handle juvenile law-violating cases. **(GO TO ITEM G7)**
- b. Juvenile delinquency⁵
- c. Status offense⁶ (for example: underage drinking, tobacco smoking, truancy, running away)
- d. All juvenile law-violating cases are treated as juvenile dependency⁷ or child in need of care matters.
- e. Other: *(Please describe)* _____

⁵Acts committed by a juvenile that would be considered a criminal offense if committed by an adult.

⁶25 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.

⁷For example: Child in Need of Protection or Child in Need of Aid cases.

- G.2 How many juvenile law-violating cases were **filed** in calendar year 2014?
- a. Juvenile delinquency cases
- Do not track these case numbers
- b. Juvenile status offense cases (for example: underage drinking, tobacco smoking, truancy, running away)
- Do not track these case numbers
- G.3 During 2014, what was the total number of juveniles sentenced to the following? (Write "N/A" for your answer if this does not apply.)
- a. Incarceration
- b. Probation without incarceration
- G.4 Excluding incarceration, which of the following sentencing options does your tribal court use in sentencing juveniles for law-violations. (Select all that apply.)
- a. No other sentencing options
- b. Drug or alcohol rehabilitation; random drug testing
- c. Mental health assessment; counseling or therapy
- d. Community service (for example: litter removal from highways, community testimonials about underage drinking or drug abuse)
- e. Fine; restitution
- f. Victim-offender reconciliation (victim-offender dialogue)
- g. Electronic monitoring (for example: house detention, alcohol monitoring bracelet)
- h. Cultural or traditional alternatives
- i. Placement in a familial or foster home
- j. Probation
- k. Curfew
- l. Other: (Please describe)
- G.5 Does your tribal court ever handle juvenile law-violating cases jointly with the state court (for example: through a diversion program)?
- a. Yes
- b. No
- G.6 Does your tribal court maintain a probation or parole function for juveniles?
- a. Yes
- b. No

- G.7 Does your tribe have or provide access to a reentry program for tribal juveniles who have been incarcerated?
- a. Yes
- b. No
- G.8 Which type(s) of Indian child welfare or dependency matter(s)⁸ does your tribal court handle? (Select all that apply.)
- a. Tribal court does not handle Indian child welfare or dependency matters. (**GO TO SECTION H**)
- b. Child abuse or neglect
- c. Foster care placements
- d. Termination of parental rights
- e. Pre-adoptive placements
- f. Adoptive placements
- g. Guardianship
- h. Other: (Please describe) _____
- _____
- _____
- G.9 How many child welfare or dependency cases were **filed** in calendar year 2014?
-
- Do not track these case numbers

Section H: Domestic Violence and Protection Orders

DIRECTIONS: For survey items requesting case count information, please provide the total number of cases filed by your tribal court during the calendar year 2014. Use the following definition to determine case numbers:

A filed case is a set of all charges against a single defendant filed in the court on a single day. A case with three defendants should be counted as three cases, but a case with one defendant with multiple charges should be counted as one case.

NOTE: If you are unable to provide the actual case count number, please provide your best estimate.

If the case count is none, enter "0" as your answer.

If you do not track this information, please check the "Do not track these case numbers" checkbox.

⁸For example: Child in Need of Protection or Child in Need of Aid cases.

H.1 Does your tribal court issue restraining orders and/or protection orders to protect someone from another person committing the following acts? *(Select all that apply.)*

- a. Tribal court does not issue restraining orders or protection orders. **(GO TO ITEM H6)**
- b. Sexual violence
- c. Violent or physical act
- d. Threatening act
- e. Harassment
- f. Contact or communication with the victim
- g. Physical proximity to another person
- h. Stalking

H.2 How many restraining orders and/or protection orders did your tribal court issue in calendar year 2014?

Do not track these numbers.

H.3 Does the state(s) in which your tribe is located recognize restraining orders and/or protection orders issued from the tribal court?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure/do not know

H.4 Does the tribal court enforce violations of valid state or other tribal court-issued protection orders occurring on the reservation as if it were the tribal court's own order?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure/do not know

H.5 During 2014, how many criminal convictions for violation of protection orders were issued by your court?

Do not track these numbers

H.6 How many domestic violence cases were **filed** in your tribal court in calendar year 2014?⁹

Do not track these case numbers

⁹Domestic 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.

H.7 Did your tribal court receive any federal or state grants and/or funding for domestic violence programming in calendar year 2014?

	Yes	No
a. Federal funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. State funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section I: Information Systems Access and Data Entry

I.1 From what agencies/entities does your tribal court access electronic data and to what agencies/entities does your tribal court transmit electronic data? *(Select all that apply.)*

	Court transmits electronic data to	Court accesses electronic data from
a. Local justice agency (county or city)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. State justice agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. BIA Office of Justice Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other tribes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Other: <i>(Please describe)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I.2 What method(s) does your tribal court use to manage cases? *(Select all that apply.)*

- a. Paper files
- b. Basic spreadsheets (for example: Excel, Access)
- c. Basic text files (for example: Word, WordPerfect)
- d. An automated case management system
- e. Other: *(Please describe)* _____

I.3 With which of the following is your tribal court electronically networked for the purpose of transmitting criminal justice information? *(Select all that apply.)*

a. Justice agencies within your tribe	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Justice agencies within other tribes	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Other justice agencies outside of your tribe (federal, state, local)	<input type="checkbox"/>

I.4 Does your tribe maintain a sex offender registry?

- a. Yes
- b. No (**GO TO ITEM I6**)

I.5 How does your tribal court post registration information to the sex offender registry? (*Select all that apply.*)

- a. Tribal court does not obtain or post sex offender registry information.
- b. Tribal court posts through the state sex offender registry (connected to the National Sex Offender Public Website).
- c. Tribal court posts through a tribal sex offender registry (connected to the National Sex Offender Public Website).
- e. Tribal court posts through a tribal sex offender registry (NOT connected to the National Sex Offender Public Website).
- e. Other: (*Please describe*) _____

I.6 Does your tribe operate its own victim notification system?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure/do not know

I.7 Does your tribe have an agreement with the state to participate in a state victim notification system?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure/do not know

I.8 Does your tribal court maintain a restraining order and/or protection order registry?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure/do not know

The survey is now complete. Thank you for taking part in the 2014 National Survey of Tribal Court Systems: Alaska Tribal Courts.

If you have questions or would like to speak with someone about your experience, please call toll free and leave a message at 1-877-528-4025 or send an email message to NSTCS@kauffmaninc.com. A member of our survey administration team will respond promptly.

Again, thank you for your cooperation in this important data collection effort. Your responses are critically important to the success of this survey.