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Answers to frequently asked questions are on the back of this letter. If you would like further information, contact your Census Bureau Regional Office at 1-800-262-4236.

You do not need to take any action at this time. A Census Bureau representative will contact you soon to ask your household to complete the survey.

Thank you for your participation.

### **What is the National Crime Victimization Survey?**

This survey collects data about experiences with crime, both reported and not reported to the police. Periodically, the survey includes additional topics such as crime in schools, contacts with law enforcement, and identity theft.

### **How was I selected for this survey?**

The U.S. Census Bureau chose your address, not you personally, to participate in this survey. We randomly selected a sample of addresses across the country to represent the entire population. We need a response from all persons 12 or older in sampled homes to get a complete picture of the types and amount of crime happening in the United States.

### **Will information I provide be confidential? Is this survey required by law?**

The Census Bureau is required by law to protect your information. The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify you or your household. We are conducting this survey for the Bureau of Justice Statistics of the U.S. Department of Justice under the authority of law (Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 8). The Bureau of Justice Statistics is authorized to collect this survey information by law (Title 34, U.S.C., Section 10132). Federal law protects your privacy and keeps your answers confidential (Title 13, U.S.C., Section 9 and Title 34, U.S.C., Sections 10231 and 10134). Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data. This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB Number: 1121-0111). If this number were not displayed, we could not conduct this survey. Your voluntary participation in this survey is important; however, you may decline to answer any or all questions.

### **How are the data used?**

Data from this survey provide information on many topics related to crime and victimization, including crime in schools, trends in violent crime, costs of crime, and the response of law enforcement to reports of victimization. Examples of reports, tables, and charts that use data from the survey are on the Bureau of Justice Statistics' web site at [www.bjs.gov](http://www.bjs.gov).

### **How long will it take?**

We expect the interview to take about 25 minutes. Your interview may be somewhat shorter or longer than this depending on your circumstances. If you have any comments about this survey or have recommendations for reducing its length, send them to the Chief, Victimization Statistics Branch, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Washington, DC 20531.

### **I thought that the Census Bureau only counts people every 10 years. What is the Census Bureau doing now?**

Besides the decennial census, we collect many different kinds of information through other censuses and surveys. These surveys provide current information on such topics as housing, crime, unemployment rates, health, business, economics and education.

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Un mensaje del Director de la Oficina del Censo de los Estados Unidos

Estimado Residente,

Hace varios meses, nos pusimos en contacto con los residentes en esta dirección para participar en la **Encuesta Nacional de Víctimas de Delitos**. Esta encuesta recopila información acerca del tipo de crimen y la cantidad de delitos que se cometen contra las personas en los Estados Unidos. La Oficina del Censo de los EE.UU. lleva a cabo esta encuesta por parte del Departamento de Justicia de los EE.UU. Necesitamos entrevistar a los residentes actuales de esta dirección, aún si hablamos con ustedes anteriormente o si ustedes se mudaron recientemente a esta dirección.

Debido a que muchos delitos nunca son reportados a la policía, la información recopilada en esta encuesta será usada para obtener un panorama más completo del crimen que ocurre en nuestro país. La información que usted proporciona nos ayudará para mejor entender el crimen y el impacto que tiene a las víctimas. Los resultados de la encuesta son usados para desarrollar programas que ayudan a las víctimas del crimen y para prevenirlo.

**Su participación es muy importante porque garantiza que los resultados de la encuesta estén completos y sean confiables.** No podemos reemplazar su dirección por otra. Su dirección forma parte de una muestra estadística de hogares seleccionadas en el país. Sus respuestas representan miles de hogares como el suyo. Su participación es importante, aún si no ha sido víctima de un crimen. Por ley, la Oficina del Censo solamente puede usar sus respuestas para producir estadísticas. La información que nos proporciona acerca de usted o su hogar no podrá ser identificada al producir estadísticas.

Al reverso de esta carta puede leer las respuestas a preguntas que frecuentemente recibimos. No necesita hacer nada en este momento. Un representante del Censo se pondrá en contacto con usted para pedir la participación de su hogar en la encuesta.

Gracias por su participación.



## **¿Qué es la Encuesta Nacional de Víctimas de Delitos?**

Esta encuesta recopila datos sobre las experiencias con el crimen, ambos reportados y no reportados a la policía. Periódicamente, la encuesta incluye temas adicionales tales como crimen en las escuelas, el contacto con las agencias de orden público, y el robo de la identidad.

## **¿Cómo fui seleccionado(a) para esta encuesta?**

La Oficina del Censo de los Estados Unidos seleccionó su dirección, no a usted personalmente, para participar en esta encuesta. Elegimos una muestra de direcciones para representar todas las áreas de los Estados Unidos. Necesitamos la participación de todas las personas de 12 años y mayor en las direcciones elegidas para ver un panorama completo del tipo de crimen y la cantidad de delitos ocurriendo en los Estados Unidos.

## **¿Será confidencial la información que proporcioné? ¿Es esta encuesta obligatoria por ley?**

La Oficina del Censo de los EE.UU. está obligada por ley a proteger su información. A la Oficina del Censo no se le permite divulgar sus respuestas de manera que usted o su hogar pudiera(n) ser identificado(a)(s). Llevamos a cabo esta encuesta para la Oficina de Estadísticas de Justicia del Departamento de Justicia de los Estados Unidos bajo la autorización de la ley (Titulo 13, Código de los Estados Unidos (U.S.C.), Sección 8). La Oficina de Estadísticas de Justicia está autorizada para recopilar información en esta encuesta por ley (Titulo 34, U.S.C., Sección 10132). La ley federal proteja su privacidad y mantiene su información confidencial (Titulo 13, U.S.C., Sección 9 y Titulo 34, U.S.C., Sección 10231 y 10134). En conformidad con la Ley para el Fortalecimiento de la Seguridad Cibernética Federal del 2015, sus datos están protegidos contra los riesgos de seguridad cibernética mediante los controles aplicados a los sistemas que los transmiten. Esta recopilación de información ha sido aprobada por la Oficina de Administración y Presupuesto (OMB, por sus siglas en inglés) (Número de OMB: 1121-0111). De no mostrarse este número, no podríamos realizar esta encuesta. Su participación voluntaria a esta encuesta es importante, pero puede decidir no contestar alguna o ninguna de las preguntas.

## **¿Cómo se usan los datos?**

Los datos de esta encuesta proveen información acerca de varios temas relacionadas con el crimen y casos de las víctimas de delitos, incluyendo crimen en las escuelas, las tendencias de los delitos de violencia, el costo de los delitos y la respuesta de las agencias de orden público a las denuncias de los casos de las víctimas de delitos. Hay ejemplos de los reportes, tablas y gráficas donde se usan los datos de esta encuesta en el sitio web de la Oficina de Estadísticas de Justicia en [www.bjs.gov](http://www.bjs.gov).

## **¿Cuánto tiempo durará esta encuesta?**

Esperamos que la entrevista durará aproximadamente 25 minutos. Su entrevista tal vez será menos o durará más tiempo dependiendo en su situación. Si tiene algún comentario acerca de esta encuesta o tiene recomendaciones para reducir el tiempo de completar la encuesta, envíalos(as) a Chief, Victimization Statistics Branch, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Washington, DC 20531.

## **Pensé que la Oficina del Censo solo tiene operaciones cada diez años. ¿Qué hace el Censo ahora?**

Además del censo decenal, la Oficina del Censo recopila diferentes tipos de información a través de otros censos y encuestas. Estas encuestas proveen información actual sobre temas tal como las viviendas, el crimen, tasas de empleo, la salud, los negocios, la economía, y la educación.