

**National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS)
Explanation for Program Changes or Adjustments**

Changes to the Survey

This 2016 survey represents a departure in the way data were collected in prior years with the goal of

- a. Streamlining the data collection process in the hopes of
 - i. Reducing respondent burden,
 - ii. Simplifying data processing, and
 - iii. Simplifying data structure for end users wishing to analyze the data;
- b. Adding back questions from prior years that were removed due to space limitations;
- c. Adding additional questions relevant to states; and
- d. Including an item on HIV status.

CDC simplified the NISVS data collection tool, added a small number of new questions that state health departments, state IPV/SV coalitions, and grantees have indicated will be useful, and included one item on HIV status to address goals outlined in the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. NCIPC has worked to streamline and improve the flow of the NISVS data collection tool without altering its core content on IPV, SV, and stalking prevalence. This was done to improve the performance of the NISVS data collection tool, decrease the level of burden on respondents, and reduce the time required to complete data processing, validation, and packaging for public release. With few exceptions, data will be collected on the same sets of behaviors in the 2016 survey as in previous years. However, the 2016 survey represents a departure in the way data were collected in prior years.

Rather than collecting information on each individual perpetrator (perpetrator initials, sex of perpetrator) of each behavior, linking perpetrators across behaviors, and then collecting information on relationships at the end of the survey, the 2016 survey drops perpetrator initials and collects data on the victim-perpetrator relationship and perpetrator sex for each set of behaviors of interest as questions are asked. However, the latter has the added feature of identifying relationship first time for a given set of behaviors, collects the respondent's age at first victimization for additional types of violence and, for those that were minors, the perpetrator age at the time of the respondent's first victimization. The 2016 survey also identifies the first intimate relationship in which victimization occurred for a given set of behaviors, and expands the number of questions related to psychological aggression (adds back questions from 2010-2012 that were removed due to space limitations). The stalking section was revised to more specifically measure technology-based stalking, including the addition of one item to measure stalking via GPS tracking devices. In addition, through revisions to the introductory script and the language of some items, the 2016 survey more clearly captures behaviors that correspond to the sexual violence experiences of rape and being made to penetrate a perpetrator for both forcible and alcohol/drug-facilitated contexts. Even with the revisions and additions of new items, this streamlined approach results in a substantial reduction in the number of variables, and therefore, a more user-friendly dataset.

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A small number of questions on child exposure to physical or psychological IPV, normative beliefs about IPV, SV, and bystander intervention, and on barriers to bystander intervention were added to the data collection tool based on interests noted in feedback provided by CDC's RPE and DELTA program grantees. Data from these questions could be used to facilitate and inform cross-sector efforts to prevent children's exposure to domestic violence in states, inform the development of prevention messages focused on altering normative beliefs regarding IPV and SV, and provide grantees with repeated measurements of factors that are known to discourage action by bystanders. Inclusion of these questions in the NISVS data collection tool further aligns NISVS surveillance approaches with stakeholder needs and demonstrates responsiveness to their expressed recommendations for surveillance improvement.

One item on HIV status was added to the survey to provide data that will help address goals outlined in the National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States. The most current version of this strategy includes a focus on the intersection between HIV and violence against women, young gay and bisexual men and transgender persons. (<https://www.aids.gov/federal-resources/national-hiv-aids-strategy/nhas-update.pdf>). The Strategy challenges federal agencies to "Improve outcomes for women in HIV care by addressing violence and trauma and factors that increase risk of violence for women and girls living with HIV" (pg. 36). In order to meet this goal, The Strategy recommends "Federal agencies should support research on, and evaluation of, programs that provide trauma-informed care as part of HIV care for women. Trauma and violence experienced by young gay and bisexual men and transgender women should also be addressed by research studies and programmatic activities" (pg. 36). There is, however, a lack of national level data on experiences with violence in persons living with and at risk for HIV. Including an HIV status question in NISVS would assist in addressing this gap in knowledge regarding HIV and different types of violence. Data from this item could inform efforts to expand public outreach, education, and prevention efforts on HIV and intersecting issues, such IPV. Its inclusion is thus responsive to National HIV/AIDS Strategy items 1.C.4. and 2.C.2.

All question changes and additions were subjected to OMB approved cognitive testing with the exception of the one item on HIV/AIDS status. Additional, specific details regarding changes to the survey are provided in the final section of this attachment.

Inclusion of Survey to Collect Military Data

A survey nearly identical to that used to collect general population data on experiences of IPV, SV, and stalking was created to collect data from active duty males, active duty females, and wives of active duty males on behalf of the Department of Defense (see Attachment E). The only areas of difference is that the military specific survey contains a small number of additional questions that will collect data on aspects of military deployment for active duty military and does not include the item on HIV/AIDS status as this information is already tracked by the military and its inclusion would yield little benefit for DoD. The NISVS Survey was last administered to active duty females and wives of active duty males in 2010. Therefore, this military specific survey was not used to collect data in 2015.

Changes to Periodicity

The periodicity of the administration of the NISVS instrument has changed from annual to biennial. This change was implemented to increase the number of interviews from 12,500 interviews collected annually to 25,000 interviews during a 12 month period. This shift will effectively double the sample

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size during data collection years. This larger sample size will increase the statistical precision of IPV, SV, and stalking prevalence estimates provided by NISVS and provide more statistical power to detect and characterize rare but pivotal experiences (e.g., male rape, female experiences with having been made to penetrate). The periodicity change will also allow more time for data processing and analysis in support of report/publication generation and public use data set creation.

Additional Details Regarding Survey Revisions

Order of Modules

2015 Survey (Year of Data Collection)	2016 Survey
Control Form	Control Form
Respondent Characteristics	Respondent Characteristics
--	Active Duty Military and Spouses of Active duty Military
Health Questions	Health Questions
Victimization Introduction	Victimization Introduction
Psychological Aggression by an Intimate Partner	Stalking
Physical Violence by an Intimate Partner	Sexual Violence Parts 1 & 2
Stalking and Stalking Follow-up	Psychological Aggression by an Intimate Partner
Sexual Violence and Sexual Violence Follow-up	Physical Violence by and Intimate Partner
Relationships	--
General Follow-up Questions	Intimate Partner Follow-up
--	Normative Behaviors
Wrap-Up	Wrap-Up

- The four violence-related modules were re-ordered in the revised survey to group questions specific to intimate partners (Psychological Aggression by a current or former romantic or sexual partner, Physical Violence by a current or former romantic or sexual partner, and Intimate Partner Violence Follow-up).
- There are no Stalking Follow-up or Sexual Violence Follow-up Sections in the revised survey as these questions have been folded into the body of their respective modules.
- In addition, instead of General Follow-up, Follow-up is specific to Intimate Partners.

Few changes were made to the Control Form, Respondent Characteristics, Health, and Wrap-up Sections. These are described below as are sections newly added to the survey.

Control Form

- Introductory text has been added that is specific to the Military Sample (which includes Active Duty Military Males and Females, as well as Wives of Active Duty Military Males). This text will only be administered to potential respondents in this sample.
- In the revised survey, there is no longer an option offered for the incentive to be donated to the United Way.

Respondent Characteristics

- The response option “Nursing School” was removed from “Highest Level of Education Completed by the Respondent” (A2 in the revised survey).
- Responses of “Not Married but Living with a Partner of the Opposite Sex” and “Not Married but Living with a Partner of the Same Sex” for Marital Status (IP2 in the 2015 survey) were combined into a single response of “Not Married but Living with a Partner” (A5 in the revised survey).
- The question asking in what country the respondent was born (RC5a from the 2015 Survey) has been dropped from the revised survey.

Active Duty Military and Wives of Active Duty Military Males [NEW]

- Content and questions, last included in the NISVS Survey in 2010 have been reincorporated into NISVS at the request of the Department of Defense (DoD) for purposes of comparing estimates of various types of violence among military populations with those of the General Population Sample.
- Specifically, questions provided by the DoD and specific to the Military Sample ask respondents about their/their spouse’s deployments greater than 30 days in the past 24 months as well as deployments drawing Hostile Fire Pay and Imminent Danger Pay since 09/11.
- With the exception of the added question about HIV/AIDs in the Health Section (B04b), all remaining questions in the survey are asked of the General Population Sample are also asked of the Military Sample.

Health Questions

- A new “yes-no” question has been added to the revised, asked ONLY of the General Population Sample - “Have you ever been told by a doctor, nurse, or other health professional that you had HIV/AIDS (B04b in the revised survey).
- The question about difficulty concentrating due to physical, mental or emotion conditions H5_2013 in the survey administered in 2015) was moved to the bottom of this section (B12 in the revised survey), adjacent to another question related to physical, mental or emotional conditions (B13).

Normative Behaviors [NEW]

- This module was added consistent with rationales described in section one of this document.

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- Questions focus first on respondent's opinions about normative behaviors, then move to their opinions about helping others at risk for intimate partner violence, and finally to their opinions about helping others at risk for sexual violence.
- These questions have added value in that they are asked of all respondents, not just victims.

Wrap-Up

- Text was removed from the revised survey thanking the respondent for their charitable donation (no longer offered).
- Contact information was updated for the Survey Manager.
- Hotline number was added for respondents from the Military Sample.

Sections with more substantive changes are described below along with a grid summarizing these changes.

Stalking [S]

- Questions have been streamlined to collect information about the entire group of behaviors rather than on individual behaviors. Rather than collecting perpetrator initials, sex and age to identify the age at first, first perpetrator and first intimate, specifically ask about these instances ever and about first victimizations in the past 12 months.
- Relationship is now collected within the body of this module rather than later on in the survey, as is perpetrator age at first (if Respondent age at first is less than 18) and is specific to the entire group of stalking behaviors combined.
- Slight wording changes were made and an additional question was added to reflect technological changes, and a question from 2015 was split into 2 questions.
- A question about behaviors occurring on more than one occasion has been added to the survey and questions about fear, threats of physical harm, and safety concerns have been moved from the Stalking Follow-up section to earlier in this module.
 - This change is significant in that these items together with the behaviors reported form the definition of stalking such that now additional questions are asked ONLY about instances that meet the stalking definition.
 - Previously, additional questions may have been asked about perpetrators who did not meet the definition of stalking.
- The question on degree of fear was dropped.
 - It was found that this questions was not useful, especially for male respondents who seemed not to report being fearful.
 - Instead, the question about threats of physical harm has been modified to include times when the respondent was not fearful.

With these changes we are now able to get information about victim and perpetrator age at first as well as relationships specific to stalking. Changes are summarized in the grid below.

2015	2016
Section S: Stalking	Section C: Stalking
How many people have ever ... ASKS ABOUT 8 BEHAVIORS	Changed from “How many people” to “Has anyone ever ...”
<u>Format:</u> All questions about a given behavior EVER and in the PAST 12 MONTHS are asked before moving to the next behavior	ASKS ABOUT 9 BEHAVIORS
	<u>Format:</u> All behaviors asked first, and then additional questions are asked about ALL behaviors combined.
	Behaviors are similar – changes are noted below
	Split one question into 2
S4 watched or followed you from a distance, or spied on you with a listening device, camera, or GPS?	C01 followed you around and watched you when you
	C03 did not want them to?
	used GPS technology or equipment to monitor or

2015	2016
Section S: Stalking	Section C: Stalking
<p>S1 made unwanted calls to you. This includes hang-ups</p> <p>S2 sent you unwanted emails, instant messages, or sent messages through websites like MySpace or Facebook?</p>	<p>track your location when you did not want them to? This includes GPS technology used in a phone or in Social media, such as Facebook.</p> <p>Modified 2 questions updated to reflect new technology</p> <p>C07 made unwanted phone calls to you, including hang-ups and voice messages?</p> <p>C08 sent you unwanted text messages, photo messages, emails, or messages through Facebook, Twitter, or other social media</p> <p>Added 1 question to reflect new technology</p> <p>C06 Has anyone ever used technology such as a hidden camera, recorder, or computer software to spy on you from a distance?</p>
<p><u>LIFETIME</u> <i>Asks number of perpetrators and Identify each perpetrator (by initials and gender) for each behavior.</i></p> <p>Si/a How many people have ever ...</p> <p>S1a Is {INITIALS} male or female?</p> <p><i>For each perpetrator-behavior combination ask ...</i></p> <p>Sb How many times did {INITIALS} ever {BEHAVIOR}?</p> <p>PART OF THE STALKING DEFINITION. COMPUTED BY LINKING BEHAVIORS TO A GIVEN PERPETRATOR.</p>	<p><u>LIFETIME</u> <i>Rather than asking the number of perpetrators for each behavior, asks if R ever experienced each behavior. Then for ALL behaviors combined collect relationship to the FIRST person</i></p> <p>Has anyone ever ... C01 – C09</p> <p>DROPPED</p> <p>DROPPED</p> <p>For ALL behaviors combined ask Added a new question</p> <p>C10 How many people did any of these things to you on more than one occasion?</p>
<p>ASKED LATER ON IN THE SURVEY (STALKING FOLLOW-UP) BUT PART OF THE STALKING DEFINITION.</p> <p>SFU Were you fearful for yourself with 3 this/these things happened?</p> <p>SFU Did you ever believe someone close to 6 you</p>	<p>Combined 2 questions into 1 and relocated to the body of the Stalking Section.</p> <p>C11a Now, thinking ONLY about the {fill: “person” (C10=1)/ people”} who followed, contacted or harassed you on more than one occasion, how many of those people ever <u>made you fearful or feel threatened, or</u></p>

2015	2016
Section S: Stalking	Section C: Stalking
<p>would be seriously harmed or killed when {INITIALS} did this/these things?</p>	<p><u>concerned for your safety or the safety of others?</u></p>
<p>ASKED LATER ON IN THE SURVEY (STALKING FOLLOW-UP) BUT PART OF THE STALKING DEFINITION.</p>	<p>Relocated to the body of the stalking section and added some additional instruction about the type of information we are looking for.</p>
<p>SFU5 Did {INITIALS} ever make threats to physically harm you?</p>	<p>C11b Now, thinking ONLY about the person/people who Followed, contacted or harassed you on more than one occasion, how many of those people ever <u>made threats to physically harm you</u>? Please include ALL people who made threats to physically harm you EVEN IF you did not take the threat seriously or did not feel fearful, threatened, or concerned for your safety or the safety of others.</p>
<p>QUESTIONS ABOUT BEHAVIORS IN THIS SECTION ARE ASKED WITHOUT REGARD TO NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, FEAR OR THREATS OF PHYSICAL HARM, OR CONCERN FOR SAFETY.</p>	<p>Note: For the remaining questions in this section, victimization must have happened on more than 1 occasion and “... made you feel fearful or made threats to physically harm you, or made you feel concerned for your safety or the safety of others</p>
<p><u>FIRST LIFETIME OCCURRENCE</u></p>	<p><u>FIRST LIFETIME OCCURRENCE</u></p>
<p>NOT SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR STALKING. RELATONSHIPS ASKED AT THE END OF THE SURVEY AND ARE NOT SPECIFIC TO STALKING.</p> <p>ASKED ON STALKING FOLLOW-UP, SEE SFU1</p> <p>ASKED ON STALKING FOLLOW-UP,</p>	<p><i>For ALL Stalking behaviors combined ask a set of questions about the FIRST time this/any of these things happened.</i></p> <p>C12_ 01 The first time these things happened to you, how did you know the person who did any of these things to you? IF NECESSARY: Was this person male or female?</p> <p>C13 How old were you the first time this person did any of these things to you?</p> <p>C14a Approximately how old was this person the</p>

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Section S: Stalking	Section C: Stalking
SEE SFU1a	<p>first time he/she did any of these things to you? [ONLY IF C13 LT 18]</p> <p>C14b Was this person less than 5 years older than you or 5 or more years older than you the first time {FILL: he/she} did any of these things to you?</p>
<u>OTHER LIFETIME RELATIONSHIPS</u> RELATIONSHIP COLLECTED LATER IN THE SURVEY AND NOT SPECIFIC TO STALKING VICTIMIZATION	<u>OTHER LIFETIME RELATIONSHIPS</u> Collect relationship information on 9 additional perpetrators
<u>FIRST OCCURRENCE WITH AN INTIMATE</u> NOT SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR STALKING. Intimate Partner relationships identified later on in the Survey (Section R) by looking at ALL perpetrators identified.	<u>FIRST OCCURRENCE WITH AN INTIMATE</u> <i>For ALL Stalking behaviors combined ask the same series of questions as above about the FIRST time this/any of these things happened with an Intimate partner.</i> C16, C17, C18a and C18b
<p><u>PAST 12 MONTHS</u> <i>Asks, for each behavior, if any perpetrator did {BEHAVIOR} in the PAST 12 MONTHS (Yes/No). If yes, identify each perpetrator</i></p> <p>Sg Which people did this in the past 12 months?</p> <p>Sh How many times did {INITIALS} {BEHAVIOR} in the past 12 months?</p>	<p><u>PAST 12 MONTHS</u> <i>For all stalking behaviors combined, ask Number of people who did this/any of these things in the PAST 12 MONTHS.</i></p> <p>C19 How many people did any of these things to you in the past 12 months? That is since {FILL: DATE 12 MONTHS AGO}?</p> <p>C20 Collect relationship/gender for up to 5 people.</p> <p>DROPPED</p>
Section SFU: Stalking Follow-up	No Separate Follow-up section for Stalking. Questions have been folded into Section C
<p><u>ALL STALKING BEHAVIORS COMBINED</u> Format: Questions are perpetrator-specific</p> <p>SFU How old were you the first time 1 {INITIALS} How many people did any of these things to you in the past 12 months? That is since {FILL: DATE 12 MONTHS AGO}?) did “this”/”any of these things”?</p>	SEE C13 ABOVE

2015	2016
Section S: Stalking	Section C: Stalking
SFU 1a How old was {INTITLAS} the first time “this” / “any of these things” happened?	ASKED ONLY IF R WAS A MINOR (SEE C14a) ABOVE
SFU 2a About how many years, months, weeks, or days did {INITIALS} do “this” / “these things”?	DROPPED
SFU 3a Thinking about when you were the most fearful, how fearful were you about the things {INITIALS} did?	DROPPED
SFU 4 Did {INITIALS} ever damage your personal property or belongings, such as in your home or car?	DROPPED

Sexual Violence Parts 1 & 2 [SV]

- Questions have been streamlined to collect information about groups of behaviors (e.g., unwanted touching, coerced sex, completed alcohol/drug-facilitated rape, etc.) rather than on individual behaviors.
- Rather than collecting perpetrator initials, sex and age to identify the age at first for each perpetrator, we specifically ask about first victimization for each group of behaviors ever (lifetime), ever by an intimate partner, and about first victimizations in the past 12 months.
- Relationship is now collected within the body of the section rather than later on in the survey, as is perpetrator age at first (if Respondent age at first is < 18) and is specific to each group of SV behaviors combined.
- In Part 1 of the Sexual Violence Module, 2 questions have been added to collect information on verbal harassment; and questions about unwanted touching and coerced sex are now being asked without regard to context (alcohol/drug-facilitated and use of physical force).
- In the Sexual Violence Module Part 2, information on the same behaviors is collected in both the 2015 and the revised survey with one behavior wording change from “made you put your mouth on their penis” (2015 survey) to “put their penis in your mouth” in the revised survey.
- In addition, terms like oral sex, anal sex, vagina, sex, etc., that preceded each behavior In the 2015 survey have been removed from the revised survey in favor of presenting only the actual behavior.
- Questions about completed alcohol/drug facilitated rape and made to penetrate (MTP), completed forced rape and MTP, and attempted forced rape and MTP have been streamlined to follow a separate path form males and females, each which take into account sex of the perpetrator when asking about these behaviors.
- Females are no longer asked questions regarding made to penetrate (because estimates not reportable even after combining several years of data).
- Two questions have been added to the end of the revised module asking about fear and concern for safety when these things happened.

With these changes we are now able to get information about victim and perpetrator age at first and as well as victim-perpetrator relationships specific to different types of sexual violence. Changes are summarized in the grid below.

2015	2016
Section SV: Sexual Violence	SV: Sexual Violence Parts 1 & 2
<p><u>VERBAL HARASSMENT</u> NOT ASKED</p>	<p><u>VERBAL HARASSMENT</u> Added 2 Questions</p> <p>D01 While you were in a public place, how many people have ever verbally harassed you in a sexual way that made you feel uncomfortable?</p> <p>D02 How many people have done this to you in the past 12 months? That is since {FILL: DATE 12 MONTHS AGO}?</p>
<p>How many people have ever ...</p> <p>Format: All questions about a given behavior EVER and in the PAST 12 MONTHS are asked before moving to the next behavior</p>	<p>How many people have ever ...</p> <p>Format: Behaviors are asked in groups. If any behavior in a group is endorsed, a series of questions about that group of behaviors asked before moving onto the next “group” Behaviors are similar to those previously asked; but are asked separately for male and female victims. Made to penetrate is no longer asked of Females</p>
<p><i>Context (Alc/Drug, Physical Force, Neither)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Behavior <p><i>Neither</i></p> <p>NONE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coerced Sex (SV19-SV21) <p><i>Alcohol/Drug-Facilitated (SV5-SV11c)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unwanted touching - Completed Rape - Completed Made to Penetrate <p><i>Physical Force (SV12-SV21)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unwanted touching - Completed Rape - Completed Made to Penetrate - Attempted Forced Rape - Attempted Forced MTP 	<p><i>Context (Alc/Drug, Physical Force, Neither)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Behavior <p><i>Neither</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unwanted touching (D03-D04) - Coerced Sex (D15-D18) <p><i>Alcohol/Drug-Facilitated E01-E12)</i></p> <p>NONE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed Rape - Completed Made to Penetrate (Males ONLY) <p><i>Physical Force Context (E33-E44, E65-E71)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NONE - Completed Rape - Completed Made to Penetrate (Males ONLY) - Attempted Forced Rape - Attempted Forced MTP (Males ONLY)
<p>For each individual behavior the following is collected:</p>	<p>For each group of behaviors above, the following is collected</p>
<p><u>LIFETIME</u> For each individual behavior, series of questions is asked about each person that</p>	<p><u>LIFETIME</u> For the above behaviors COMBINED, the relationship/</p>

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<p>Section SV: Sexual Violence</p> <p>perpetrated that behavior. For lifetime victimization questions include Perpetrator Initials (SVa, SVi), Perpetrator Sex (SV1a), Number of times ever (SVb1-continuous or SVb2-discrete). Information is collected on up to 15 perpetrators for each behavior</p> <p><u>FIRST LIFETIME OCCURRENCE RESPONDENT AND PERPETRATOR AGE AT FIRST ARE COLLECTED IN THE SV FOLLOW-UP SECTION (SVFU4 and SVFU5) AND ARE NOT SPECIFIC TO THESE 2 BEHAVIORS</u></p>	<p>SV: Sexual Violence Parts 1 & 2</p> <p>gender of each person attributed with the behavior(s) is collected (up to 10).</p> <p><u>FIRST LIFETIME OCCURRENCE</u></p> <p>In addition to relationship/gender (above), respondent age at first, and perpetrator age at first (for respondents that were minors) are collected.</p>
<p><u>FIRST INTIMATE OCCURRENCE RELATIONSHIP IS COLLECTED AT THE END OF THE SURVEY (R1, R2) AND RESPONDENT AT FIRST (SVFU4) IS COLLECTED IN THE SV FOLLOW-UP SECTION AND ARE NOT SPECIFIC TO ANY GIVEN SV BEHAVIOR</u></p>	<p><u>FIRST INTIMATE OCCURRENCE</u></p> <p>For each “group” of behaviors, if R was victimized by any intimate partners, they are asked the same series of “first” questions as were asked for lifetime. Relationship to the first intimate partner who ever did “this” / “any of these things” to R, Respondent age at first, and perpetrator age at first (for respondents that were minors).</p>
<p><u>PAST 12 MONTHS</u></p> <p>Once all lifetime perpetrators have identified for a given behavior, R is asked if this happened in the past 12 months (SVf), which perpetrators did this in the past 12 months (SVg), and Number of times in the past 12 months (SVh1-continuous or SVh2-discrete).</p>	<p><u>PAST 12 MONTHS</u></p> <p>For each “group” of behaviors perpetrated in R’s lifetime, relationship/gender is then collected for up to 5 persons who perpetrated those behavior(s) in the past 12 months. This is followed by a question about the number of total times these things happened to R in the past 12 months.</p>
<p><u>ALCOHOL/DRUGS – FIRST OCCURRENCE</u></p> <p>Collects information on whether or not a given perpetrator was using alcohol, drugs or both (SVj) and whether R was using alcohol, drugs or both the first time a given behavior happened (SVk).</p> <p><u>ALCOHOL-DRUG FACILITATED RAPE/MTP – ALCOHOL/DRUGS - LIFETIME</u></p> <p>Collects information on for each perpetrator for each individual behavior as to whether R was given alcohol without their knowledge</p>	<p><u>ALCOHOL/DRUGS - FIRST OCCURRENCE DROPPED</u></p> <p><u>LIFETIME ALCOHOL-DRUG FACILITATED RAPE/MTP – ALCOHOL/DRUGS - LIFETIME</u></p> <p>Collects information on all Alcohol/Drug-facilitated SV behaviors COMBINED as to whether or not R was given alcohol without their knowledge (E13), R was given drugs</p>

2015	2016
Section SV: Sexual Violence (SVI), R was given drugs without their knowledge (SVm), or R voluntarily used alcohol or drugs (SVn)	SV: Sexual Violence Parts 1 & 2 without their knowledge (E14). Question on voluntary use of /alcohol or drugs was DROPPED.
Section SVFU: Sexual Violence Follow-up (Endorsed SV7-SV18b)	No Separate Follow-up section for SV. Questions have been folded into Sections D and E
For each perpetrator, for ALL SV7-SV18b COMBINED, R asked if they were ever physically injured (SVFU1); if R ever got an STD or other infection (SVFU2); If R became pregnant (SVFU3-FEMALES), Age at first (SVFU4), Perp Age at fist (SVFU5) and time between first and last occurrence with each perp (SVFU6a)	For all completed alcohol/drug-facilitated and/or completed physically forced rape/mtp, COMBINED, R asked if they were ever physically injured (E92), if they ever got an STD/other infection (E93) and if they ever became pregnant (if vaginal sex – E94) when any of these things happened. Respondent and Perpetrator Age already collected above. DROPPED time between first and last occurrence.
NOT ASKED NOT ASKED	Added 2 questions about safety and fear E95 Were you ever concerned for your safety? E96 Were you ever fearful for yourself or someone close to you?

Psychological Aggression by an Intimate Partner (PA)

- Three additional PA behaviors asked in prior years (but eliminated in 2015 due to space limitations) have been added back to the survey in 2016.
- Questions about first time victimization and past 12 month victimization for ALL PA behaviors combined were added to the revised survey to provide some additional detail.

A grid summarizing these changes appears below.

2015	2016
Section PA: Psychological Aggression by an Intimate	Section F: Psychological Aggression by an Intimate
<u>LIFETIME</u> How many of your current or ex-romantic partners have ever AKS ABOUT 5 CONDITIONS	<u>LIFETIME</u> How many of your current or ex-romantic of sexual partners have ever ... Same 5 conditions asked as in 2015. Added 3 additional question. F06 threatened to hurt themselves or commit suicide because they were upset with you? F07 made decisions that should have been yours

	<p>to make?</p> <p>F08 destroyed something that was important to you?</p>
<p><u>FIRST LIFETIME OCCURRENCE</u> NO QUESTIONS ABOUT FIRST TIME OCCURRENCE SPECIFIC TO PA</p>	<p><u>FIRST LIFETIME OCCURRENCE</u> Added 3 questions about FIRST TIME occurrence</p> <p>F09 How old were you the first time a current or ex-romantic or sexual partner did this/any of these things to you?</p> <p>F10a Approximately how old was this person the first time he or she did this/ any of these things to you?</p> <p>F10b Was this person less than 5 years older than you or 5 or more years older than you the first time he or she did any of these things to you?</p>
<p><u>PAST 12 MONTHS</u> NO QUESTIONS ABOUT FIRST TIME OCCURRENCE SPECIFIC TO PA</p>	<p><u>PAST 12 MONTHS</u> Added 2 questions about PAST 12 MONTH occurrence</p> <p>F11 How many current or ex-romantic or sexual partners have done this/ any of these things to you in the past 12 months? That is since {FILL: DATE 12 MONTHS AGO}?</p> <p>F12 Approximately how many times in total did this/ these things happen to you in the past 12 months, that is since {FILL: DATE 12 MONTH AGO} .</p>

Physical Violence by an Intimate Partner [PV]

- Questions have been streamlined to collect information about two groups of behaviors – less severe physical violence, and more severe physical violence - rather than on individual behaviors.

- Rather than collecting perpetrator initials, sex and age to identify the age at first, first perpetrator and first intimate, we specifically ask about these instances ever and about first victimizations in the past 12 months.
- As with the other modules described above, relationship is now collected for each group of behaviors within the body of the module rather than later on in the survey; as is perpetrator age at first (if R age at first is a minor) is specific to the entire group of PV behaviors.

2015	2016
Section PV: Physical Violence by an Intimate Partner	Section G: Physical Violence by an Intimate Partner
<p>Asked about current or ex-romantic partners ... 10 BEHAVIORS.</p> <p><u>Format:</u> Asks number of perpetrators and Identifies each perpetrator (by initials and gender) for each behavior. All questions about a given behavior EVER and in the PAST 12 MONTHS are asked before moving to the next behavior</p>	<p>Asks about current or ex-romantic partners ... the same 10 behaviors, but splits the last question about use of a gun or knife into two questions</p> <p><u>Format:</u> Behaviors are grouped into Less Severe (G01-G02) vs More Severe (G05-G13) forms of Physical Violence; asks R age at first and Number Perps past 12 months for each “group” of behaviors; behaviors are then combined and a series of additional questions is asked.</p>
<p><u>LIFETIME</u></p> <p>PVi/ a How many of your current or ex-romantic partners ever ... EACH BEHAVIOR</p> <p>PV1a Is {INITIALS} male or female? <i>For each perpetrator-behavior combination ask ...</i></p> <p>PVb How many times did {INITIALS} ever {BEHAVIOR}?</p>	<p><u>LIFETIME</u></p> <p>How many of your current or ex-romantic partners ever ... first ask G01, G02 and then later ask G05-G13.</p> <p>DROPPED</p> <p>DROPPED</p>
<p><u>PAST 12 MONTHS</u></p> <p><i>Ask for each behavior ...</i></p> <p>PVf Did any perpetrator do {BEHAVIOR} in the PAST 12 MONTHS (Yes/No).</p> <p><i>If yes, identify each perpetrator</i></p> <p>PVg Which people did this in the past 12 months?</p>	<p><u>PAST 12 MONTHS</u></p> <p>DROPPED</p> <p><i>Ask Respondents separately first for Less SEVERE behaviors (G01-G02) combined, and later for the SEVERE behaviors (G05-G13) combined</i></p> <p>G04 How many current or ex-romantic or sexual partners have done this/these things to you in the past 12 months? That is since {DATE 12 MONTHS AGO}?</p> <p>G15</p>

2015	2016
Section PV: Physical Violence by an Intimate Partner	Section G: Physical Violence by an Intimate Partner
<p>PVh How many times did {INITIALS} {BEHAVIOR} in the past 12 months?</p>	<p>How many current or ex-romantic or sexual partners have done this/these things to you in the past 12 months? That is since {DATE 12 MONTHS AGO}?</p> <p>See G19 below: Asked once about ALL PV behaviors combined</p>
<p><u>FIRST LIFETIME OCCURRENCE</u> Once all behaviors have been looped through, for each perpetrator, for all PV behaviors combined, ask ...</p> <p>PVj How old were you the first time this/any of these physical acts happened with {INITIALS}</p> <p>RELATIONSHIP SPECIFIC TO PV NOT ASKED. Relationship is collected for 1st and last victimization (all forms of violence combined) for each perpetrator at the end of the survey</p> <p>PERPETRATOR AGE AT FIRST SPECIFIC TO PV NOT ASKED. Perpetrator Age at R's first victimization is collected (for all forms of violence combined) for each perp at the end of the survey</p>	<p><u>FIRST LIFETIME OCCURRENCE</u> <i>Ask Respondent "Age at First" separately first for the LESS SEVERE behaviors (G01-G02) combined, and later for the SEVERE Behaviors (G05-G13) behaviors combined.</i></p> <p>G03 How old were you the first time a current or ex-romantic or sexual partner LESS SEVERE (G01-G02) Physical Act behaviors</p> <p>How old were you the first time a current or ex-romantic or sexual partner SEVERE (G05-G13) Physical Act behaviors</p> <p><i>For all PV behaviors combined (LESS SEVERE plus SEVERE)</i> <i>Collect information on the FIRST occurrence</i></p> <p>G16 What was your relationship with the first current or ex-romantic or sexual partner who did this/any of these things to you the FIRST time?</p> <p>G17a Approximately how old was this person the first time he/she did this/any of these things to you?</p> <p>G17b Was this person less than 5 years older than you or 5 or more years older than you the first time he/she did any of these things to you?</p>
<u>FIRST PAST 12 MONTH OCCURRENCE</u>	<p><u>FIRST PAST 12 MONTH OCCURRENCE</u> <i>For all PV behaviors (LESS SEVERE plus SEVERE) combine, collect information on the FIRST PAST 12 MONTH</i></p>

2015	2016
Section PV: Physical Violence by an Intimate Partner	Section G: Physical Violence by an Intimate Partner
<p>FIRST PAST 12 MONTH RELATIONSHIP SPECIFIC TO PV NOT ASKED.</p> <p>ASKED FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL PERPETRATOR (SEE PVh ABOVE)</p>	<p><i>occurrence</i></p> <p>G18 What was your relationship with the “first” current or ex-romantic or sexual partner who did this/any of these things to you in the past 12 months? That is since {FILL: DATE 12 MONTHS AGO}? IF NECESSARY: “Was this person male or female?”</p> <p>G19 Approximately how many times in total did this/these things happen to you in the past 12 months, that is since {FILL: DATE 12 MONTHS AGO}?</p>

Intimate Partner Violence Follow-up

- The General Follow-up Section from 2015 has been modified to be specific to all forms of intimate partner violence combined (rather than all forms of violence combined) in the revised survey.
- One “yes-no” question was added regarding PTSD symptoms in the past 12 months. While questions about getting services (housing, victim’s advocacy) are still asked, questions regarding the ability to get these services and reasons for not getting them were dropped.
- In addition, the leading “yes-no” questions regarding missed days of work or school were dropped (unnecessary); however, number of missed days of work school were retained.
- The module ends with 3 new questions: First, a question asked of all respondents (not just those with intimate partner victimization) to identify households with children. And for those with children, two additional questions have been added about children within the household witnessing physical violence or verbal threats among their parent/guardian and that person’s romantic or sexual partner.

2015	2016
Section F: General Follow-up	Section H: Intimate Partner Follow-up
<p>Questions asked about consequences of ALL stalking, physical violence and sexual violence experiences COMBINED for each perpetrator.</p> <p>Questions in common are the same</p>	<p>Questions asked about consequences of ALL stalking, physical violence, and sexual violence experiences by ALL intimate partners, COMBINED. Limited to intimate partners.</p> <p>Questions in common are the same</p>
<p>NOT ASKED</p> <p>SERVICES</p> <p>ever</p>	<p>Added 1 question, Dropped 1 Question</p> <p>H09 (With regard to symptoms of PTSD) Did you ever feel this way in the past 12 months?</p> <p>SERVICES</p> <p>Dropped several questions</p>

2015	2016
<p>Section F: General Follow-up</p>	<p>Section H: Intimate Partner Follow-up</p>
<p>Were you ever injured when this/these things happened with {INITIALS}?</p> <p>Vaginal or anal injuries?</p> <p>Why were you not able to get the medical care that you needed when {INITIALS} did this/these things?</p> <p>Were you able to get the housing services you needed?</p> <p>Why were you not able to get the housing services you needed?</p> <p>For a series of EVER services, R was asked if they were able to get the services they needed and if not, why. Services included housing, victim’s advocacy, law enforcement and legal services.</p> <p>FU6_ Did you ever need legal services 5 because of what {INITIALS} did to you</p> <p><u>LOST PRODUCTIVITY</u> Asked separately for work and for school R is asked if they ever had to miss days of work/school when this/any of these things happened with these people?</p> <p>R is then asked to identify each perpetrator causing the absence and for each, asked how many days work/school {INITIAL} caused then to miss.</p> <p>R is asked if they ever had to miss days of work/school when this/any of these things happened with these people in past 12 months.</p> <p>R is then asked to identify each perpetrator causing the absence from work/school in the past 12 months and for each, asked how many days {INITIAL} caused then to miss.</p>	<p>DROPPED – Rather obtained by asked about specific injuries</p> <p>DROPPED</p> <p>DROPPED</p> <p>While R was asked about needing each of these services, the ability to get services and reasons for not accessing these services were DROPPED</p> <p>Reworded 1 question H28 Did you ever need legal services or advice from an attorney?</p> <p><u>LOST PRODUCTIVITY</u> Asked separately for work and for school DROPPED</p> <p>Number of days asked for all the intimate partners who did this/these things, combined.</p> <p>DROPPED</p> <p>Number of days asked for all the intimate partners who did this/these things, combined.</p>
	<p>Added 1 Questions (Asked of ALL respondents) H33 Are there any children under the age of 18 currently living in your household all or most of the year?</p> <p>Added 2 questions (Asked of those with children</p>

2015	2016
Section F: General Follow-up	Section H: Intimate Partner Follow-up
	<p>in the HH)</p> <p>H34 Did a child under the age of 18 currently living in your household ever see or hear their parent or guardian being pushed, slapped, hit, punched, or beat up by that person’s current or ex romantic or sexual partner?</p> <p>H35 Did a child under the age of 18 currently living in your household ever see or hear their parent or guardian being insulted, humiliated, or threatened with physical harm by that person’s current or ex romantic or sexual partner?</p>

Relationship Section [ONLY ASKED IN 2015]

In 2015, victims were asked this module for every perpetrator identified throughout the survey (up to 15 per behavior asked; maximum allowable of 94 perpetrators).

- Relationship and Perpetrator Age at first from this section have been folded into the 2016 survey in each module and for some, in multiple locations within a module (by groups of behaviors); with perpetrator age being asked only for a respondents first victimization and then only if the respondent was a minor at that time.
- With this change, we developed a list of more refined relationship categories (based on responses from prior NISVS surveys) which eliminates the need to collect a single relationship type using multiple questions, and incorporated gender into the response codes eliminating the need to collect this information separately.
- Relationship at last victimization and duration between first and last victimization have been dropped from the survey, as have questions about perpetrator race/ethnicity.

A grid describing what was removed and what has been relocated in the revised survey appear below. In addition, Appendix 1 lists the refined Relationship-Sex codes.

2015	2016
Section R: Relationship Asked for every perpetrator reported (maximum 94)	No Relationship section. Relationship questions included in each of the behavior-specific sections
<u>FIRST TIME</u> How did you know or what was your	<u>FIRST TIME</u> In addition to relationship FIRST time and FIRST

2015	2016
<p>Section R: Relationship Asked for every perpetrator reported (maximum 94)</p>	<p>No Relationship section. Relationship questions included in each of the behavior-specific sections</p>
<p>relationship to {INITIALS} the first time this/any of these things happened?</p> <p>Was this person your current or ex- the first time this/any of these things happened?</p> <p>Information collected on broad relationship categories and then finer breakdowns into sub-categories (Family member, acquaintance, person of authority, person known for a short time, and stranger.</p> <p><u>LAST TIME</u> The same series of questions is asked about each perpetrator the last time this/any of these things happened.</p> <p><u>PERPETRATOR AGE</u> Asks perpetrator age the first time this/any of these things happened</p> <p><u>DURATION</u> Asks about the amount of time between the first and the last occurrence</p> <p><u>PERPETRATOR RACE/ETHNICITY</u> Is {INITIALS} Hispanic or Latina/Latino? What is {INITIALS} race? You may identify > 1.</p>	<p>INTIMATE relationship captured for each group of behaviors, captures relationship for 9 additional lifetime perpetrators and 5 PAST 12 MONTH perpetrators of groups of behaviors.</p> <p>Response options allow for one to get at current vs ex status for selected relationships and gender is incorporated into the coding.</p> <p><u>LAST TIME DROPPED</u></p> <p><u>PERPETRATOR AGE – FIRST TIME</u> Asked for groups of behaviors throughout the survey for FIRST LIFETIME and FIRST INTIMATE PARTNER.</p> <p><u>DURATION</u> Not asked</p> <p><u>PERPETRATOR RACE/ETHNICITY DROPPED</u></p>