

NCVS CS – Field Test

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- ▶ Please use a black or blue pen to complete this form.
- ▶ Mark to indicate your answer. If you want to change your answer, darken the box and mark the correct answer.
- 1. On the whole, how much of the time is the community where you live safe?**
 - Always safe
 - Mostly safe
 - Sometimes safe
 - Rarely safe
 - Never safe
 - 2. Is there any place within a mile of your home where you would be afraid to walk alone at night?**
 - Yes
 - No
 - 3. How often does fear of crime prevent you from doing things you would like to do?**
 - Very often
 - Somewhat often
 - Rarely
 - Never
 - 4. When you leave your home, how often do you think about it being broken into or vandalized while you're away?**
 - Very often
 - Somewhat often
 - Rarely
 - Never
 - 5. In the last 3 years, do you believe your community has:**
 - Become safer
 - Stayed the same
 - Become less safe

 - Don't know
 - 6. Overall, how much of the time is the place where you work safe?**
 - Always safe
 - Mostly safe
 - Sometimes safe
 - Rarely safe
 - Never safe

 - Does not apply; do not work
 - 7. While living at this address, have you ever contacted the local police department for assistance?**
 - Yes
 - No → **GO TO 9**
 - 8. If so, how satisfied were you with the police response?**
 - Very satisfied
 - Mostly satisfied
 - Somewhat satisfied
 - Not at all satisfied
 - 9. How would you rate the job the local police department is doing in your community?**
 - Excellent
 - Good
 - Fair
 - Poor

 - Don't know

Your Household

A. Do you own or rent the place where you're living?

- Own
- Rent
- Other, describe below

B. How long have you lived at this address?

- 1 year or less
- Less than 5 years, more than 1 year
- 5 years or more

C. Including yourself, how many people age 18 and older live in this household? Be sure to include yourself, all family members, roommates, and boarders.

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 number of people age 18 and older

D. How many children ages 0- 17 live in this household? Please include small children and infants.

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 number of children ages 0-17

▶ **Continue answering about the adults in this household on the next page.**

(YOU) Adult 1

- ▶ Starting with you complete each column for each person age 18 or older living in this household. You will be Adult 1.

The information you provide will help you with some later questions.

1. What is your first name? For later questions this is **Adult number 1**.

2. What is your age?

3. Are you male or female?

- Male
 Female

4. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

- Yes, Hispanic or Latino
 No, not Hispanic or Latino

5. What is your race?

Please mark all that apply.

- White
 Black or African American
 Asian
 American Indian or Alaska Native
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

6. What is your highest grade, or level of school completed?

- Less than High School
 High School diploma or GED
 Some College or Technical School
 Bachelor's degree
 Master's degree or higher

- ▶ If there are more adults living in this household, continue answering the next column for the second adult. If you are the only adult, continue with Section A on page 5.

Adult 2

- ▶ These questions ask about the second adult living in this household. This will be Adult 2.

1. What is Adult 2's first name? For later questions this is **Adult number 2**.

2. What is Adult 2's age?

3. Is Adult 2 male or female?

- Male
 Female

4. Is Adult 2 of Hispanic or Latino origin?

- Yes, Hispanic or Latino
 No, not Hispanic or Latino

5. What is Adult 2's race?

Please mark all that apply.

- White
 Black or African American
 Asian
 American Indian or Alaska Native
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

6. What is Adult 2's highest grade, or level of school completed?

- Less than High School
 High School diploma or GED
 Some College or Technical School
 Bachelor's degree
 Master's degree or higher

- ▶ If there are more adults living in this household, continue answering on the next page for the third adult. If there are no other adults, continue with Section A on page 5.

Adult 3

- These questions ask about the third adult living in this household. This will be Adult 3.

1. What is Adult 3's first name? For later questions this is Adult number 3.

2. What is Adult 3's age?

3. Is Adult 3 male or female?

- Male
 Female

4. Is Adult 3 of Hispanic or Latino origin?

- Yes, Hispanic or Latino
 No, not Hispanic or Latino

5. What is Adult 3's race?

Please mark all that apply.

- White
 Black or African American
 Asian
 American Indian or Alaska Native
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

6. What is Adult 3's highest grade, or level of school completed?

- Less than High School
 High School diploma or GED
 Some College or Technical School
 Bachelor's degree
 Master's degree or higher

- If there are more adults living in this household, continue answering the next column for the fourth adult. If there are no other adults, continue with Section A on the next page.

Adult 4

- These questions ask about the fourth adult living in this household. This will be Adult 4.

1. What is Adult 4's first name? For later questions this is Adult number 4.

2. What is Adult 4's age?

3. Is Adult 4 male or female?

- Male
 Female

4. Is Adult 4 of Hispanic or Latino origin?

- Yes, Hispanic or Latino
 No, not Hispanic or Latino

5. What is Adult 4's race?

Please mark all that apply.

- White
 Black or African American
 Asian
 American Indian or Alaska Native
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

6. What is Adult 4's highest grade, or level of school completed?

- Less than High School
 High School diploma or GED
 Some College or Technical School
 Bachelor's degree
 Master's degree or higher

- Continue with Section A on the next page.

Section A: Violent Crimes

- ▶ A 'violent crime' is when another person who is physically present with you does something unlawful to you or another household member.

-- *Violent crimes may have happened at home, on the street, at work or school, or anywhere else.*

--*Include crimes where the offender was someone you know, a stranger, or even a family member.*

1. **In the past 12 months, were you or anyone else you listed attacked, mugged, or threatened with violence?**

Yes
 No

2. **In the past 12 months, did anyone ATTEMPT to attack you or anyone else you listed?**

Yes
 No

3. **In the past 12 months, did anyone force you or anyone else you listed to have sex with them, or to engage in unwanted sex-related activity?**

Yes
 No

4. **In the past 12 months, did anyone ATTEMPT to force you or anyone else you listed to have sex with them, or to engage in unwanted sex-related activity?**

Yes
 No

- ▶ **If you marked 'YES' for any question above (1, 2, 3, or 4), continue with question 5 on the next page. Otherwise skip to Section B on page 9.**

Violent Crimes: Most Recent Incident

You reported that you or someone else you listed experienced a violent crime in the past 12 months. Please start with the most recent incident.

If there were none, please go to Section B on page 11.

5. In what month and year did the most recent violent crime happen?

If you are unsure, make your best guess – including the month the incident occurred.

month			year			

6. Who did this happen to? Write in the adult number of the person(s) this happened to from question C on page 2. Then write in that person's first name.

Later questions will refer to this person or these persons as the "victim."

	Adult #	First Name
Refer to Adults listed on pages 3 and 4.		

7. What happened?

Provide as many details as you can recall, such as: where it happened, who was attacked, what injuries occurred, and what (if anything) was stolen.

8. Where did it happen?

- In the victim's home or yard
- In the victim's neighborhood, but not their home or yard
- Somewhere else in this city
- Outside of this city

9. Was the victim confronted by the offender during this incident?

By confronted, we mean that the offender approached the victim, or had some contact with the victim.

- Yes
- No

10. How well did the victim know the offender?

If there was more than one victim or offender, answer for the offender the victim knew the best.

- Well known
- A casual acquaintance → GO TO 12
- By sight only → GO TO 12
- Victim did not know the offender(s) → GO TO 12

11. How did the victim know that offender?

- Spouse at time of incident
- Ex-spouse at time of incident
- Parent or step parent
- Own child or step-child
- Brother or sister
- Boyfriend or girlfriend
- Friend
- Some other relationship

12. Did the offender have a weapon such as a gun or a knife, or something to use as a weapon?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

13. Did the offender attack the victim?

- Yes → GO TO 16 on the next page
- No

14. Did the offender **ATTEMPT** to attack the victim?
 Yes → **GO TO 16**
 No
15. Did the offender threaten the victim with harm in any way?
 Yes
 No
16. Did the victim experience any type of unwanted sexual contact such as forced or coerced sexual intercourse, or any other sexual assault, including any attempted sexual contact by force?
 Yes
 No → **GO TO 20**
17. Was the victim forced or coerced to have sexual intercourse?
 Yes → **GO TO 20**
 No
18. Was there an attempt to force or coerce sexual intercourse from the victim?
 Yes → **GO TO 20**
 No
19. Was the victim sexually assaulted in some other way?
 Yes
 No
20. Did the victim suffer any injuries as a result of this incident?
 Yes
 No → **GO TO 22** in the next column
21. Did the victim stay overnight in a hospital as a result of these injuries?
 Yes
 No
22. Did anyone report this crime to the police?
 Yes
 No → **GO TO 25**
23. Did the police come once the incident was reported to them?
 Yes
 No → **GO TO 25**
24. What did the police do while they were there?
Mark all that apply.
 Took a report
 Searched/looked around
 Took evidence (e.g. fingerprints)
 Questioned witnesses or suspects
 Promised to investigate
 Arrested someone
 Something else

 I don't know what the police did
25. Was anything stolen or taken during this incident?
 Yes
 No → **GO TO 27**
26. What was stolen or taken?
Mark all that apply.
 Something the victim had in their possession or on their person (e.g. purse, wallet, or cell phone)
 Something someone else had in their possession or on their person (e.g. their purse, wallet, or cell phone)
 A motor vehicle that the victim was in or near
 Something else
27. Other than this incident, did another violent crime happen to you or someone else you listed in the past 12 months?
 Yes → Continue with the next most recent violent crime
 No → **GO TO Section B, page 11**

Violent Crimes: Next Most Recent Incident

These questions are about the next most recent violent crime that happened to you or someone else you listed in the past 12 months.

If there were no other violent crimes, please go to Section B on page 11.

28. In what month and year did the next most recent violent crime happen?

If you are unsure, make your best guess – including the month the incident occurred.

month		year			

29. Who did this happen to? Write in the adult number of the person(s) this happened to from question C on page 2. Then write in that person's first name.

Later questions will refer to this person or these persons as the "victim."

	Adult #	First Name
Refer to Adults listed on pages 3 and 4.		

30. What happened?

Provide as many details as you can recall, such as: where it happened, who was attacked, what injuries occurred, and what (if anything) was stolen.

31. Where did it happen?

- In the victim's home or yard
- In the victim's neighborhood, but not their home or yard
- Somewhere else in this city
- Outside of this city

32. Was the victim confronted by the offender during this incident?

By confronted, we mean that the offender approached the victim, or had some contact with the victim.

- Yes
- No

33. How well did the victim know the offender?

If there was more than one victim or offender, answer for the offender the victim knew the best.

- Well known
- A casual acquaintance → **GO TO 35**
- By sight only → **GO TO 35**
- Victim did not know the offender(s) → **GO TO 35**

34. How did the victim know that offender?

- Spouse at time of incident
- Ex-spouse at time of incident
- Parent or step parent
- Own child or step-child
- Brother or sister
- Boyfriend or girlfriend
- Friend
- Some other relationship

35. Did the offender have a weapon such as a gun or a knife, or something to use as a weapon?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

36. Did the offender attack the victim?

- Yes → **GO TO 39** on the next page
- No

37. Did the offender **ATTEMPT** to attack the victim?
 Yes → **GO TO 39**
 No
38. Did the offender threaten the victim with harm in any way?
 Yes
 No
39. Did the victim experience any type of unwanted sexual contact such as forced or coerced sexual intercourse, or any other sexual assault, including any attempted sexual contact by force?
 Yes
 No → **GO TO 43**
40. Was the victim forced or coerced to have sexual intercourse?
 Yes → **GO TO 43**
 No
41. Was there an attempt to force or coerce sexual intercourse from the victim?
 Yes → **GO TO 43**
 No
42. Was the victim sexually assaulted in some other way?
 Yes
 No
43. Did the victim suffer any injuries as a result of this incident?
 Yes
 No → **GO TO 45** in the next column
44. Did the victim stay overnight in a hospital as a result of these injuries?
 Yes
 No
45. Did anyone report this crime to the police?
 Yes
 No → **GO TO 48**
46. Did the police come once the incident was reported to them?
 Yes
 No → **GO TO 48**
47. What did the police do while they were there?
Mark all that apply.
 Took a report
 Searched/looked around
 Took evidence (e.g. fingerprints)
 Questioned witnesses or suspects
 Promised to investigate
 Arrested someone
 Something else
 I don't know what the police did
48. Was anything stolen or taken during this incident?
 Yes
 No → **GO TO 50**
49. What was stolen or taken?
Mark all that apply.
 Something the victim had in their possession or on their person (e.g. purse, wallet, or cell phone)
 Something someone else had in their possession or on their person (e.g. their purse, wallet, or cell phone)
 A motor vehicle that the victim was in or near
 Something else
50. Other than this incident, did another violent crime happen to you or someone else you listed in the past 12 months?
 Yes → Continue with the next most recent violent crime
 No → **GO TO Section B**, page 11

Violent Crimes: Third Most Recent Incident

51. Other than the incidents that you have already reported, in what month and year did the third most recent violent crime happen?

If you are unsure, make your best guess – including the month the incident occurred.

month			year			

52. Who did this happen to? Write in the adult number of the person(s) this happened to from question C on page 2. Then write in that person's first name.

	Adult #	First Name
Refer to Adults listed on pages 3 and 4.		

53. **What happened?**
Provide as many details as you can recall, such as: where it happened, who was attacked, what injuries occurred, and what (if anything) was stolen.

54. Did anyone report this crime to the police?

Yes
 No

55. Other than this incident, did another violent crime happen to you or someone else you listed in the past 12 months?

Yes → Continue with the next most recent violent crime in the next column
 No → **GO TO Section B** on the next page

Violent Crimes: Fourth Most Recent Incident

56. Other than the incidents that you have already reported, in what month and year did the fourth most recent violent crime happen?

If you are unsure, make your best guess – including the month the incident occurred.

month			year			

57. Who did this happen to? Write in the adult number of the person(s) this happened to from question D on page 2. Then write in that person's first name.

	Adult #	First Name
Refer to Adults listed on pages 3 and 4.		

58. **What happened?**
Provide as many details as you can recall, such as: where it happened, who was attacked, what injuries occurred, and what (if anything) was stolen.

59. Did anyone report this crime to the police?

Yes
 No

60. Other than this incident, did another violent crime happen to you or someone else you listed in the past 12 months?

Yes
 No → **GO TO Section B** on the next page

61. You've already described four violent crimes. Other than those incidents, how many more violent crimes happened to you or someone else you listed in the past 12 months?

		additional violent crime incidents
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Section B: Theft and Break-ins

This section will ask about times in the past 12 months where someone may have stolen something, tried to steal something, or broken into this home.

Do not include any incidents you reported in the previous section as a violent crime.

62. In the past 12 months, did you or others in this household have anything stolen?

-- *It could have been something you wear or carry, like a wallet or purse, watch, or jewelry.*

-- *It could have been electronic equipment, like a phone, tablet, or MP3 player.*

- Yes
 No

63. In the past 12 months, was a car or other motor vehicle stolen or used without permission?

- Yes
 No

64. In the past 12 months, was anything stolen from a car?

-- *It could have been hubcaps or other parts, a radio or stereo, gasoline, personal items, or anything else.*

- Yes
 No

65. In the past 12 months, was anything stolen from this house or apartment, from the yard, or from any other building that is part of your home, like a garage or shed?

-- *Think only of things that belong to you or others in this household.*

- Yes
 No

66. In the past 12 months, so far as you know, did anyone ATTEMPT to steal something that belonged to you or others in this household?

- Yes
 No

67. In the past 12 months, did anyone break into this home, or attempt to break in, whether or not anything was stolen?

- Yes
 No

68. In the past 12 months, did your or others in this household have anything stolen while at work, or while away from your home?

- Yes
 No

► **If you marked 'YES' for any of these questions (62 through 68), continue with the next page. Otherwise skip to Section C on page 14.**

Theft and Break-ins: Most Recent Incident

These next questions are about a theft or break-in that happened to you or others in this household in the past 12 months. If there was more than one, please start with the most recent.

If there were no thefts or break-ins, please go to Section C on page 14.

69. In what month and year did the most recent incident happen?

-- If you are unsure, make your best guess -- including the month the incident occurred.

month			year			

70. What happened?

Provide as many details as you can recall, such as: where it happened, and what was stolen.

71. Where did it happen?

- In this home or yard
- In this neighborhood
- Somewhere else in this city
- Outside of this city

► If the incident occurred in this home continue with question 72, otherwise go to question 75 in the next column.

72. Did the offender actually get inside the home, structure, or building?

- Yes → GO TO 74 in the next column
- No

73. Did the offender ATTEMPT to get inside the home, structure, or building?

- Yes
- No → GO TO 75

74. Was there any evidence, such as a broken lock or broken window, that the offender(s) got in by force or tried to get in by force?

- Yes
- No

75. Was something stolen or taken without permission that belonged to you or others in this household?

- Yes → GO TO 77
- No

76. Did the offender ATTEMPT to take something that belonged to you or others in this household?

- Yes
- No

77. Was a car or other motor vehicle stolen during this incident?

- Yes → GO TO 79
- No

78. Did anyone ATTEMPT to steal a car or other motor vehicle?

- Yes
- No

79. What was the total value of the property that was taken?

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80. Did you or anyone else report this incident to the police?

- Yes
- No

81. Did another theft or break-in happen to you or others in this household in the past 12 months?

- Yes → GO TO 82 on the next page
- No → GO TO Section C on page 14

These are about the next most recent theft or break-in in the past 12 months.

If there were no thefts or break-ins, please go to Section C on page 14.

82. In what month and year did the next most recent incident happen?

-- If you are unsure, make your best guess -- including the month the incident occurred.

month year

83. What happened?

Provide as many details as you can recall, such as: where it happened, and what was stolen.

84. Where did it happen?

- In this home or yard
- In this neighborhood
- Somewhere else in this city
- Outside of this city

► **If the incident occurred in this home continue with question 85, otherwise go to question 88 in the next column.**

85. Did the offender actually get inside the home, structure, or building?

- Yes → **GO TO 87** in the next column
- No

86. Did the offender ATTEMPT to get inside the home, structure, or building?

- Yes
- No → **GO TO 88**

87. Was there any evidence, such as a broken lock or broken window, that the offender(s) got in by force or tried to get in by force?

- Yes
- No

88. Was something stolen or taken without permission that belonged to you or others in this household?

- Yes → **GO TO 90**
- No

89. Did the offender ATTEMPT to take something that belonged to you or others in this household?

- Yes
- No

90. Was a car or other motor vehicle stolen during this incident?

- Yes → **GO TO 92**
- No

91. Did anyone ATTEMPT to steal a car or other motor vehicle?

- Yes
- No

92. What was the total value of the property that was taken?

\$.00

93. Did you or anyone else report this incident to the police?

- Yes
- No

94. Did another theft or break-in happen to you or others in this household in the past 12 months?

- Yes → **GO TO 95** on the next page
- No → **GO TO Section C** on page 14

These questions are about the third most recent theft or break-in in the past 12 months.

If there were no thefts or break-ins, please go to Section C on page 14.

95. In what month and year did the third most recent incident happen?

If you are unsure, make your best guess – including the month the incident occurred.

month year

96. What happened?

Provide as many details as you can recall, such as: where it happened, and what was stolen.

97. Where did it happen?

- In this home or yard
- In this neighborhood
- Somewhere else in this city
- Outside of this city

► If the incident occurred in this home continue with question 98, otherwise go to question 101 in the next column.

98. Did the offender actually get inside the home, structure, or building?

- Yes → GO TO 100 in the next column
- No

99. Did the offender ATTEMPT to get inside the home, structure, or building?

- Yes
- No → GO TO 101

100. Was there any evidence, such as a broken lock or broken window, that the offender(s) got in by force or tried to get in by force?

- Yes
- No

101. Was something stolen or taken without permission that belonged to you or others in this household?

- Yes → GO TO 103
- No

102. Did the offender ATTEMPT to take something that belonged to you or others in this household?

- Yes
- No

103. Was a car or other motor vehicle stolen during this incident?

- Yes → GO TO 105
- No

104. Did anyone ATTEMPT to steal a car or other motor vehicle?

- Yes
- No

105. What was the total value of the property that was taken?

\$.00

106. Did you or anyone else report this incident to the police?

- Yes
- No

107. Did another theft or break-in happen to you or others in this household in the past 12 months?

- Yes → GO TO 108 on the next page
- No → GO TO Section C on page 14

These questions are about the fourth most recent theft or break-in in the past 12 months.

If there were no thefts or break-ins, please go to Section C on page 14.

108. In what month and year did the fourth most recent incident happen?

-- If you are unsure, make your best guess -- including the month the incident occurred.

month year

109. What happened?

Provide as many details as you can recall, such as: where it happened, and what was stolen.

110. Where did it happen?

- In this home or yard
- In this neighborhood
- Somewhere else in this city
- Outside of this city

▶ **If the incident occurred in this home continue with question 111, otherwise go to question 114 in the next column.**

111. Did the offender actually get inside the home, structure, or building?

- Yes → **GO TO 113** in the next column
- No

112. Did the offender ATTEMPT to get inside the home, structure, or building?

- Yes
- No → **GO TO 114**

113. Was there any evidence, such as a broken lock or broken window, that the offender(s) got in by force or tried to get in by force?

- Yes
- No

114. Was something stolen or taken without permission that belonged to you or others in this household?

- Yes → **GO TO 116**
- No

115. Did the offender ATTEMPT to take something that belonged to you or others in this household?

- Yes
- No

116. Was a car or other motor vehicle stolen during this incident?

- Yes → **GO TO 118**
- No

117. Did anyone ATTEMPT to steal a car or other motor vehicle?

- Yes
- No

118. What was the total value of the property that was taken?

\$.00

119. Did you or anyone else report this incident to the police?

- Yes
- No

120. Did another theft or break-in happen to you or others in this household in the past 12 months?

- Yes → **GO TO 121**
- No → **GO TO Section C** on the next page

121. You've already described four thefts or break-ins. Other than those incidents, how many more thefts or break-ins happened to you or others in this household in the past 12 months?

additional thefts or break-ins

These last few questions will ask you about other kinds of crimes that you or someone else you listed may have experienced, such as, identify theft or vandalism.

Do not include any incidents you may have reported in the previous sections.

122. In the last 12 months has this home or the property of anyone in this household been vandalized?

-- Think about any vandalism done to your home, or to any motor vehicles owned by members of this household in the last 12 months.

Yes

No → GO TO 124

123. How many times in the last 12 months has this happened?

number of vandalism incidents

124. In the last 12 months have you or anyone you listed discovered or been told that someone used or attempted to use any existing credit cards?

Yes

No → GO TO 126

125. How many times in the last 12 months has this happened?

-- Count multiple uses of the same card number before discovery as one time.

number of times

126. In the last 12 months have you or anyone you listed discovered or been told that someone used or attempted to use other accounts without permission?

-- Include accounts such as cell phones, bank accounts, debit cards, or check cards.

Yes

No → GO TO 128 in the next column

127. How many times in the last 12 months has this happened?

-- Count multiple uses of an account before discovery as one time.

number of times

128. In the last 12 months have you or anyone you listed discovered or been told that someone used or attempted to use their personal information to obtain new credit cards or loans, or for other fraudulent purposes?

Yes

No → GO TO 130

129. How many times in the last 12 months has this happened?

-- Count multiple times before discovery as one time.

number of times

130. Which category best fits the approximate total income of all persons in your household over the past 12 months?

-- Include money from jobs or other earnings, pensions, interest, rent, Social Security payments, and so on.

\$0 to \$10,000

\$10,001 to \$20,000

\$20,001 to \$30,000

\$30,001 to \$40,000

\$40,001 to \$50,000

\$50,001 to \$60,000

\$60,001 to \$75,000

\$75,001 to \$100,000

\$100,001 to \$150,000

\$150,001 or more

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- ▶ Please use a black or blue pen to complete this form.
- ▶ Mark to indicate your answer. If you want to change your answer, darken the box and mark the correct answer.

1. On the whole, how much of the time is the community where you live safe?

- Always safe
- Mostly safe
- Sometimes safe
- Rarely safe
- Never safe

2. Is there any place within a mile of your home where you would be afraid to walk alone at night?

- Yes
- No

3. How often does fear of crime prevent you from doing things you would like to do?

- Very often
- Somewhat often
- Rarely
- Never

4. When you leave your home, how often do you think about it being broken into or vandalized while you're away?

- Very often
- Somewhat often
- Rarely
- Never

5. In the last 3 years, do you believe your community has:

- Become safer
- Stayed the same
- Become less safe
- Don't know

6. Overall, how much of the time is the place where you work safe?

- Always safe
- Mostly safe
- Sometimes safe
- Rarely safe
- Never safe
- Does not apply; do not work

7. While living at this address, have you ever contacted the local police department for assistance?

- Yes → GO TO 8
- No → GO TO 9

8. If yes, how satisfied were you with the police response?

- Very satisfied
- Mostly satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Not at all satisfied

9. How would you rate the job the local police department is doing in your community?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know

Thefts and Break-ins

10. In the last 12 months, did anyone break into your home or get in without permission?

- Yes → GO TO 11
 No → GO TO 19

11. In the last 12 months, was you home broken into or entered without permission more than once?

- Yes
 No

12. Was someone at home any time in the last 12 months when someone broke in or entered your home without permission?

- Yes → GO TO 13
 No → GO TO 14

13. When someone was home, did they see the offender?

- Yes
 No

14. Was anything stolen when someone broke in or entered your home without permission any time in the last 12 months?

- Yes → GO TO 15
 No → GO TO 16

15. What was stolen in the last 12 months?

16. In the past 12 months, was any break-in or entry without permission reported to the police?

- Yes
 No

17. In what month and year did the most recent break-in occur?

If you are unsure, make your best guess—including the month the incident occurred.

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
month		year			

18. Please describe the most recent break-in: what happened and where it happened.

19. In the last 12 months, did anyone try to break into your home, but not succeed?

- Yes
 No, no attempted break-ins

20. In the last 12 months, was a car, truck, or other motor vehicle belonging to anyone in your household ...

	Yes	No
The vehicle was vandalized or broken into	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Something was stolen from the vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The vehicle itself was stolen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

21. Besides what you told us about earlier, was anything else stolen from your home, yard or vehicle in the last 12 months?

- Yes → GO TO 22
 No → GO TO 24

22. In what month and year did the most recent theft occur?

If you are unsure, make your best guess—including the month the incident occurred.

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
month		year			

23. Please describe what was stolen during the most recent theft.

24. Thinking about everything that may have been stolen from your home or from members of your household in the past 12 months, what would you say was the total value of everything that was taken?

- Nothing was taken
- Less than \$10
- \$10-\$49
- \$50-\$249
- \$250-\$999
- \$1,000 or more

25. In the past 12 months, were any of these thefts reported to the police?

- Yes
- No
- Does not apply, nothing stolen

29. How many children ages 0-17 live in this household? Please include small children and infants.

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Number of children ages 0-17

30. Which category best fits the approximate total income of all persons in your household over the past 12 months?

Include money from jobs or other earnings, pensions, interest, rent, Social Security payments, and so on.

- \$0 to \$10,000
- \$10,001 to \$20,000
- \$20,001 to \$30,000
- \$30,001 to \$40,000
- \$40,001 to 50,000
- \$50,001 to \$60,000
- \$60,001 to \$75,000
- \$75,001 to \$100,000
- \$100,001 to \$150,000
- \$150,000 or more

Your Household

26. Do you own or rent the place where you're living?

- Own
- Rent
- Other, describe below

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27. How long have you lived at this address?

- 1 year or less
- Less than 5 years, more than 1 year
- 5 years or more

28. Including yourself --How many people age 18 and older live in this household? Include yourself, family members, roommates, and boarders.

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Number of people age 18 and older

Questions about You (Adult 1)

You are Adult 1. Please answer Questions 31 to 80 for yourself (Adult 1).

Physical Attacks

31. In the last 12 months, has anyone physically attacked you?

- Yes → GO TO 32
- No → GO TO 41

32. In the last 12 months, were you physically attacked more than once?

- Yes
- No

33. Did the person(s) who attacked you have a weapon?

- Yes → GO TO 34
- No → GO TO 35
- Don't know → GO TO 35

34. What type of weapon(s) did they have?

35. In the last 12 months, were you injured during an attack?

- Yes
- No

36. In the last 12 months, was anything stolen from you during an attack?

- Yes
- No

37. At the time, what was your relationship with the person or persons who attacked you?

Please mark all that apply.

- Spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Former spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Other family member or relative
- Other friend or acquaintance
- Did not know the person

38. In the past 12 months, were any of these attacks reported to the police?

- Yes
- No

39. In what month and year did the most recent attack occur?

If you are unsure, make your best guess—including the month the incident occurred.

month

year

40. Please describe the most recent attack: what happened and where it happened.

Threats

41. In the last 12 months, has anyone threatened you with physical violence?

- Yes → GO TO 42
- No → GO TO 50

42. In the last 12 months, were you threatened on more than one occasion?

- Yes
- No

43. Did the person(s) who threatened you have a weapon?

- Yes → GO TO 44
- No → GO TO 45
- Don't know → GO TO 45

44. What type of weapon(s) did they have?

45. In the last 12 months, was anything stolen when you were threatened?

- Yes
- No

46. At the time, what was your relationship with the person or persons who threatened you with physical violence?

Please mark all that apply.

- Spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Former spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Other family member or relative
- Other friend or acquaintance
- Did not know the person

47. In the past 12 months, were any of these threats reported to the police?

- Yes
- No

48. In what month and year did the **most recent threat occur?**

If you are unsure, make your best guess—including the month the incident occurred.

month

year

49. Please describe the **most recent threat: what happened and where it happened**

Unwanted Sexual Activity

50. In the last 12 months, did anyone force you to have any type of unwanted sexual activity?

- Yes → GO TO 51
- No → GO TO 59

51. Were you forced to have unwanted sexual activity **more than once?**

- Yes
- No

52. Did the person(s) who forced you to have unwanted sexual activity have a weapon?

- Yes → GO TO 53
- No → GO TO 54
- Don't know → GO TO 54

53. What type of weapon(s) did they have?

54. In the last 12 months, were you injured during forced unwanted sexual activity?

- Yes
- No

55. At the time, what was your relationship with the person or persons who forced you to have unwanted sexual activity?

Please mark all that apply.

- Spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Former spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Other family member or relative
- Other friend or acquaintance
- Did not know the person

56. In the past 12 months, was any of the forced unwanted sexual activity reported to the police?

- Yes
- No

57. In what month and year did the most recent forced unwanted sexual activity occur?

If you are unsure, make your best guess—including the month the incident occurred.

month

year

58. Please describe the **most recent forced unwanted sexual activity: what happened and where it happened**

Threats of Unwanted Sexual Activity

59. In the last 12 months, did anyone threaten you with any type of forced unwanted sexual activity? Include times when someone **threatened** or tried to force you but did not succeed.

- Yes → GO TO 60
- No → GO TO 68

60. In the last 12 months, were you threatened with unwanted sexual activity more than once?

- Yes
- No

61. Did the person(s) who threatened you with forced unwanted sexual activity have a weapon?

- Yes → GO TO 62
- No → GO TO 63
- Don't know → GO TO 63

62. What type of weapon(s) did they have?

63. Were you injured during the threat of forced unwanted sexual activity?

- Yes
- No

64. At the time, what was your relationship with the person or persons who threatened you with forced unwanted sexual activity?

Please mark all that apply.

- Spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Former spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Other family member or relative
- Other friend or acquaintance
- Did not know the person

65. In the past 12 months, were any of the threats of forced unwanted sexual activity reported to the police?

- Yes
- No

66. In what month and year did the most recent threat of forced unwanted sexual activity occur?
If you are unsure, make your best guess—including the month the incident occurred.

month

year

67. Please describe the most recent threat of unwanted sexual activity: *what happened and where it happened*

Other Thefts Not Described Earlier

68. Besides what you may have told us about earlier, did you have anything else stolen in the last 12 months? (For example: cash, a wallet, purse, watch, jewelry, cell phone, tablet, or anything else that might have been stolen.)

- Yes → GO TO 69
- No → GO TO 71

69. In what month and year did your most recent theft occur?

If you are unsure, make your best guess—including the month the incident occurred.

month

year

70. Please describe what was stolen in the most recent theft:

71. In the past 12 months, were any of the other things stolen reported to the police?

- Yes
- No

72. In the last 12 months, did you have a credit or debit card stolen or used without your permission?

- Yes
- No

73. In the last 12 months, did you have a bank account used without your permission?

- Yes
- No

74. In the last 12 months, did anyone steal your private information or use it to get a credit card or a loan?

- Yes
- No

75. In the past 12 months, did you or anyone else tell the police about any unauthorized use of your financial accounts or personal information?

- Yes
- No

About You – Adult 1

76. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

77. What is your age?

78. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

- Yes, Hispanic or Latino
- No, not Hispanic or Latino

79. What is your race?

Please mark all that apply.

- White
- Black or African American
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

80. What is the highest grade of school completed, or the highest degree you have received?

- Less than High School
- High School diploma or GED
- Some College or Technical School
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree or higher

Adult 2

Please answer Questions 81 to 130 about Adult 2. If you are the only adult in the household, please mail the completed survey back in the postage-paid envelope.

Physical Attacks

81. In the last 12 months, has anyone physically attacked Adult 2?

- Yes → GO TO 82
- No → GO TO 91

82. In the last 12 months, was Adult 2 physically attacked more than once?

- Yes
- No

83. Did the person(s) who attacked Adult 2 have a weapon?

- Yes → GO TO 84
- No → GO TO 85
- Don't know → GO TO 85

84. What type of weapon(s) did they have?

85. In the last 12 months, was Adult 2 injured during an attack?

- Yes
- No

86. In the last 12 months, was anything stolen from Adult 2 during an attack?

- Yes
- No

87. At the time, what was Adult 2's relationship with the person or persons who attacked him/her?

Please mark all that apply.

- Spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Former spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Other family member or relative
- Other friend or acquaintance
- Did not know the person

88. In the past 12 months, were any of these attacks on Adult 2 reported to the police?

- Yes
- No

89. In what month and year did the most recent attack on Adult 2 occur?

If you are unsure, make your best guess—including the month the incident occurred.

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month

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90. Please describe the most recent attack on Adult 2: what happened and where it happened.

Threats

91. In the last 12 months, has anyone threatened Adult 2 with physical violence?

- Yes → GO TO 92
- No → GO TO 100

92. In the last 12 months, was Adult 2 threatened on more than one occasion?

- Yes
- No

93. Did the person(s) who threatened Adult 2 have a weapon?

- Yes → GO TO 94
- No → GO TO 95
- Don't know → GO TO 95

94. What type of weapon(s) did they have?

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95. In the last 12 months, was anything stolen when Adult 2 was threatened?

- Yes
- No

96. At the time, what was Adult 2's relationship with the person or persons who threatened Adult 2 with physical violence?

Please mark all that apply.

- Spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Former spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Other family member or relative
- Other friend or acquaintance
- Did not know the person

97. In the past 12 months, were any of these threats on Adult 2 reported to the police?

- Yes
- No

98. In what month and year did the most recent threat on Adult 2 occur?

If you are unsure, make your best guess—including the month the incident occurred.

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99. Please describe the most recent threat on Adult 2: *what happened and where it happened*

Unwanted Sexual Activity

100. In the last 12 months, did anyone force Adult 2 to have any type of unwanted sexual activity?

- Yes → GO TO 101
- No → GO TO 109

101. Was Adult 2 forced to have unwanted sexual activity more than once?

- Yes
- No

102. Did the person(s) who forced Adult 2 to have unwanted sexual activity have a weapon?

- Yes → GO TO 103
- No → GO TO 104
- Don't know → GO TO 104

103. What type of weapon(s) did they have?

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104. In the last 12 months, was Adult 2 injured during forced unwanted sexual activity?

- Yes
- No

105. At the time, what was Adult 2's relationship with the person or persons who forced Adult 2 to have unwanted sexual activity?

Please mark all that apply.

- Spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Former spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Other family member or relative
- Other friend or acquaintance
- Did not know the person

106. In the past 12 months, was any of the forced unwanted sexual activity on Adult 2 reported to the police?

- Yes
- No

107. In what month and year did the most recent forced unwanted sexual activity on Adult 2 occur?

If you are unsure, make your best guess—including the month the incident occurred.

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month

year

108. Please describe the most recent forced unwanted sexual activity on Adult 2: *what happened and where it happened*

Threats of Unwanted Sexual Activity

109. In the last 12 months, did anyone threaten Adult 2 with any type of forced unwanted sexual activity? Include times when someone threatened or tried to force Adult 2 but did not succeed.

- Yes → GO TO 110
- No → GO TO 118

110. In the last 12 months, was Adult 2 **threatened** with unwanted sexual activity more than once?

- Yes
 No

111. Did the person(s) who **threatened** Adult 2 with forced unwanted sexual activity have a weapon?

- Yes -> GO TO 112
 No -> GO TO 113
 Don't know -> GO TO 113

112. What type of weapon(s) did they have?

[Empty text box for weapon type]

113. Was Adult 2 injured during the **threat** of forced unwanted sexual activity?

- Yes
 No

114. At the time, what was Adult 2's relationship with the person or persons who threatened Adult 2 with forced unwanted sexual activity?

Please mark all that apply.

- Spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
 Former spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
 Other family member or relative
 Other friend or acquaintance
 Did not know the person

115. In the past 12 months, were any of the **threats** of forced unwanted sexual activity on Adult 2 reported to the police?

- Yes
 No

116. In what month and year did the most recent threat of forced unwanted sexual activity on Adult 2 occur?

If you are unsure, make your best guess—including the month the incident occurred.

[Month selection boxes]

month

[Year selection boxes]

year

117. Please describe the **most recent threat of unwanted sexual activity on Adult 2: what happened and where it happened**

[Four stacked empty text boxes for description]

Other Thefts Not Described Above

118. Besides what you may have told us about earlier, did Adult 2 have anything else stolen in the last 12 months? (For example: cash, a wallet, purse, watch, jewelry, cell phone, tablet, or anything else that might have been stolen.)

- Yes -> GO TO 119
 No -> GO TO 121

119. In what month and year did Adult 2's most recent theft occur?

If you are unsure, make your best guess—including the month the incident occurred.

[Month selection boxes]

month

[Year selection boxes]

year

120. Please describe what was stolen from Adult 2 in the most recent theft:

[Three stacked empty text boxes for stolen items]

121. In the past 12 months, were any of the other things stolen from Adult 2 reported to the police?

- Yes
 No

122. In the last 12 months, did Adult 2 have a credit or debit card stolen or used without his/her permission?

- Yes
- No

123. In the last 12 months, did Adult 2 have a bank account used without his/her permission?

- Yes
- No

124. In the last 12 months, did anyone steal Adult 2's private information or use it to get a credit card or a loan?

- Yes
- No

125. In the past 12 months, did Adult 2 or anyone else tell the police about any unauthorized use of Adult 2's financial accounts or personal information?

- Yes
- No

About Adult 2

126. What gender is Adult 2?

- Male
- Female

127. How old is Adult 2?

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128. Is Adult 2 of Hispanic or Latino origin?

- Yes, Hispanic or Latino
- No, not Hispanic or Latino

129. What race is Adult 2 ?

Please mark all that apply.

- White
- Black or African American
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

130. What is the highest grade of school completed, or the highest degree Adult 2 has received?

- Less than High School
- High School diploma or GED
- Some College or Technical School
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree or higher

Adult 3

Please answer Questions 131 to 180 about Adult 3.
If there are only 2 adults in the household, please mail the completed survey back in the postage-paid envelope.

Physical Attacks

131. In the last 12 months, has anyone physically attacked Adult 3?

- Yes → GO TO 132
- No → GO TO 141

132. In the last 12 months, was Adult 3 physically attacked more than once?

- Yes
- No

133. Did the person(s) who attacked Adult 3 have a weapon?

- Yes → GO TO 134
- No → GO TO 135
- Don't know → GO TO 135

134. What type of weapon(s) did they have?

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135. In the last 12 months, was Adult 3 injured during an attack?

- Yes
- No

136. In the last 12 months, was anything stolen from Adult 3 during an attack?

- Yes
 No

137. At the time, what was Adult 3's relationship with the person or persons who attacked him/her?

Please mark all that apply.

- Spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
 Former spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
 Other family member or relative
 Other friend or acquaintance
 Did not know the person

138. In the past 12 months, were any of these attacks on Adult 3 reported to the police?

- Yes
 No

139. In what month and year did the most recent attack on Adult 3 occur?

If you are unsure, make your best guess—including the month the incident occurred.

Month and year input boxes

140. Please describe the most recent attack on Adult 3: what happened and where it happened.

Text area for describing the attack

Threats

141. In the last 12 months, has anyone threatened Adult 3 with physical violence?

- Yes -> GO TO 142
 No -> GO TO 150

142. In the last 12 months, was Adult 3 threatened on more than one occasion?

- Yes
 No

143. Did the person(s) who threatened Adult 3 have a weapon?

- Yes -> GO TO 144
 No -> GO TO 145
 Don't know -> GO TO 145

144. What type of weapon(s) did they have?

Text box for weapon type

145. In the last 12 months, was anything stolen when Adult 3 was threatened?

- Yes
 No

146. At the time, what was Adult 3's relationship with the person or persons who threatened Adult 3 with physical violence?

Please mark all that apply.

- Spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
 Former spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
 Other family member or relative
 Other friend or acquaintance
 Did not know the person

147. In the past 12 months, were any of these threats on Adult 3 reported to the police?

- Yes
 No

148. In what month and year did the most recent threat on Adult 3 occur?

If you are unsure, make your best guess—including the month the incident occurred.

Month and year input boxes

149. Please describe the **most recent threat** on Adult 3: *what happened and where it happened*

Unwanted Sexual Activity

150. In the last 12 months, did anyone force Adult 3 to have any type of unwanted sexual activity?

- Yes → GO TO 151
- No → GO TO 159

151. Was Adult 3 forced to have unwanted sexual activity **more than once**?

- Yes
- No

152. Did the person(s) who forced Adult 3 to have unwanted sexual activity have a weapon?

- Yes → GO TO 150
- No → GO TO 151
- Don't know → GO TO 151

153. What type of weapon(s) did they have?

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154. In the last 12 months, was Adult 3 injured during forced unwanted sexual activity?

- Yes
- No

155. At the time, what was Adult 3's relationship with the person or persons who forced Adult 3 to have unwanted sexual activity?

Please mark all that apply.

- Spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Former spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Other family member or relative
- Other friend or acquaintance
- Did not know the person

156. In the past 12 months, was any of the forced unwanted sexual activity on Adult 3 reported to the police?

- Yes
- No

157. In what month and year did the most recent forced unwanted sexual activity on Adult 3 occur?

If you are unsure, make your best guess—including the month the incident occurred.

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month

year

158. Please describe the **most recent forced unwanted sexual activity** on Adult 3: *what happened and where it happened*

Threats of Unwanted Sexual Activity

159. In the last 12 months, did anyone threaten Adult 3 with any type of forced unwanted sexual activity? Include times when someone **threatened** or tried to force Adult 3 but did not succeed.

- Yes → GO TO 160
- No → GO TO 168

160. In the last 12 months, was Adult 3 **threatened** with unwanted sexual activity more than once?

- Yes
- No

161. Did the person(s) who **threatened** Adult 3 with forced unwanted sexual activity have a weapon?

- Yes → GO TO 162
- No → GO TO 163
- Don't know → GO TO 163

162. What type of weapon(s) did they have?

163. Was Adult 3 injured during the **threat** of forced unwanted sexual activity?

- Yes
- No

164. At the time, what was Adult 3's relationship with the person or persons who threatened Adult 3 with forced unwanted sexual activity?

Please mark all that apply.

- Spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Former spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Other family member or relative
- Other friend or acquaintance
- Did not know the person

165. In the past 12 months, were any of the **threats** of forced unwanted sexual activity on Adult 3 reported to the police?

- Yes
- No

166. In what month and year did the most recent threat of forced unwanted sexual activity on Adult 3 occur?

If you are unsure, make your best guess—including the month the incident occurred.

month

year

167. Please describe the **most recent threat of unwanted sexual activity** on Adult 3: *what happened and where it happened*

Other Thefts Not Described Above

168. Besides what you may have told us about earlier, did Adult 3 have anything else stolen in the last 12 months? (For example: cash, a wallet, purse, watch, jewelry, cell phone, tablet, or anything else that might have been stolen.)

- Yes → GO TO 169
- No → GO TO 171

169. In what month and year did Adult 3's most recent theft occur?

If you are unsure, make your best guess—including the month the incident occurred.

month

year

170. Please describe what was stolen from Adult 3 in the **most recent** theft:

171. In the past 12 months, were any of the other things stolen from Adult 3 reported to the police?

- Yes
- No

172. In the last 12 months, did Adult 3 have a credit or debit card stolen or used without his/her permission?

- Yes
- No

173. In the last 12 months, did Adult 3 have a bank account used without his/her permission?

- Yes
- No

174. In the last 12 months, did anyone steal Adult 3's private information or use it to get a credit card or a loan?

- Yes
- No

175. In the past 12 months, did Adult 3 or anyone else tell the police about any unauthorized use of Adult 3's financial accounts or personal information?

- Yes
- No

About Adult 3

176. What gender is Adult 3?

- Male
- Female

177. How old is Adult 3?

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178. Is Adult 3 of Hispanic or Latino origin?

- Yes, Hispanic or Latino
- No, not Hispanic or Latino

179. What race is Adult 3 ?

Please mark all that apply.

- White
- Black or African American
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

180. What is the highest grade of school completed, or the highest degree Adult 3 has received?

- Less than High School
- High School diploma or GED
- Some College or Technical School
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree or higher

Adult 4

Please answer Questions 181 to 230 about Adult 4. If there are only 3 adults in the household, please mail the completed survey back in the postage-paid envelope.

Physical Attacks

181. In the last 12 months, has anyone physically attacked Adult 4?

- Yes → GO TO 182
- No → GO TO 191

182. In the last 12 months, was Adult 4 physically attacked more than once?

- Yes
- No

183. Did the person(s) who attacked Adult 4 have a weapon?

- Yes → GO TO 184
- No → GO TO 185
- Don't know → GO TO 185

184. What type of weapon(s) did they have?

185. In the last 12 months, was Adult 4 injured during an attack?

- Yes
- No

186. In the last 12 months, was anything stolen from Adult 4 during an attack?

- Yes
- No

187. At the time, what was Adult 4's relationship with the person or persons who attacked him/her?

Please mark all that apply.

- Spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Former spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Other family member or relative
- Other friend or acquaintance
- Did not know the person

188. In the past 12 months, were any of these attacks on Adult 4 reported to the police?

- Yes
- No

189. In what month and year did the most recent attack on Adult 4 occur?

If you are unsure, make your best guess—including the month the incident occurred.

month year

190. Please describe the most recent attack on Adult 4: what happened and where it happened.

Threats

191. In the last 12 months, has anyone threatened Adult 4 with physical violence?

- Yes → GO TO 192
- No → GO TO 200

192. In the last 12 months, was Adult 4 threatened on more than one occasion?

- Yes
- No

193. Did the person(s) who threatened Adult 4 have a weapon?

- Yes → GO TO 194
- No → GO TO 195
- Don't know → GO TO 195

194. What type of weapon(s) did they have?

195. In the last 12 months, was anything stolen when Adult 4 was threatened?

- Yes
- No

196. At the time, what was Adult 4's relationship with the person or persons who threatened Adult 4 with physical violence?

Please mark all that apply.

- Spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Former spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Other family member or relative
- Other friend or acquaintance
- Did not know the person

197. In the past 12 months, were any of these threats on Adult 4 reported to the police?

- Yes
- No

198. In what month and year did the most recent threat on Adult 4 occur?

If you are unsure, make your best guess—including the month the incident occurred.

month year

199. Please describe the most recent threat on Adult 4:
what happened and where it happened

Unwanted Sexual Activity

200. In the last 12 months, did anyone force Adult 4 to have any type of unwanted sexual activity?

- Yes → GO TO 201
- No → GO TO 209

201. Was Adult 4 forced to have unwanted sexual activity more than once?

- Yes
- No

202. Did the person(s) who forced Adult 4 to have unwanted sexual activity have a weapon?

- Yes → GO TO 203
- No → GO TO 204
- Don't know → GO TO 204

203. What type of weapon(s) did they have?

204. In the last 12 months, was Adult 4 injured during forced unwanted sexual activity?

- Yes
- No

205. At the time, what was Adult 4's relationship with the person or persons who forced Adult 2 to have unwanted sexual activity?

Please mark all that apply.

- Spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Former spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Other family member or relative
- Other friend or acquaintance
- Did not know the person

206. In the past 12 months, was any of the forced unwanted sexual activity on Adult 4 reported to the police?

- Yes
- No

207. In what month and year did the most recent forced unwanted sexual activity on Adult 4 occur?

If you are unsure, make your best guess—including the month the incident occurred.

month year

208. Please describe the most recent forced unwanted sexual activity on Adult 4: *what happened and where it happened*

Threats of Unwanted Sexual Activity

209. In the last 12 months, did anyone threaten Adult 4 with any type of forced unwanted sexual activity? Include times when someone threatened or tried to force Adult 4 but did not succeed.

- Yes → GO TO 210
- No → GO TO 218

210. In the last 12 months, was Adult 4 threatened with unwanted sexual activity more than once?

- Yes
- No

211. Did the person(s) who threatened Adult 4 with forced unwanted sexual activity have a weapon?

- Yes → GO TO 212
- No → GO TO 213
- Don't know → GO TO 213

212. What type of weapon(s) did they have?

213. Was Adult 4 injured during the threat of forced unwanted sexual activity?

- Yes
- No

214. At the time, what was Adult 4's relationship with the person or persons who threatened Adult 4 with forced unwanted sexual activity?

Please mark all that apply.

- Spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Former spouse, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Other family member or relative
- Other friend or acquaintance
- Did not know the person

215. In the past 12 months, were any of the threats of forced unwanted sexual activity on Adult 4 reported to the police?

- Yes
- No

216. In what month and year did the most recent threat of forced unwanted sexual activity on Adult 4 occur?

If you are unsure, make your best guess— including the month the incident occurred.

month year

217. Please describe the most recent threat of unwanted sexual activity on Adult 4: *what happened and where it happened*

Other Thefts Not Described Above

218. Besides what you may have told us about earlier, did Adult 4 have anything else stolen in the last 12 months? (For example: cash, a wallet, purse, watch, jewelry, cell phone, tablet, or anything else that might have been stolen.)

- Yes → GO TO 219
- No → GO TO 222

219. In what month and year did Adult 4's most recent theft occur?

If you are unsure, make your best guess— including the month the incident occurred.

month year

220. Please describe what was stolen from Adult 4 in the most recent theft:

221. In the past 12 months, were any of the other things stolen from Adult 4 reported to the police?

- Yes
- No

222. In the last 12 months, did Adult 4 have a credit or debit card stolen or used without his/her permission?

- Yes
- No

223. In the last 12 months, did Adult 4 have a bank account used without his/her permission?

- Yes
- No

224. In the last 12 months, did anyone steal Adult 4's private information or use it to get a credit card or a loan?

- Yes
- No

225. In the past 12 months, did Adult 4 or anyone else tell the police about any unauthorized use of Adult 2's financial accounts or personal information?

- Yes
- No

About Adult 4

226. What gender is Adult 4?

- Male
- Female

227. How old is Adult 4?

228. Is Adult 4 of Hispanic or Latino origin?

- Yes, Hispanic or Latino
- No, not Hispanic or Latino

229. What race is Adult 4?

Please mark all that apply.

- White
- Black or African American
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

230. What is the highest grade of school completed, or the highest degree Adult 4 has received?

- Less than High School
- High School diploma or GED
- Some College or Technical School
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree or higher

231. Are there more than 4 adults living at your home?

- Yes → GO TO 232
- No → Survey is complete

232. Did any of the other adults in this home experience a crime in the last 12 months?

- Yes → GO TO 233
- No → Survey is complete

233. Please describe the crime(s):

**Thank you.
Please return survey in the
envelope provided.**

Appendix B – Estimates Generated from the Field Test Instruments

The TOC coding scheme for the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) is based on a single incident of crime. The coding scheme uses a crime hierarchy for classification of the incident, with more severe crimes receiving priority over less severe ones. For example, a rape accompanied by robbery will be coded as a rape. This hierarchy is appropriate for the NCVS because it collects data for each incidence of crime that a respondent reports. In the Companion Study (CS) pretest, the Incident Level Survey (ILS) used a similar approach. If an incident is identified in the ILS, the respondent is asked a series of follow-up questions in order to arrive at a TOC code for the incident. As with the NCVS, a hierarchical coding approach was applied to the ILS data in order to classify an incident as a crime. In the CS pretest, the Person Level Survey (PLS) is unable to follow this classification strategy. The PLS gathers information about victimization from the person-level and asks whether an adult experienced a type of crime (or crime “feature”) within the past year. In the survey, a respondent could be describing multiple incidents for a given person, but, by design, the structure of the PLS does not allow us to identify discreet incidents. The goal of the PLS is to measure and describe “people touched by crime” rather than to generate a traditional crime rate, as done by the NCVS. The PLS will generate estimates of people experiencing various features of crime. We also plan to generate an approximated TOC, which will combine various crime features to arrive at a “most serious crime” for each person included in the survey.

Violent Crime

Violent crime categories in the pretest vary for the ILS and the PLS instruments. At this time we are assuming a crime hierarchy for both the ILS and the PLS, with the hierarchy applied at the incident level for the ILS and at the person level for the PLS. Based on the pretest instruments we are able to support the following violent crime categories:

- Incident Level instrument
 - Completed rape (approximates NCVS TOC 01)
 - Sexual assault with injury (approximates NCVS TOCs 03 and 04)
 - Attempted sexual assault (approximates NCVS TOC 02)
 - Robbery with injury (approximates NCVS TOCs 05 and 06)
 - Robbery without injury (approximates NCVS TOC 07)
 - Assault with injury (approximates NCVS TOC 11)
 - Attempted assault with a weapon (approximates NCVS TOC 12)
 - Threatened assault with a weapon (approximates NCVS TOC 13)
 - Sexual assault without injury (approximates NCVS TOC 15)
 - Assault without injury and without a weapon (approximates NCVS TOC 17)
 - Threatened with harm (approximates NCVS TOCs 18 and 20)
- Person Level Instrument
 - Forced Sexual Assault (approximates NCVS TOCs 01, 03, 04, and 15)
 - Robbery with injury (approximates NCVS TOCs 05 and 06)
 - Robbery without injury (approximates NCVS TOC 07)
 - Attempted or Threatened Sexual Assault (approximates NCVS TOCs 02 and 19)

- Assault with injury (approximates NCVS TOCs 11 and 14)
- Threatened/attempted assault with a weapon (approximates NCVS TOCs 12 and 13)
- Assault no weapon and no injury (approximates NCVS TOC 17)
- Verbal threat of assault no weapon (approximates NCVS TOC 20)

Comparing the ILS and PLS with the NCVS violent crime TOCs

We have developed potential tables for reporting incidents and for comparisons to Base NCVS. The incident form can provide frequency, or number of incidents, for the two most recent victimizations (within each type – person and household). Beyond that, victimization could only be provided as violent or household, unless summaries are reviewed for third and fourth most recent incidents. The person level form cannot provide incident frequency, but instead can describe people and households experiencing a victimization type.

Below we provide a proposed table for comparing the ILS and the PLS with the NCVS. To the extent possible, the categories are the same between the incident and person level forms. Where they differ, rows can be combined so similar comparisons can be made between the Incident and Person tables. In the ILS table the unit of comparison will be incidents, while the unit of comparison in the PLS table will be the number of victims. The tables include the counts available from the CS pretest.

Incident Level Survey - Personal Crime Classification – Possible Incident Level Form Table Based on Base NCVS TOC's

Incident Form – Constructed	Base NCVS TOC's ¹	Number of incidents ³	Most serious crime for each Adult ⁴
All Violent Crimes			
Serious Violent			
Rape & Sexual Assault			
Completed Rape	1	2	2
Attempted Rape	2, 19 ²	0	0
Sexual Attack with injury	3, 4	0	0
Robbery			
Robbery with injury	5, 6	2	2
Robbery without injury	7	4	4
Assault with injury	11,14	8	7
Attempted/ Threatened assault with weapon	12	1	1
Threatened Aggravated assault	13	0	0
Simple Assault			
Sexual Attack without injury	15	1	1

Assault (no weapon/injury)	17	2	2
Threatened Assault	18, 20	2	2

1. TOC's 8, 9, 10, 16, 18 and 22 are not listed as they cannot be replicated or approximated in any way.
2. This TOC cannot be replicated in the incident level form – it is listed here for completeness since the person level form can approximate it.
3. This is based on unedited data, with the exception of question 9 (the question about confrontation). If we had edited the pretest data based on the open-ended descriptions, then some of these incidents would be removed. One example of this is an ILS respondent describing the murder of a neighbor, which the TOC algorithm coded as an “Assault with injury”. The rationale for not editing the pretest ILS was that we are unable to do the same for the PLS (since we did not obtain many open-ended responses). All data will be fully edited in the Field Test for both the ILS and the PLS.
4. This is the most serious crime reported for each Adult.

Person Level Survey - Personal Crime Classification – Possible Person Level Form Table Based on Base NCVS TOC's

Person Form – Constructed	Base NCVS TOC's ¹	People reporting crime ²	Most serious crime for each Adult ³
All Violent Crimes			
Serious Violent			
Sexual Assault			
Forced Sexual Assault	1, 3, 4, 15	1	1
Attempted/ Threatened Sexual Assault	2, 19	1	1
Robbery			
Robbery with injury	5, 6	1	1
Robbery without injury	7	3	2
Assault with injury	11, 14	3	3
Simple Assault			
Threatened Assault	12, 13	1	1
Assault (no weapon/injury)	17	2	2
Verbal threat of assault	20	6	3

1. TOC's 8, 9, 10, 16, 18 and 22 are not listed as they cannot be replicated or approximated in any way.
2. This is based on unedited data; multiple TOCs are possible for a given adult, but this does not necessarily reflect multiple incidents.
3. This is based on unedited data, for the most serious crime reported for a given adult.

Property Crime

The Incident Level Survey is very similar to the Base NCVS in the questions it asks about property crime. However, there are substantial differences in what information is collected between the Base NCVS and the Person Level Survey. For example, the base NCVS and the ILS collect whether there is any evidence of damage for a break in. The PLS uses the terminology ‘break-ins’ or ‘break into,’ which imply forcible entry, but without indication of whether there was any evidence. At this time we are proposing the creation of the following TOC codes for the CS instruments:

- Incident Level instrument
 - Burglary, Completed with Forcible Entry (related to NCVS TOC 31)
 - Burglary, Completed, Unlawful Entry without Force (related to NCVS TOC 32)
 - Attempted forcible entry (related to NCVS TOC 33)
 - Motor vehicle theft, completed (related to NCVS TOC 40)
 - Attempted motor vehicle theft (related to NCVS TOC 41)
 - Completed theft (related to NCVS TOCs 34 to 38)
 - Attempted theft (related to NCVS TOC 39)
- Person Level instrument
 - Burglary, Completed (related to NCVS TOCs 31 and 32)
 - Attempted (implied) forcible entry (related to NCVS TOC 33)
 - Motor vehicle theft, completed (related to NCVS TOC 40)
 - Completed theft (related to NCVS TOCs 34 to 38)

Comparing the ILS and PLS with the NCVS property crime TOCs

We have developed potential tables for reporting incidents and for comparisons to the Base NCVS. The incident form can provide frequency, or number of incidents, for the four most recent incidents. The person level form cannot provide incident frequency, but instead can describe households experiencing a victimization type. Below we provide a proposed table for comparing the ILS and the PLS with the NCVS.

Incident Level Form	Number of incidents From pretest data
All Property Crimes	64
Household burglary (Total)	
Completed	
Forcible entry	12
Unlawful entry without force	14
Attempted forcible entry	2
Motor vehicle theft (Total)	

Completed	3
Attempted	0
Theft (Total)	
Completed	29
Attempted	4

Person Level Form	Number of households from pretest data
All Property Crimes	
Household burglary (Total)	
Completed	15
Attempted forcible entry (<i>implied</i>)	9
Motor vehicle theft (Total)	
Completed	4
Theft (Total)	
Completed	30

Appendix C - CS Field Test Timeline

Data collection in Fall 2015 and 2016

60-day Federal Register Notice	Dec. 11, 2014
Comment Period	Dec. 2014 – Jan. 2015
Revised plan based on comments	Feb. 2015
30-day Federal Register Notice	Feb. 2015
Submission to OMB	Feb. 2015
OMB Review	Feb. – Apr. 2015
Questions from OMB	Apr/May 2015
Estimated OMB Approval	May/June 2015
Survey preparation	June – Aug. 2015
Year 1 Data Collection – Start	Sept. 8, 2015
Year 1 Data Collection – Close	Nov. 30, 2015
Data preparation and weighting	Dec. 2015 – Jan. 2016
Analysis and reporting	Feb. – Apr. 2016
Year 2 Data Collection – Start	Sept. 6, 2016
Year 2 Data Collection – Close	Nov. 28, 2016
Data preparation and weighting	Dec. 2016 – Jan. 2017
Analysis and reporting	Feb. – Apr. 2017
Develop final procedures and survey “kit”	May – July 2017

Appendix D

CS Survey Supplemental Materials

- Wave 1 letter
- Postcard reminder
- Automated telephone reminder script
- Wave 2 letter
- Wave 3 letter



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WAVE 1 LETTER

Dear Resident:

Please complete the enclosed survey from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. This survey is about your household's experiences with crime and neighborhood safety. Results from this survey will be used to better understand the needs of American communities.

Your address is part of a random sample of addresses in the United States. This is part of a scientific study and your answers represent not only you and your household, but also hundreds of households like yours. For this reason, your voluntary cooperation is very important.

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose as required by law (Title 42, U.S. Code, Sections 3789g). Your responses will be combined with those of others to produce statistical summaries about crime and safety.

Answers to the most frequently asked survey questions are included on the back of this letter. Section 3732 of the Justice Systems Improvement Act of 1979 authorizes the Bureau of Justice Statistics to conduct this survey. If you would like further information, you can contact our survey support at 1-xxx-xxx-xxx or you can visit the BJS website at www.bjs.gov/ncvspilot.cfm.

Crime and safety affect all Americans. Thank you for your generous cooperation. The Bureau of Justice Statistics appreciates your help in this very important survey.

Sincerely,

William J. Sabol
Director
Bureau of Justice Statistics
U.S. Department of Justice

Commonly Asked Questions

What is the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics Survey of Crime and Safety?

The U.S. Bureau of Justice (BJS) American Crime Survey is a survey of households to obtain information about communities.

Who is the sponsor of this study?

The survey is sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). The survey is conducted under the authority of Title 42, United States Code, Section 3732. To learn more about BJS, you can visit them on the web at www.bjs.gov/ncvspilot.cfm.

How long will it take to complete this survey?

Most households will be able to complete the mailed survey in about 10-12 minutes.

Am I required to complete this survey?

Participation is voluntary and there are no penalties for refusing to answer. However, your household was randomly selected for this scientific sample survey, and you cannot be replaced with another household. Your cooperation is extremely important to help ensure the completeness and accuracy of this much-needed information.

Who will use this information?

Results from this survey (and similar surveys conducted by The U.S. Department of Justice) will be used to better understand crime and safety in U.S. neighborhoods.

Who can I call with questions?

If you would like further information about the survey, you can contact Westat at 1-xxx-xxx-xxxx. For questions about your rights and welfare in this study, you may call the Institutional Review Board at Westat at 888-920-7631.

How was my household chosen for this study?

Households were selected at random from all residential addresses. By selecting households randomly, we will be able to create scientific estimates about households in your neighborhood. It's important to participate, so that we have an accurate picture of all communities.

How do I know you'll keep my information confidential?

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose as required by law (Title 42, U.S. Code, Sections 3789g). Your responses will be combined with those of others to produce statistical summaries about crime and safety. After the study is completed, identifying information - your address and phone number - are destroyed.

Who can I call to discuss my feelings about being victimized?

National Domestic Violence Hotline - 1-800-799-7233 (1-800-799-SAFE)
National Sexual Assault Hotline - 1-800-656-4673 (1-800-656-HOPE)
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline - 1-800-273-8255

POSTCARD REMINDER

About a week ago we mailed the American Crime Survey to your household, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. If someone in your household has already returned the survey, we thank you very much for your help.

If you have not completed and returned your survey, please do so right away. We need to hear from everyone and your help is very important to us. Your household was randomly selected to take part in this survey and cannot be replaced.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our survey research contractor at 1-xxx-xxx-xxxx.

AUTOMATED TELEPHONE REMINDER SCRIPT

Hello. I am calling on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. About a week ago we sent your household a questionnaire for the The American Crime Survey. If you have already returned your completed survey, thank you very much. If you haven't, we ask that you complete the survey as soon as possible and return it in the postage paid envelope provided. If you have any questions about the survey, please call our survey research contractor at 1-xxx-xxx-xxxx. Thank you again for your help. This message will repeat.

[Households identified for bilingual materials will also hear the message in Spanish, but in these the message will not repeat]



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WAVE 2 LETTER

A few weeks ago your household was mailed a survey from the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics. Your address is part of a random sample of addresses in the United States. This is a sample survey and your answers represent not only you and your household, but also hundreds of households like yours. For this reason, your voluntary cooperation is very important. We are enclosing another copy of the survey and ask that your household complete it and return it in the enclosed, prepaid envelope.

Your address is part of a random sample of addresses in the United States. This is part of a scientific study and your answers represent not only you and your household, but also hundreds of households like yours. For this reason, your voluntary cooperation is very important. Some households will be called for a brief follow-up interview later.

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WAVE 3 LETTER

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