

Federal Deaths in Custody Reporting Program (FDCRP)

CJ-13A Arrest-Related Death Incident Report – FY 2025

The Death in Custody Reporting Act (DCRA) of 2013 (Pub. Law 113-242) requires the head of each Federal law enforcement agency to report annually to the Attorney General “information regarding the death of any person who is—

- “(1) detained, under arrest, or is in the process of being arrested by any officer of such Federal law enforcement agency (or by any State or local law enforcement officer while participating in and for purposes of a Federal law enforcement operation, task force, or any other Federal law enforcement capacity carried out by such Federal law enforcement agency); or
- “(2) en route to be incarcerated or detained, or is incarcerated or detained at—
 - (A) any facility (including any immigration or juvenile facility) pursuant to a contract with such Federal law enforcement agency;
 - (B) any State or local government facility used by such Federal law enforcement agency; or
 - (C) any Federal correctional facility or Federal pre-trial detention facility located within the United States.”

In response to the DCRA reporting requirements, the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is conducting a survey of federal agencies with law enforcement, detention, and/or incarceration functions. BJS is conducting this data collection under Title 34 U.S.C. § 10132 and the Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2013 (Pub. Law 113-242). BJS will use the data for DCRA reporting purposes. By law, BJS will only use the information for statistical purposes and is required to ensure confidentiality (Title 34 U.S.C. § 10134 and 44 U.S.C. § 3563). BJS will not disclose personally identifiable information without a court order requiring disclosure.

The survey is designed to identify deaths that occur during the course of official federal law enforcement, detention and incarceration agency functions and to collect additional information about the decedent and the circumstances surrounding the incident.

For the purposes of this survey, please identify all deaths that are arrest-related. The DCRA defines an arrest-related death as “the death of any person who is detained, under arrest, or is in the process of being arrested by any officer of such Federal law enforcement agency (or by any State or local law enforcement officer while participating in and for purposes of a Federal law enforcement operation, task force, or any other Federal law enforcement capacity carried out by such Federal law enforcement agency).”

Please complete one **CJ-13A Arrest-Related Death Incident Report** for each **arrest-related** death identified in CJ-13 FDCRP Annual Summary for fiscal year 2025. Indicate the decedent’s name, the time and date of the death, the decedent’s demographic characteristics, the circumstances surrounding and leading up to the death and actions taken by the incident that led to the death.

If you have any questions about this form, or the FDCRP survey, please contact:

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Agency Information

Please provide the contact information for the person filling out this form.

Agency:

Name:

Title:

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Telephone number:

[If you indicated on CJ-13 FDCRP Annual Summary that your agency would report arrest-related deaths on behalf of any other Federal agency(ies)],

Which agency are you reporting this death on behalf of? _____

Incident and Decedent Characteristics

Decedent Name

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial				
Date of Death	Time of Death (12-hour format)					
Month (MM)	Day (DD)	Year (YYYY)	Hour (HH)	Minute (MM)	AM / PM	Estimated?

1. Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP Code: _____

2. What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred? (Mark only one)

- Residence/home
- Law enforcement facility
- Business
- Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk
- Parking lot/garage
- Field/woods/lake/waterway/beach
- Other

7. What was the manner of death? (Mark only one)

- Homicide
 - IF HOMICIDE, caused by:
 - Federal law enforcement officer
 - Other, specify: _____
- Unknown
- Unavailable, investigation pending
- Accident
 - IF ACCIDENT, caused by:
 - Federal law enforcement officer
 - Other, specify: _____
- Unknown
- Unavailable, investigation pending (e.g. vehicle accident?)
 - Yes
 - No
 - Unknown
 - Unavailable, investigation pending
- Suicide
- Natural
- Could not be determined
- Unknown
- Unavailable, investigation pending

3. What was the decedent's sex?

Male

Female

4. What was the decedent's date of birth (DOB)?

Month (MM) Day (DD) Year (YYYY)

Or approx. age at death if DOB unknown: _____

5. Was the decedent Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

6. What was the decedent's race? (Mark all that apply)

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Some other race, specify: _____
- Unknown

8. If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (Mark only one)

- Handgun
- Rifle/shotgun
- Firearm, unspecified
- Conducted energy device (e.g., Taser)
- Knife/edged instrument
- Baton/blunt instrument
- Other, specify: _____
- Not applicable, weapon did not cause death
- Unknown
- Unavailable, investigation pending

9. What was the primary reason for the initial contact between the decedent and law enforcement personnel? (Mark only one)

- Warrant service
- General law enforcement response and patrol
- Court operations
- Criminal investigation
- Detention or transport to detention
- Inspections
- Medical/mental health service call
- Security and protection
- Other reason for contact, specify reason: _____
- Unknown
- Unavailable, investigation pending

10. Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown
- Unavailable, investigation pending

11. Did the decedent commit or allegedly commit any criminal acts in the events leading up to the death?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown
- Unavailable, investigation pending

12. What were the most serious offenses committed or allegedly committed by the decedent (choose from drop down list or write-in)?

Not applicable, decedent did not commit or allegedly commit or allegedly commit any criminal acts in the events leading up to the death

First offense: _____

Second offense: _____

Third offense: _____

Decedent actions during the incident

13. According to the officer's observations, at any time during the incident, did the decedent:

	Yes	No	Unknown	Unavailable, investigation pending
a. Appear to be intoxicated (either alcohol or drugs)				
b. Appear to have trouble understanding or following verbal instructions				
c. Appear to have any mental health problems				
d. Appear to have a physical disability				
e. Make suicidal statements				

14. At any time during the incident, did the decedent:

	Yes	No	Unknown	Unavailable, investigation pending
a. Discharge a firearm				
b. Display or appear to possess a firearm without discharging it				
c. Use a weapon other than a firearm (e.g. sharp object, blunt instrument, toy weapon, other object that appeared to be a weapon) Specify: _____				
d. Display or appear to possess a weapon other than a firearm (e.g. sharp object, blunt instrument, toy weapon, other object that appeared to be a weapon) without using it Specify: _____				
e. Use a vehicle as a weapon				
f. Use bodily force as a weapon				
g. Verbally or otherwise indicate to the officer that s/he possessed a weapon				

15. At any time during the incident, did the decedent:

	Yes	No	Unknown	Unavailable, investigation pending
a. Barricade self or initiate standoff				
b. Escape/flee from custody or attempt to escape/flee from custody				
c. Gain possession of officer's weapon or attempt to gain possession of officer's weapon				
d. Resist being handcuffed or arrested				
e. Verbally threaten other(s)				

16. At any time during the incident, did the decedent:

	Yes	No	Unknown	Unavailable, investigation pending
a. Inflict or cause a fatal injury to law enforcement personnel				
b. Inflict or cause a non-fatal injury to law enforcement personnel				
c. Attempt to cause or inflict an injury to law enforcement personnel				

17. At any time during the incident, did the decedent:

	Yes	No	Unknown	Unavailable, investigation pending
a. Inflict or cause a fatal injury to civilian(s)				
b. Inflict or cause a non-fatal injury to civilian(s)				
c. Attempt to cause or inflict an injury to civilian(s)				

Law enforcement actions during the incident

18. At any time during the incident, did law enforcement personnel:

	Yes	No	Unknown	Unavailable, investigation pending
a. Engage in foot pursuit				
b. Engage in motor vehicle pursuit				
c. Fight or struggle with decedent				
d. Arrest the decedent				

19. At any time during the incident, did law enforcement personnel:

	Yes	No	Unknown	Unavailable, investigation pending
a. Discharge a firearm				
b. Draw a firearm without discharging it				
c. Use a baton/blunt instrument				
d. Use bodily force				
e. Use a conducted energy device (e.g., Taser)				
f. Use an explosive device (e.g., stun grenade)				
g. Use pepper/OC spray, mace dispersion				
h. Place decedent in prone position				
i. Physically restrain decedent (e.g., control hold, body compression)				
j. Restraine decedent with equipment (e.g., handcuffs, leg shackles)				
k. Take any other actions (including using less lethal weapons) to subdue or restrain the decedent Specify:				

Is there any additional information you would like to provide about the decedent or incident?