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National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) Knowledge Corner:

Survey Instruments

America's principal source for criminal justice statistics

Survey Documents

- NCVS 500 Control Card
- NCVS-1 Basic Screen Questionnaire
- NCVS-2 Crime Incident Report (CIR)



Survey Documents

Located at:

<https://bjs.ojp.gov/data-collection/ncvs>

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Methodology +

Questionnaires -

NCVS Basic Screen Questionnaire
[2022 PDF \(373.8 KB\)](#) | [2020-2021 PDF \(329.73 KB\)](#) | [2019 Q1 & Q2 PDF \(284.96 KB\)](#) | [2019 Q3 & Q4 PDF \(323.89 KB\)](#) | [2018 PDF \(296.37 KB\)](#) | [2017 PDF \(89.6 KB\)](#) | [2016 PDF \(89.59 KB\)](#) | [2015 PDF \(88.14 KB\)](#) | [2012-2014 PDF \(87.7 KB\)](#) | [2009-2011 PDF \(271.38 KB\)](#) | [2008 PDF \(295.86 KB\)](#) | [2007 PDF \(334.55 KB\)](#) | [2004 PDF \(212.81 KB\)](#) | [2001 PDF \(2.15 MB\)](#)

NCVS Crime Incident Report
[2022 PDF \(689.17 KB\)](#) | [2020-2021 PDF \(277.15 KB\)](#) | [2019 Q1 & Q2 PDF \(572.32 KB\)](#) | [2019 Q3 & Q4 PDF \(587.71 KB\)](#) | [2018 PDF \(1.02 MB\)](#) | [2017 PDF \(181.19 KB\)](#) | [2016 PDF \(181.21 KB\)](#) | [2015 PDF \(187.33 KB\)](#) | [2012-2014 PDF \(186.99 KB\)](#) | [2009-2011 PDF \(729.48 KB\)](#) | [2008 PDF \(647.17 KB\)](#) | [2007 PDF \(647.62 KB\)](#) | [2004 PDF \(197.9 KB\)](#) | [2001 PDF \(558.14 KB\)](#)

NCVS for Spanish-speaking respondents
[2001 Basic Screen Questionnaire for Spanish \(220.13 KB\)](#) | [2001 Crime Incident Report \(195.92 KB\)](#)

NCVS Control Card
[2022 PDF \(354.68 KB\)](#) | [2020-2021 PDF \(236.42 KB\)](#) | [2019 PDF \(230.06 KB\)](#) | [2018 PDF \(210.43 KB\)](#) | [2017 PDF \(213.3 KB\)](#) | [2016 PDF \(213.28 KB\)](#) | [2012-2015 PDF \(94.73 KB\)](#)

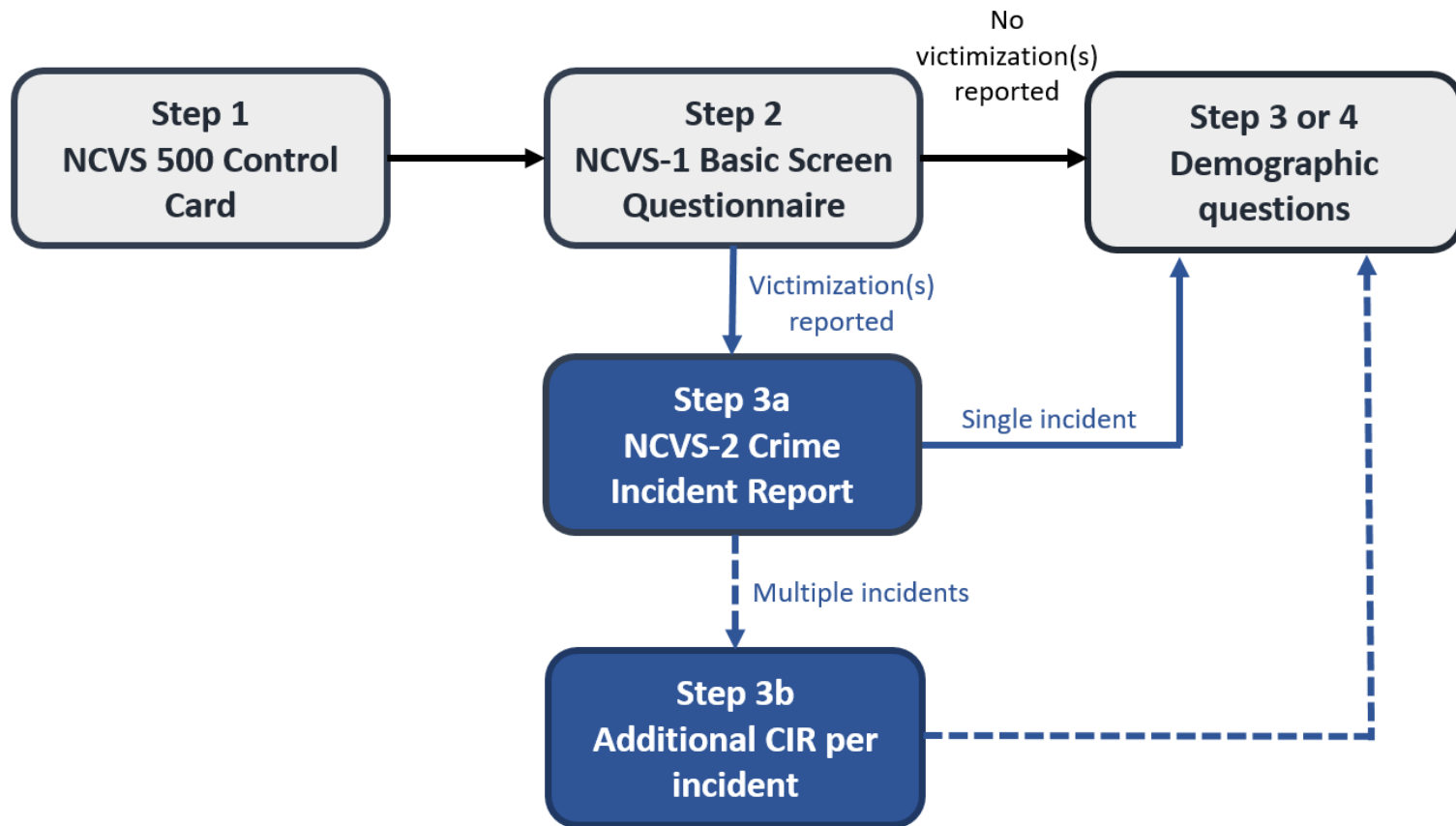


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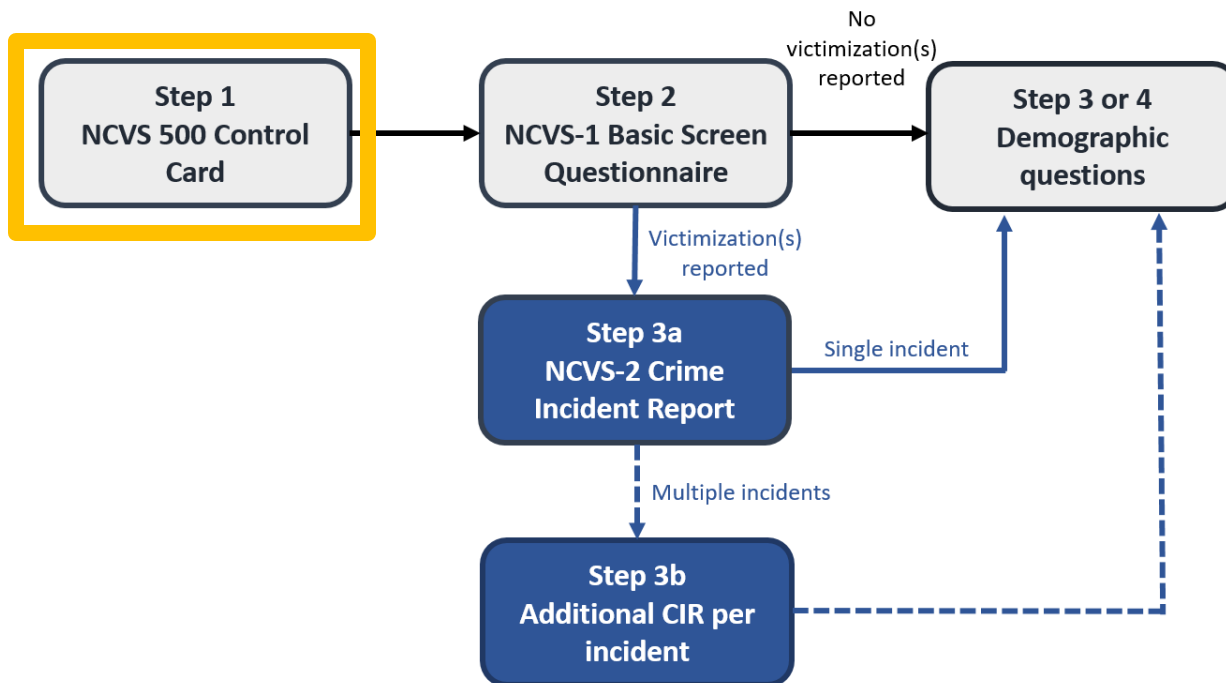




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NCVS-500 Control Card



NCVS 500 Control Card

Serves as the household roster and record of all contacts, interviews, and noninterviews

Begin Initial Roster Loop

Appears when a household roster is being first established.
(Repeat for each household member)

HHROSTER_FNAME

[Appears during 1st Enumeration Period, or when empty]

What are the names of all people living or staying here?

Start with the person or one of the people who **[owns/rents]** this home.

- ◆ Enter first name on this screen.
- ◆ To change a non-member already listed on this roster to a member use the up/down arrow to go to MEMBERCHANGES and enter the reason why this person is now a member.
- ◆ Enter 999 to leave the table.

HHROSTER_LNAME

[Appears during 1st Enumeration Period, or when empty]

What are the names of all people living or staying here?

Start with the name of the person or one of the people who **[owns/rents]** this home.

- ◆ Enter last name on this screen.

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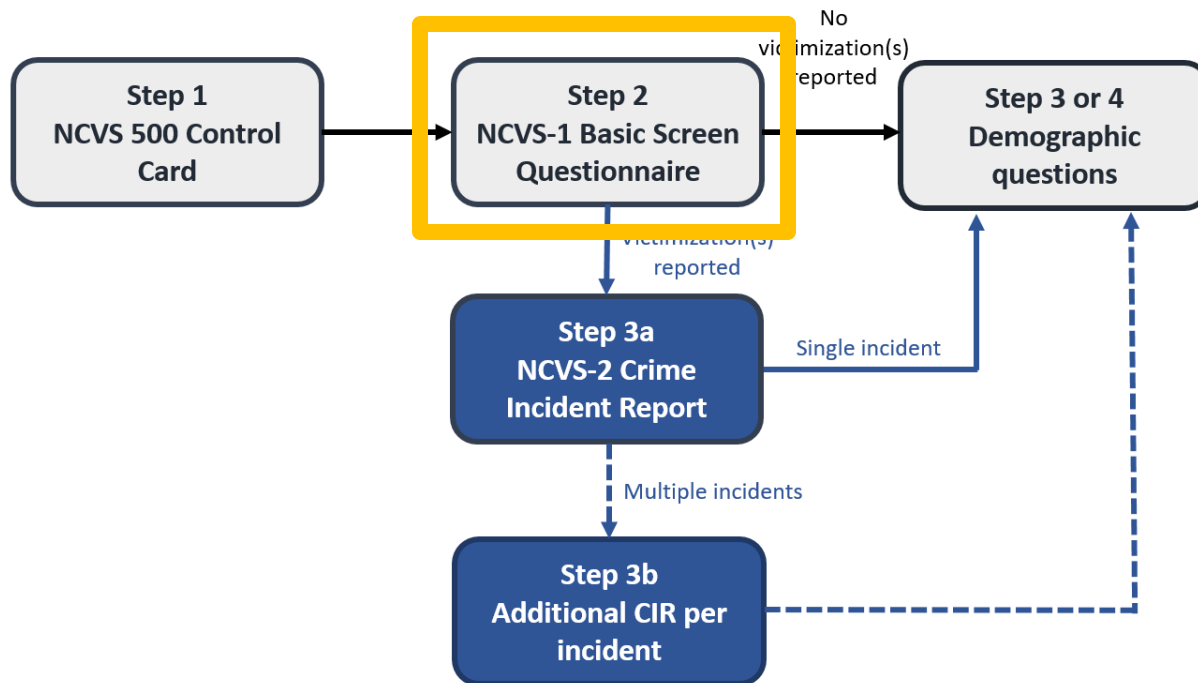




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NCVS-1 Basic Screen Questionnaire



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NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMIZATION SURVEY NCVS-1 BASIC SCREEN QUESTIONNAIRE

NOTE: Questions are listed in the order asked. Skips in question numbering are due to questionnaire changes over time.

MOBILITY QUESTIONS

33a. TIMEATADDRESS

Before we get to the crime questions, I have some questions that are helpful in studying where and why crimes occur.

_____ Years (Round to nearest whole year)

Ask or verify -
How long have you lived at this address?

(Enter 0 if less than 1 year.)

If = 0 ASK 33b
If = DK or RF SKIP to 33c
Else SKIP to 33d

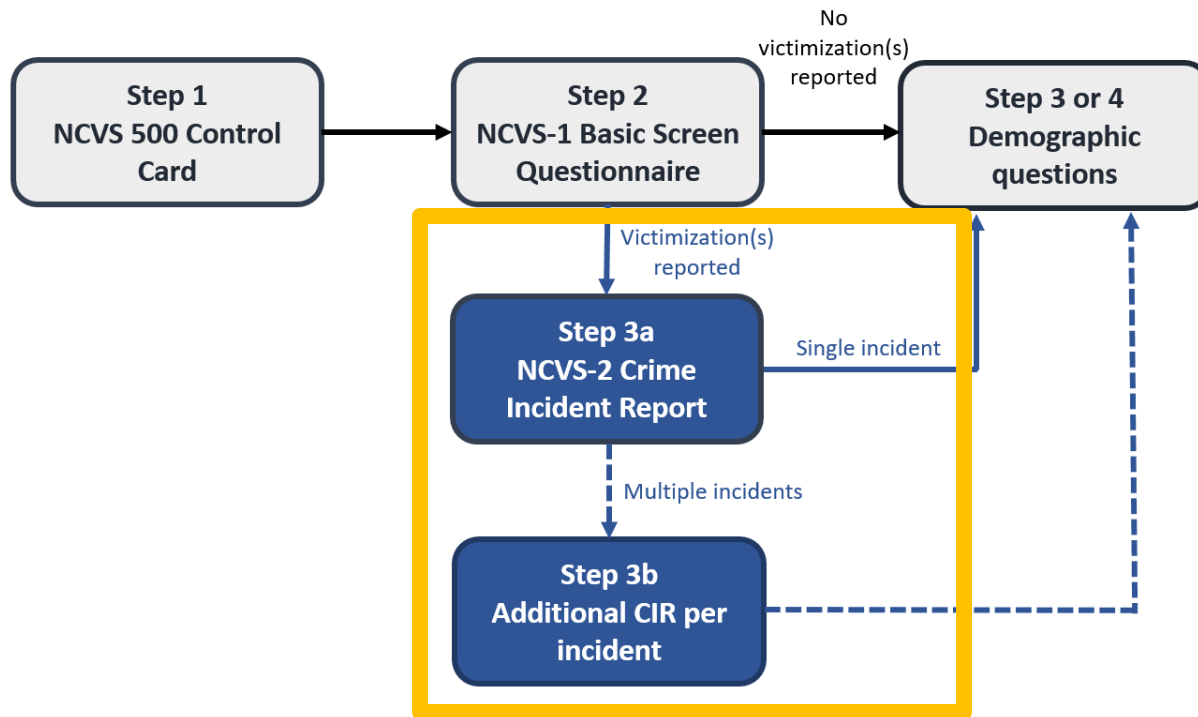
Determines whether **any crimes were committed** , but **does not** produce crime estimates



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NCVS-2 Crime Incident Report(s)



NCVS-2 Crime Incident Report

Gathers detailed information on characteristics of **each** crime reported in the basic screen questionnaire

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMIZATION SURVEY

NCVS-2 CRIME INCIDENT REPORT

NOTE: Questions are listed in the order asked. Skips in question numbering are due to questionnaire changes over time.

2a. INCIDENTINTRO

You said that during the last 6 months :

(description of the crime reported in the screen question.)



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Questions?

- See the [NCVS page on the BJS website](#) for all survey instruments
 - See the [NCVS, 2016: Technical Documentation](#) for more information about the methodology and instrumentation
- Email AskBJS@usdoj.gov with questions – emails are forwarded to BJS statisticians with topical expertise
- Access [NCVS public-use data files](#) at the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD) at the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
 - See the annual codebooks for more information