



# National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) Knowledge Corner:

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# When to use public or restricted files

## Restricted

Geographic data

Linking to other datasets

Some variables that are collapsed in the public-use file

## Public

***Can be used to answer most research questions***

De-identified household and victim demographics

Detailed victimization incident characteristics



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# How to access NCVS data

## Public

National Archive of Criminal Justice Data

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## Restricted

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# Questions?

Visit the NCVS data user page: <https://bjs.ojp.gov/ncvs-data-user-page>

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