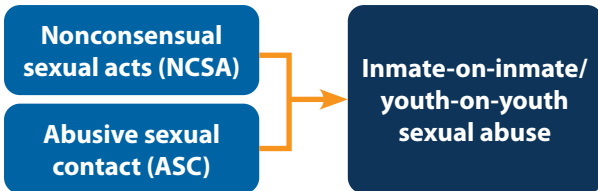


Changes to the summary forms

Revised definitions of sexual victimization

The nonconsensual sexual acts (NCSA) and abusive sexual contact (ASC) categories have been combined into inmate-on-inmate/youth-on-youth sexual abuse. All behaviors included under the previous NCSA or ASC categories are now recorded under inmate-on-inmate/youth-on-youth sexual abuse.



Staff sexual misconduct (SSM) will be renamed “staff sexual abuse.” All behaviors formerly reported as SSM will now be reported in this category.



Removed checkboxes for “none”

Instead of checking a box for “none,” respondents should write or enter a “0” on the line if no instances were reported.

Questions?

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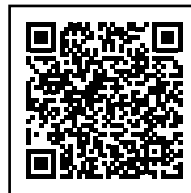


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Changes to the Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV)

A summary of changes starting with the 2023 SSV

June 2024



Changes to the incident forms

Four sections

Section 1 includes **incident-related details**, such as date(s) of occurrence, reporting party, or type of victimization. These questions apply regardless of the type of incident.

Section 2 includes details about the **victim(s) in the incident**, such as demographic information, treatment outcomes, or injuries. These questions are answered *separately for each victim*.

Section 3 includes details about the **inmate or youth perpetrator(s) of the incident**, such as demographic information and sanctions. These questions are answered *separately for each inmate or youth perpetrator*.

Section 4 includes details about the **staff perpetrator(s) of the incident**, such as demographic information, employment information, and sanctions. These questions are answered *separately for each staff perpetrator*.

If an item does not have an “unknown” option and information about the incident, victim, or perpetrator is not known, is not tracked in the facility’s records, or does not apply, the item can be skipped.

New questions

Question 1 asks if the incident *included repeated behaviors*, and if so, *how many times* the behaviors occurred.

Question 13 asks if the *victim was a U.S. citizen*.

Question 14 asks about the *victim’s cognitive or physical disabilities*.

If three or more victims or perpetrators were involved in an incident, the form must be completed online.

For victims and inmate or youth perpetrators, *two separate questions* assess their *sex assigned at birth* and their *gender identity*. More response options are also provided (e.g., “gender nonconforming” to describe gender identity).

Definitions are included on the forms to assist with answering these new questions.

Revised response options

For many questions, response options are *revised, reordered, or added*.

Questions about age ask for an *exact number* instead of using categories.

Questions about *race or ethnicity* have *revised categories*, and “Middle Eastern or North African” is an added option.

Options of “*unknown*” are added to questions about victim injury and treatment for injury.

Options are *reordered from least to most severe* for questions in which responses vary in severity (e.g., injuries, types of coercion or force, sanctions).

Responses that were *commonly provided in the “Other” categories* have been *added as permanent response categories*.

Changes to submission

The web collection page will be *updated, and it will be formatted differently from previous SSVs*. The website will resemble other U.S. Census Bureau collections, so it may be familiar to some respondents.

Username and passwords will change from previous years and *may not follow the same format*.

A spreadsheet upload feature will be piloted with some respondents, giving them the option to add their SSV data to one spreadsheet and then upload that spreadsheet to the SSV website.