

Welcome to the National Crime Victimization Survey Knowledge Corner. This short video will provide an overview of the School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey, or SCS.

The SCS is the longest active supplement of the National Crime Victimization Survey, or NCVS. It was first administered in 1989 and is sponsored by both the Bureau of Justice Statistics, or BJS, and the National Center for Education Statistics, or NCES. From 1999 until 2019, the SCS was administered every two years.

After 2019, the SCS was postponed from 2021 until 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The SCS is administered to persons age 12 to 18 who are currently enrolled in a public or private school and complete an NCVS interview. Data are collected for 6 months by the Census Bureau and respondents are asked about crime and violence that occurred in their school, on school grounds, on the school bus, or on their way to or from school.

The 2022 SCS questionnaire covered a variety of topics. It includes screening questions to ask about the type of school and grade of the respondent. There was a section about the environment of their school, including transportation to school, safety measures taken to secure the school, and drug availability at the school. The instrument includes a section about school fights, respondent's experience with bullying, and potential hate crimes at school. There is another section about avoiding places at school out of fear. Another section of questions deal with the presence of weapons at the school. There is also a section of questions asking about gang activity at school. And finally, respondents are asked about respondent characteristics, such as respondent grades and future plans after school.

The webpage to access information about the SCS is displayed on the screen.

[\[https://bjs.ojp.gov/data-collection/school-crime-supplement-scs\]](https://bjs.ojp.gov/data-collection/school-crime-supplement-scs). Here, the user can find information about the methodology of the SCS, download SCS questionnaires, and access BJS publications and products that use SCS data. Users can also access a link to the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data, or NACJD, where they can download SCS datasets and codebooks.

NCES also releases reports featuring data from the SCS. For example, in February 2024, they released *Student Reports of Bullying: Results from the 2022 School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey* that presented data on bullying by various students and school characteristics. The full report is available online at the link on your screen

[\[https://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2024109\]](https://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2024109).

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Thank you.