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**NATIONAL CRIME
VICTIMIZATION SURVEY
NCVS-1 BASIC SCREEN QUESTIONNAIRE**

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1**

Control number
PSU Segment/Suffix Sample designation/Suffix Serial/Suffix HH No. Spinoff Indicator

1. Field representative identification
Code Name
201

2. Unit status
202 1 Unit in sample the previous enumeration period - Fill 3
2 Unit in sample first time this period - SKIP to 4

3. Household status - Mark first box that applies.
203 1 Same household interviewed the previous enumeration
2 Replacement household since the previous enumeration
3 Noninterview the previous enumeration
4 Other - Specify _____

4. Line number of household respondent
204 _____ Go to page 2

5. Group Quarters [GQ] type code
205 _____

6. Tenure
206 1 Owned or being bought 2 Rented for cash 3 No cash rent

7. Land Use
207 1 Urban 2 Rural

8. Farm Sales
208 X Item blank 1 \$1,000 or more 2 Less than \$1,000

9. Type of living quarters
Housing unit
209 1 House, apartment, flat
2 HU in nontransient hotel, motel, etc.
3 HU permanent in transient hotel, motel, etc.
4 HU in rooming house
5 Mobile home or trailer with no permanent room added
6 Mobile home or trailer with one or more permanent rooms added
7 HU not specified above - Describe _____
OTHER unit
8 Quarters not HU in rooming or boarding house
9 Unit not permanent in transient hotel, motel, etc.
10 Unoccupied site for mobile home, trailer, or tent
11 Student quarters in college dormitory
12 OTHER unit not specified above - Describe _____

10a. Use of telephone
Location of phone - Mark first box that applies.
210 1 Phone in unit
2 Phone in common area (hallway, etc.)
3 Phone in another unit (neighbor, friend, etc.)
4 Work/office phone
5 No phone - SKIP to 11a } Fill 10b

10b. Is phone interview acceptable?
211 1 Yes 2 No 3 Refused to give number

11a. Number of housing units in structure
212 1 1 - SKIP to 11c 4 4 7 Mobile home/trailer -
2 2 5 5-9 SKIP to 11c
3 3 6 10+ 8 Only OTHER units

11b. Direct outside access
213 1 Yes 2 No 3 DK X Item blank

Restricted access
11c.
222 Gated or walled community 1 Yes 2 No X Item blank
223 Building with restricted access 1 Yes 2 No X Item blank

12a. Household Income
214 1 Less than \$5,000 6 15,000 - 17,499 11 35,000 - 39,999
2 \$5,000 - 7,499 7 17,500 - 19,999 12 40,000 - 49,999
3 7,500 - 9,999 8 20,000 - 24,999 13 50,000 - 74,999
4 10,000 - 12,499 9 25,000 - 29,999 14 75,000 and over
5 12,500 - 14,999 10 30,000 - 34,999

12b. College/University
218 1 Yes 2 No

12c. Public Housing
219 X Item blank 1 Yes (public housing) 2 No (not public housing)

12d. Manager Verification of Public Housing
220 _____
Able to verify Unable to verify
1 Public housing 3 Telephone
2 Not public housing 4 Other - Specify _____

12e. American Indian Reservation or American Indian Lands
221 1 Yes 2 No

13. Proxy information - Fill for all proxy interviews

| a. Proxy interview obtained for | b. Proxy respondent | c. Reason | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Line No. | Name | Line No. | (Enter code) |
| 301 | | 302 | 303 |
| 304 | | 305 | 306 |
| 307 | | 308 | 309 |
| 310 | | 311 | 312 |

Codes for item 13c
1-12-13 years old and parent refused permission for self interview
2- Physically/mentally unable to answer
3- TA and won't return before closeout

14. Type Z noninterview

| a. Interview not obtained for | b. Reason | Codes for item 14b |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Line No. | (Enter code) | |
| 313 | 314 | 1-Never available 2-Refused ... 3-Physically/mentally unable to answer-no proxy available 4-TA and no proxy available ... 5-Other 6-Office use only |
| 315 | 316 | |
| 317 | 318 | |
| 319 | 320 | |

Complete 17-28 for each Line No. in 14a

15a. Household members 12 years of age and OVER
321 _____ Total number

15b. Household members UNDER 12 years of age
322 _____ Total number 0 None

15c. Number of Type Z noninterview household members
12 years of age and OVER
332 _____ Total number 0 None

15d. Crime Incident Reports filled
323 _____ Total number of NCVS-2s filled 0 None

16. Changes in Household Composition

| a. Line No. | b. Reason (Enter code) | Only enter changes discovered during the current enumeration |
|-------------|------------------------|--|
| 324 | 325 | |
| 326 | 327 | |
| 328 | 329 | |
| 330 | 331 | |

RESPONDENT'S PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

| | | |
|---|---|--|
| <p>17. Name of respondent</p> <p>Last _____</p> <p>First _____</p> | <p>18. Type of interview</p> <p>401</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Per. - Self-respondent 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Tel. - Self-respondent 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Per. - Proxy 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Tel. - Proxy } Fill 13 on cover page</p> | <p>19. Line No.</p> <p>402</p> <hr/> <p>Line No.</p> |
|---|---|--|

| 20. | 21. | 22a. | 22b. | 23. | 24. | 25. | 26. | 27. | 28. |
|--|-------------------|---|--|--|---|-------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Relationship to reference person | Age last Birthday | Marital status THIS survey period | (From previous enumeration) Marital status LAST survey period | Sex | Armed Forces Member | Educational attainment | Attending School | Hispanic Origin | Race Mark all that apply. |
| 403 | 404 | 405 | 406 | 407 | 408 | 409 | 411 | 413 | 412 * |
| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Husband 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Wife 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Son 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Father 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Mother 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Brother 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Sister 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other relative 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Nonrelative 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Ref. person | Age _____ | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Married 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Separated 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Never married | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Married 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Separated 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Never married 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Not interviewed last survey period | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> M 2 <input type="checkbox"/> F | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No | Highest level completed _____ | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Regular school 2 <input type="checkbox"/> College/University 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade school 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational school 5 <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above schools | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> White 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American 3 <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Asian 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify _____ _____ _____ |

29. Date of interview _____

501 / /
 Month Day Year

MOBILITY QUESTIONS

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>33a.</p> <p>Before we get to the crime questions, I have some questions that are helpful in studying where and why crimes occur.</p> <p>Ask or verify - How long have you lived at this address?</p> <p>(Enter 0 if less than 1 year.)</p> | <p>506 _____ Years (Round to nearest whole year)</p> <p>If = 0 ASK to 33b If = DK or RF SKIP to 33c Else SKIP to 33d</p> |
| <p>33b.</p> <p>How many months?</p> | <p>505 _____ Months (1-11) - SKIP to 33e</p> |
| <p>33c.</p> <p>Have you lived here...</p> <p>Read categories 1-4:</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 5 years - If HHL D Respondent ASK 34, else SKIP to 36a. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 5 years, but more than 1 year 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 year, but more than 6 months 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 months or less 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know</p> <p>} SKIP to 33e</p> |
| <p>33d.</p> <p>CHECK ITEM A How many years are entered in 33a?</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> 5 years or more - If HHL D Respondent SKIP to 34, else SKIP to 36a <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 5 years - ASK 33e</p> |
| <p>33e.</p> <p>Altogether, how many times have you moved in the last 5 years, that is, since _____, 20__?</p> <p>Enter number of times.</p> | <p>508 _____ Number of times -</p> <p>If HHL D Respondent ASK 34, Else SKIP to 36a</p> |

BUSINESS OPERATED FROM SAMPLE ADDRESS (Ask of Household Respondent Only)

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>34. (Asked of Household Respondent Only)</p> <p>Does anyone in this household operate a business from this address?</p> | <p>530</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - ASK 35 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP to 36a</p> |
| <p>35. (Asked of Household Respondent Only)</p> <p>If this is a PERSONAL visit - Fill by observation. If this is a TELEPHONE contact - Ask.</p> <p>Is there a sign on the premises or some other indication to the general public that a business is operated from this address?</p> | <p>531</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Recognizable business) 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No (Unrecognizable business)</p> |

RESPONDENT'S SCREEN QUESTIONS

36a.

I'm going to read some examples that will give you an idea of the kinds of crimes this study covers.

As I go through them, tell me if any of these happened to you in the last 6 months, that is since _____, 20 ____.

Was something belonging to YOU stolen, such as -

Read each category.

(a) Things that you carry, like luggage, a wallet, purse, briefcase book -

(b) Clothing, jewelry, or cellphone -

(c) Bicycle or sports equipment -

(d) Things in your home - like a TV, stereo, or tools -

(e) Things outside your home such as a garden hose or lawn furniture - (Asked of Household Respondent only)

(f) Things belonging to children in the household - (Asked of Household Respondent only)

(g) Things from a vehicle, such as a package, groceries, camera, or CDs -

OR

(h) Did anyone ATTEMPT to steal anything belonging to you?
Ask only if necessary

Did any incidents of this type happen to you?

532

- 1 Yes - ASK 36b
2 No - If Household Respondent SKIP to 37a; Else SKIP to 40a

36b.

How many times?

533

Number of times (36b)

36c.

What happened?

Briefly describe incident(s)

If Household Respondent ASK 37a; else SKIP to 40a

37a. (Asked of Household Respondent Only)

(Other than any incidents already mentioned,) has anyone -

Read each category.

(a) Broken in or ATTEMPTED to break into your home by forcing a door or window, pushing past someone, jimmying a lock, cutting a screen, or entering through an open door or window?

(b) Has anyone illegally gotten in or tried to get into a garage, shed, or storage room?

OR

(c) Illegally gotten in or tried to get into a hotel or motel room or vacation home where you were staying?

Ask only if necessary

Did any incidents of this type happen to you?

534

- 1 Yes - ASK 37b
2 No - SKIP to 38

37b. (Asked of Household Respondent Only)

How many times?

535

Number of times (37b)

37c. (Asked of Household Respondent Only)

What happened?

Briefly describe incident(s)

Notes

RESPONDENT'S SCREEN QUESTIONS

38. (Asked of Household Respondent Only)

What was the TOTAL number of cars, vans, trucks, motorcycles, or other motor vehicles owned by you or any other member of this household during the last 6 months? Include those you no longer own.

- 536
- 0 None - SKIP to 40a
 - 1 1
 - 2 2
 - 3 3
 - 4 4 or more

39a. (Asked of Household Respondent Only)

During the last 6 months, (other than any incidents already mentioned,) (was the vehicle/were any of the vehicles) -

Read each category.

- (a) Stolen or used without permission?**
- (b) Did anyone steal any parts such as a tire, car stereo, hubcap, or battery?**
- (c) Did anyone steal any gas from (it/them)?**

OR

- (d) Did anyone ATTEMPT to steal any vehicle or parts attached to (it/them)?**

Ask only if necessary

Did any incidents of this type happen to you?

- 537
- 1 Yes - ASK 39b
 - 2 No - SKIP to 40a

39b. (Asked of Household Respondent Only)

How many times?

538 _____
Number of times (39b)

39c. (Asked of Household Respondent Only)

What happened?

Briefly describe incident(s)

40a.

(Other than any incidents already mentioned,) since _____, 20 ____, were you attacked or threatened OR did you have something stolen from you -

Read each category.

- (a) At home including the porch or yard -**
- (b) At or near a friend's, relative's, or neighbor's home -**
- (c) At work or school -**
- d) In places such as a storage shed or laundry room, a shopping mall, restaurant, bank, or airport -**
- (e) While riding in any vehicle -**
- (f) On the street or in a parking lot -**
- (g) At such places as a party, theater, gym, picnic area, bowling lanes, or while fishing or hunting -**

OR

- (h) Did anyone ATTEMPT to attack or ATTEMPT to steal anything belonging to you from any of these places?**

Ask only if necessary

Did any incidents of this type happen to you?

- 539
- 1 Yes - ASK 40b
 - 2 No - SKIP to 41a

40b.

How many times?

540 _____
Number of times (40b)

40c.

What happened?

Briefly describe incident(s)

RESPONDENT'S SCREEN QUESTIONS

41a.

(Other than any incidents already mentioned,) has anyone attacked or threatened you in any of these ways -

(Exclude telephone threats) -

Read each category.

- (a) With any weapon, for instance, a gun or knife -**
- (b) With anything like a baseball bat, frying pan, scissors, or stick -**
- (c) By something thrown, such as a rock or bottle -**
- (d) Include any grabbing, punching, or choking,**
- (e) Any rape, attempted rape or other type of sexual attack -**
- (f) Any face to face threats -**

OR

(g) Any attack or threat or use of force by anyone at all? Please mention it even if you are not certain it was a crime.

Ask only if necessary

Did any incidents of this type happen to you?

541

- 1 Yes - ASK 41b
- 2 No - SKIP to 42a

41b.

How many times?

542

Number of times (41b)

41c.

What happened?

Briefly describe incident(s)

42a.

People often don't think of incidents committed by someone they know. (Other than any incidents already mentioned,) did you have something stolen from you OR were you attacked or threatened by -

(Exclude telephone threats)

Read each category.

- (a) Someone at work or school -**
- (b) A neighbor or friend -**
- (c) A relative or family member -**
- (d) Any other person you've met or known?**

Ask only if necessary

Did any incidents of this type happen to you?

543

- 1 Yes - ASK 42b
- 2 No - SKIP to 43a

42b.

How many times?

544

Number of times (42b)

42c.

What happened?

Briefly describe incident(s)

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RESPONDENT'S SCREEN QUESTIONS

43a.

Incidents involving forced or unwanted sexual acts are often difficult to talk about. (Other than any incidents already mentioned,) have you been forced or coerced to engage in unwanted sexual activity by -

Read each category.

(a) Someone you didn't know -

(b) A casual acquaintance -

OR

(c) Someone you know well?

Ask only if necessary

Did any incidents of this type happen to you?

545

1 Yes - ASK 43b

2 No - SKIP to 44a

43a.

How many times?

546

Number of times (43b)

43c.

What happened?

Briefly describe incident(s)

44a.

During the last 6 months, (other than any incidents already mentioned,) did you call the police to report something that happened to YOU which you thought was a crime?

547

1 Yes - ASK 44b

2 No - SKIP to 45a

44b.

What happened?

Briefly describe incident(s)

44c.

**CHECK
ITEM B**

If not sure ask:

Were you attacked or threatened, or was something stolen or an attempt made to steal something that belonged to you or another household member?

549

1 Yes - ASK 44d

2 No - SKIP to 45a

44d.

How many times?

550

Number of times (44d)

Notes

RESPONDENT'S SCREEN QUESTIONS

45a.

During the last 6 months, (other than any incidents already mentioned,) did anything which you thought was a crime happen to YOU, but you did NOT report to the police?

551

- 1 Yes - ASK 45b
- 2 No - If HHLD Respondent ASK 46, Else SKIP to 71

45b.

What happened?

Briefly describe incident(s)

45c.

**CHECK
ITEM C**

If not sure ask:

Were you attacked or threatened, or was something stolen or an attempt made to steal something that belonged to you or another household member?

553

- 1 Yes - ASK 45d
- 2 No - If HHLD Respondent ASK 46, Else SKIP to 71

45d.

How many times?

554

Number of times (45d) - If HHLD Respondent ASK 46, Else SKIP to 71

RESPONDENT'S CHECK ITEMS D, E, AND G

71.

**CHECK
ITEM D**

Who besides the respondent was present when the screen questions were asked? (If telephone interview, mark box 1 only.)

555

- 1 Telephone interview - SKIP to 73.

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Personal interview - Mark all that apply.

- 2 No one besides respondent present
- 3 Respondent's spouse
- 4 HHLD member(s) 12+, not spouse
- 5 HHLD member(s) under 12
- 6 Nonhousehold member(s)
- 7 Someone was present - Can't say who
- 8 Don't know if someone else present

If a Proxy interview, ASK 72, else SKIP to 73.

72.

**CHECK
ITEM E**

Did the person for whom this interview was taken help the proxy respondent answer any screen questions?

556

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Person for whom interview taken not present

73.

**CHECK
ITEM G**

Is one or more crimes reported in 36b, 37b, 39b, 40b, 41b, 42b, 43b, 44d, or 45d?

- Yes - SKIP to Crime Incident Report (Item 1a on the NCVS-2)
- No - SKIP to 74 (on the NCVS-1)

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RESPONDENT'S EMPLOYMENT QUESTIONS

All incident reports must be completed before asking this series of questions.

74. **CHECK ITEM H1** Is the respondent 16 years or older?

- 1 Yes - ASK 75a
- 2 No - SKIP to 80

75a.

Did you have a job or work at a business LAST WEEK? (Do not include volunteer work or work around the house.)

(If farm or business operator in household, ask about unpaid work.)

- 576
- 1 Yes - SKIP to 76a
 - 2 No - ASK 75b

75b.

Ask or verify -

Did you have a job or work at a business DURING THE LAST 6 MONTHS?

- 577
- 1 Yes - ASK 75c
 - 2 No - SKIP to 80

75c.

Did that (job/work) last 2 consecutive weeks or more?

- 578
- 1 Yes - ASK 76a
 - 2 No - SKIP to 80

76a.

Ask or verify -

Which of the following best describes your job?

Were you employed in the ...

Read each category until respondent says "yes", then enter appropriate precode.

- 1 **Medical Profession?** - SKIP 76c
- 2 **Mental Health Services Field?** - SKIP to 76e
- 3 **Teaching Profession?** - SKIP to 76g
- 4 **Law Enforcement or Security Field?** - SKIP to 76i
- 5 **Retail Sales?** - SKIP to 76k
- 6 **Transportation Field?** - SKIP to 76m
- 7 **Something else?** - Specify - ASK 76b

76b.

Please specify the job not covered in answer categories 1-6 in 76a.

Specify - SKIP to 76o

76c.

Employed in the Medical Profession:

As a -

Read each category.

- Medical Profession**
- 1 **Physician?**
 - 2 **Nurse?**
 - 3 **Technician?**
 - 4 **Other medical profession?** - Specify - ASK 76d
- } SKIP to 76o

76d.

Please specify employed in the medical profession as a -

Specify - SKIP to 76o

76e.

Employed in the Mental Health Services Field:

Are YOUR duties -

Read each category.

- Mental Health Services Field**
- 5 **Professional (Social worker/psychiatrist)?**
 - 6 **Custodial care?**
 - 7 **Some other mental health services profession?** - Specify ^{ASK 76f}
- } SKIP to 76o

76f.

Please specify duties in the mental health services field.

Specify - SKIP to 76o

Notes

RESPONDENT'S EMPLOYMENT QUESTIONS

76g.

Employed in the Teaching Profession:

Were you employed in a -

Read each category.

Teaching Profession

- 8 **Preschool?**
 - 9 **Elementary school?**
 - 10 **Junior high or middle school?**
 - 11 **High school?**
 - 12 **College or university?**
 - 13 **Technical or industrial school?**
 - 14 **Special education facility?**
 - 15 **Other teaching profession?** - Specify - ASK 76h
- } - SKIP to 76o

76h.

Please specify employed in the teaching profession as a -

Specify - SKIP to 76o

76i.

Employed in the Law Enforcement or Security Field:

Were you employed as a -

Read each category.

Law Enforcement or Security Field

- 16 **Law enforcement officer?**
 - 17 **Prison or jail guard?**
 - 18 **Security guard?**
 - 19 **Law enforcement profession?** - Specify - ASK 76j
- } - SKIP to 76o

76j.

Please specify employed in the law enforcement or security field as a -

Specify - SKIP to 76o

76k.

Employed in Retail Sales:

Were you employed as a -

Read each category.

Retail Sales -

- 20 **Convenience or liquor store clerk?**
 - 21 **Gas station attendant?**
 - 22 **Bartender?**
 - 23 **Other retail sales profession?** - Specify - ASK 76l
- } - SKIP to 76o

76l.

Please specify employed in retail sales as a -

Specify - SKIP to 76o

76m.

Employed in the Transportation Field:

Were you employed as a -

Read each category.

Transportation Field -

- 24 **Bus driver?**
 - 25 **Taxi cab driver?**
 - 26 **Other transportation Field profession?** - Specify - ASK 76n
- } - SKIP to 76o

76n.

Please specify employed in the transportation field as a -

Specify

76o.

**CHECK
ITEM H2**

If 76a equals 7, enter 27 here., otherwise enter the number of the employment code entered in item 76c, 76e, 76g, 76i 76k, or 76m.

579

77.

Ask or verify -

Is your job with -

Read each category.

580

- 1 **A private company, business, or individual for wages?**
 - 2 **The Federal government?**
 - 3 **A State, county, or local government?**
 - 4 **Yourself (Self-employed) in your own business, professional practice, or farm?**
- } If 76o = 22
SKIP to 79,
Else ASK
78.

78.

Are you employed by a college or university?

581

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

79.

While working at your job, do you work mostly in -

Read each category.

582

- 1 **A city?**
- 2 **Suburban area?**
- 3 **Rural area?**
- 4 **Combination of any of these?**

RESPONDENT'S CHECK ITEM I

80.

**CHECK
ITEM I**

Is this the last household member to be interviewed?

- Yes - If Household Respondent finish collecting income and telephone information, then END interview. Otherwise END interview.
- No - GO TO question 33a for the next respondent. See note below before interviewing next household member.

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE --

(Read to the Household Respondent Only.) If there are any household members under 18, tell the Household Respondent that you will be asking the **same** questions you just asked him/her.

Notes