

[This is the page people will see when they first arrive on our website. Black text is what the participant will see. Blue text in square brackets is not part of the survey. Blue text is instructions for coding the online survey or explanations of the survey. This is the revised draft as of October 6, 2021.]

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## Survey on Crime Prevention for Truckers

[The objective of this project is to examine the prevalence of crimes that happen to female and minority male truck drivers and compare it with a control group of non-minority male truck drivers. This document details the survey questions that we will present to the three truck driver categories, namely: 1) female drivers, 2) minority male drivers, and 3) non-minority male drivers. To conveniently administer the survey to the targeted driver categories, Battelle will develop three separate surveys. The majority of the survey questions (Q8. through Q39.) will be the same for all driver categories. However, the survey introduction and screening questions (Q1. through Q7.) will be customized as detailed below.]

### Introduction for Female and Minority Truck Drivers

Thank you for participating in our survey. Your feedback is important.

Hi. We're interested in learning about harassment and assaults against female and minority truck drivers. We want to know when and where these things happen. We want to know about the types of people who do these things. If you are a female or minority male truck driver, please take this survey even if you have not experienced harassment or crime yourself. It will take 15 to 20 minutes.

Please do not refresh the page as the survey will not be saved.

Please click Continue for the Informed Consent.

### Informed Consent

We are from Battelle, a research and development company, and we are conducting this survey for the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT).

This is an anonymous survey. We will do everything we can to protect your identity. We won't ask your name. We will not attempt to track the device on which you took the survey. Please don't tell us anything else that could identify you. Don't tell us your employer's name or the name of anybody you work with. We will read your answers and try to remove any names or other identifying information you accidentally provide.

We will use this information to understand the prevalence of harassment and assault. We believe that you sharing your experiences will help us think of ways to make a safer environment for all drivers. We want to know what kinds of crimes happen to female and minority drivers.

The results of this survey will be available from the Department of Transportation. No personally identifiable information will be provided in these results.

We will ask you a few questions to see if you are eligible for the survey. If you are not eligible, the survey will excuse you with our thanks for your willingness to participate.

We recognize that questions include sensitive or personal topics which may be upsetting as you try to remember your experiences. You may skip any question you do not want to answer but we encourage you to answer as many as possible. There are minimal requirements we have for your overall survey response to count.

Honest and complete information will best help inform future efforts to take action to prevent harassment and assault against truck drivers.

If you have questions about the survey, please contact Lana Nichols from the Women in Trucking Association at 208-217-2147 or [lane@womenintrucking.org](mailto:lane@womenintrucking.org). Women in Trucking is helping Battelle in administering this survey. [\[The contact is from the Women in Trucking office.\]](#)

This survey is voluntary. If you are willing to take part in our survey, please click Continue.

[\[Participants who click Continue begin the survey.\]](#)

### **Introduction for Control Group (Non-Minority Male Truckers)**

Hi. We're interested in learning about harassment and assaults against truck drivers. We want to know when and where these things happen. We want to know about the types of people who do these things. It will take 15 to 20 minutes.

### **Informed Consent**

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This is an anonymous survey. We will do everything we can to protect your identity. We will not ask for your name. We will not collect your phone or computer information. Please do not tell us anything else that could identify you. Do not tell us your employer's name or the name of anybody you work with. We will read your answers and try to remove any names or other identifying information that you might accidentally provide.

We will use this information to gain an understanding of the prevalence of harassment and assault. We want to understand what kinds of crimes are perpetrated on drivers. By sharing these experiences, it will aid us in developing recommendations to the USDOT that are aimed at creating a safer environment for all drivers.

The results of this survey will be available from the USDOT. No personally identifiable information will be provided in these results.

We will ask you a few questions to see if you are eligible for the survey. If you are not eligible, the survey will excuse you with our thanks for your willingness to participate.

We recognize that questions include sensitive or personal topics which may be upsetting as you try to remember your experiences. You may skip any question you do not want to answer but we encourage you to answer as many as possible. There are minimal requirements we have for your overall survey response to count.

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Have you previously taken this survey?

If YES, we thank you for your time. Please click on Exit (top right) to exit the survey.

If NO, please click Continue.

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[\[Q1. through Q7. and Q12. screen for eligibility. Participants can proceed only if they answer all of these questions and meet all of the criteria.](#)

[Q8. through Q11. are background.](#)

[Q13. through Error: Reference source not found are the basic questions of what happened.](#)

[Q22. and onward probe for details of what, who, where, and so forth. Participants may choose not to answer questions by selecting "Prefer not to answer".\]](#)

First, we need to know your background. This is anonymous. We do NOT want personal information that could identify who you are.

Q1. What kind of driver's license do you have? Please select one response. [\[require one answer\]](#)

- Commercial Driver's License Class A (CDL-A) [\[Skip to Q3.\]](#)
- Commercial Driver's License Class B (CDL-B) [\[Skip to Q3.\]](#)
- Commercial Driver's License Class C (CDL-C) [\[Skip to Q3.\]](#)
- Regular driver's license.

Q2. In the past two years, have you driven a truck with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of more than 10,000 pounds as part of your job? [\[require one answer\]](#)

- Yes [\[Skip to Q4.\]](#)
- No [\[Skip to Exit Page A for participants who do not qualify.\]](#)

Q3. Have you worked as a truck driver in the past two years? [\[require one answer\]](#)

- Yes
- No [\[Skip to Exit Page A for participants who do not qualify.\]](#)

[\[The following question is adapted from the National Crime Victimization Survey NCVS-500 Control Card \(2010 Sample Design\) \[https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/ncvs500\\\_2016.pdf\]\(https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/ncvs500\_2016.pdf\).\]](#)

Q4. About how old are you? [\[require one answer\]](#)

- younger than 18 years old [\[Skip to Exit Page A for participants who do not qualify.\]](#)
- 18-24 years old

- 25-34 years old
- 35-49 years old
- 50-65 years old
- 66 years old or older

[The following three questions come from the National Crime Victimization Survey NCVS-500 Control Card (2010 Sample Design) [https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/ncvs500\\_2016.pdf](https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/ncvs500_2016.pdf). The American Community Survey requires one of two choices for sex. <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/about/why-we-ask-each-question/sex/> According to a January 26, 2018, memo for the 2020 census, the 2020 census will allow multiple Hispanic ethnicities and add a write-in area and provide examples for some racial categories. Those additions will not be on this survey. [https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial/2020/program-management/memo-series/2020-memo-2018\\_02.pdf](https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial/2020/program-management/memo-series/2020-memo-2018_02.pdf)]

### Female Group Survey

- Q5. Do you identify yourself as [require one answer]
- Female
  - Male [Skip to Exit Page A for participants who do not qualify.]

[After we reach 440 completed surveys from females, we will stop accepting them. Also, we will stop accepting after we reach 400 in female category who have experienced an event (Case 1 following Q14. through Q19.). Skip to Exit Page A.]

- Q6. Are you Hispanic or Latina? [require one answer]
- Yes [Skip to Q8]
  - No
- Q7. Please choose one or more races that you consider yourself to be. [require at least one answer; allow more than one answer]
- White
  - Black or African American
  - American Indian or Alaska Native
  - Asian
  - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
  - Other [blank to fill in]

[Participants who are current truck drivers from the desired demographic groups will continue.]

### Minority Male Group Survey

- Q5. Do you identify yourself as [require one answer]
- Female [Skip to Exit Page A for participants who do not qualify.]
  - Male

[After we reach 440 completed surveys from minority males, we will stop accepting them. Also, we will stop accepting after we reach 400 in minority male category who have experienced an event (Case 1 following Q14. through Q19.). Skip to Exit Page A.]

- Q6. Are you Hispanic or Latino? [require one answer]
- Yes [Skip to Q8]
  - No

Q7. Please choose one or more races that you consider yourself to be. [require at least one answer; allow more than one answer]

- White [Skip to Exit Page A for participants who do not qualify.]
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Other [blank to fill in]

[If the answer to Q5. is Male and the answer to Q6. is No and the answer to Q7. is a single check on White, then skip to Exit Page A for participants who do not qualify.]

[Participants who are current truck drivers from the desired demographic groups will continue.]

### Control Group Survey

Q5. Do you identify yourself as [require one answer]

- Female [Skip to Exit Page A for participants who do not qualify.]
- Male

[After we reach 440 completed surveys from non-minority males, we will stop accepting them. Also, we will stop accepting after we reach 400 in non-minority male category who have experienced an event (Case 1 following Q14. through Q19.). Skip to Exit Page A.]

Q6. Are you Hispanic or Latino? [require one answer]

- Yes [Skip to Exit Page A for participants who do not qualify.]
- No

Q7. Please choose one or more races that you consider yourself to be. [require at least one answer; allow more than one answer]

- White
- Black or African American [Skip to Exit Page A for participants who do not qualify.]
- American Indian or Alaska Native [Skip to Exit Page A for participants who do not qualify.]
- Asian [Skip to Exit Page A for participants who do not qualify.]
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander [Skip to Exit Page A for participants who do not qualify.]
- Other [blank to fill in] [Skip to Exit Page A for participants who do not qualify.]

[Participants who are current truck drivers from the desired demographic groups will continue.]

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[Q8. through Q39. will be asked to all driver categories]

- Q8. What routes do you usually run? (choose all that apply) [\[allow more than one answer\]](#)
- Over the road
  - Short haul
  - Pickup and delivery
  - Other
- Q9. Are you any of the following? (choose all that apply) [\[allow more than one answer\]](#)
- Owner-operator
  - Employee
  - Independent contractor
- Q10. Have you had any training in self-defense for drivers? [\[allow one answer\]](#)
- Yes
  - No
- Q11. Do you do any of these things for personal protection? (choose all that apply) [\[allow more than one answer\]](#)
- I pay attention to always be aware of what is happening around me
  - I stick to lighted areas.
  - I stay around other people.
  - Other [\[blank to fill in\]](#)
- Q12. Just checking. Do these questions sound familiar to you? Is it because you have taken this survey before? [\[require one answer\]](#)
- Yes [\[Skip to Exit Page B for participants who do not qualify.\]](#)
  - No

[On each row, the driver will be able to select exactly one item: a check in one of the first two blanks or a number in the third blank. Put the matrix (Q13. through Q19.) and the yes-no question (Q20.) and the extra question (Q21) if it appears all on one page. Have a "continue" button at the bottom.]

Truck drivers sometimes experience harassment or even violence. Please tell us about threats or crimes that happened to you. Think of what happens as it directly relates to your work as a driver. Include both on-duty and off-duty time. Off-duty responses only apply if they relate to your work as a driver. If you want to receive the gift card, please put a check on every row, whether something happened to you or not.

**We would like a response to all questions. If an event never happened, please check the "It did not happen to me" answer choice or you may click Exit to stop and exit the survey.**

	In the past two years . . .			Prefer not to answer
	It did not happen to me.	It happened once.	If it happened more than once, try to remember how many times	
Q13. Somebody called me a name I didn't like. But they didn't physically hurt me.				
Q14. Somebody said words that threatened to hurt me.				
Q15. Somebody vandalized my truck or cargo (Like painted it or broke something).				
Q16. Somebody pushed me or hit me or physically hurt me.				
Q17. Somebody threatened me with a weapon, like a gun or a knife or a wrench or a tire thumper.				
Q18. Somebody touched me or my clothes and I didn't want it.				
Q19. Somebody kept me in human trafficking or forced labor.				

Q20. We listed a few things that might have happened to you. Maybe you have faced some other form of threat or assault. Would you be willing to tell us about it? [\[allow one answer\]](#)

- Yes [Show Q21. Do not leave this page until the participant clicks Continue.]
- No [Skip to Q39.]
- Nothing happened to me [Skip to Q39]

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Q21. What happened? Please remember not to write anyone's name. Do not use a company's name. Use words like my supervisor, a dispatcher, my trainer, or a mechanic.

[Provide a space for 5000 characters of text.]

**If you don't want to answer a question, please choose "Prefer not to answer."**

[All of the remaining questions are optional; the participant may skip any of them. In most cases, if the participant does not answer a question, proceed to the next question. If an unanswered question is followed by an unconditional skip, take the skip. The instructions note some exceptions where the survey will skip to a different question if the participant chooses not to answer.]

In the next few questions, if something happened several times, please choose all of the answers that apply. Try to remember what happened in the past two years.

Q22. Where did it happen? (choose all that apply) [allow more than one answer]

- On my company's property
- At a place where I picked up or delivered
- At a truck stop
- At a fueling station
- At a public rest area
- At a weigh station or border crossing
- At an overnight parking location other than a truck stop or rest area
- While I was driving
- While I was riding in the truck and somebody else was driving
- Someplace else [a blank to fill in]
- Prefer not to answer

Q23. Where on the property was it? (choose all that apply) [allow more than one answer]

- In the parking lot
- Outdoors away from buildings
- Around the fuel pumps
- By the loading dock or in the warehouse
- In the restaurant or lobby or laundry
- In my truck
- In a truck I was being trained in
- In somebody else's truck
- In a meeting or training room
- In a break room or waiting area
- In the restroom or shower or locker room
- In the maintenance shop
- Someplace else [a blank to fill in]
- Prefer not to answer

Q24. Were/Are you aware of the place having a no harassment policy? [allow one answer]



- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Prefer not to answer

Q25. Do you know if the place has (choose all that apply) [allow more than one answer]

- Security cameras?
- Lighting?
- Alarm boxes?
- A guard stationed somewhere?
- Something else [a blank to fill in]
- Don't know
- Prefer not to answer

Q26. What type of area did it happen in? (choose all that apply) [allow more than one answer]

- Rural
- Urban
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

[The question about state is patterned after question 8 in the National Crime Victimization Survey NCVS-2 Crime Incident Report [https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/ncvs16\\_cir.pdf](https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/ncvs16_cir.pdf). The time of day follows the pattern of question 6 on that survey.]

Q27. Which state did this happen? (choose more than one state if it happened more than once) [have a dropdown box with 50 states, District of Columbia] [This question is not required to allow participants to only select 1 state from dropdown otherwise they have to select 4 as currently displayed in survey]

Prefer not to answer

Q28. About when did it happen? (Or when did it happen most often?)

Month [\[dropdown\]](#)

Day of the week [\[dropdown\]](#)

Time [\[dropdown like this\]](#)

**During the day**

after 6 a.m. - 12 noon

after 12 noon – 3 p.m.

after 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**At night**

after 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

after 9 p.m. - 12 midnight

after 12 midnight - 6 a.m.

OR

Don't know

Prefer not to answer

Q29. Before the event, did you have concerns something might happen? (choose all that apply) [\[allow more than one answer\]](#)

- No.
- Somebody told me they would get me.
- Somebody was following me around.
- There had been things happening all along.
- The whole place bothered me, but I had to go there for my job.
- Something else [\[a blank to fill in\]](#)
- Prefer not to answer

Q30. Think of all the people who have done this to you in the past two years. Who were they? (choose all that apply) [\[allow more than one answer\]](#)

- Another driver at my company
- Somebody who was training me
- A boss at my company
- Some other employee at my company
- Somebody at a customer's place
- A truck stop employee
- Some other driver
- Somebody else (give their job or relationship, not their name) [\[a blank to fill in\]](#)
- Don't know
- Prefer not to answer

[The questions about the perpetrator are based on the Supplemental Victimization Survey (SVS) to the National Crime Victimization Survey 2006 [https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/svs1\\_06.pdf](https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/svs1_06.pdf), questions 4 through 9. The questions about the perpetrator's demographics are not identical to those about the participant. The SVS does not ask ethnicity and offers fewer choices for race. Question 10 in the SVS is about the relationship of the perpetrator to the victim. That question appears in the same order here, but the choices are different.]

Q31. Before the event, did you already know this person? [allow one answer]

- Yes
- I recognized them but don't know their name.
- No
- Don't know
- Prefer not to answer

Q32. Does this person have a reputation or history of doing this? [allow one answer]

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Prefer not to answer

[The next series of questions is based on the Supplemental Victimization Survey (SVS) to the National Crime Victimization Survey 2006 [https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/svs1\\_06.pdf](https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/svs1_06.pdf).]

Q33. Did you report any of the attacks or the threats? [allow one answer]

- Yes
- No [Skip to Q38.]
- Prefer not to answer [If the participant chooses not to answer, skip to Q39., which is the open-ended question before the Normal Exit Page.]

Q34. Where did you report it? (choose all that apply) [allow more than one answer]

- To the police
- To my employer
- To the site manager
- To a social agency
- To a friend or coworker
- Other [blank to fill in]
- Prefer not to answer

Q35. Did anything happen after you reported it? [allow one answer]

- Yes
- No [Skip to Q39., which is the open-ended question before the Normal Exit Page.]
- Don't know [Skip to Q39., which is the open-ended question before the Normal Exit Page.]

- Prefer not to answer

Q36. Tell us briefly what happened after you reported it. Remember not to use any names.  
[blank to fill in]

Q37. How satisfied were you with the response? [allow one answer]

- Very dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Satisfied
- Very satisfied

[Skip to Q39., which is the open-ended question before the Normal Exit Page.]

Q38. Why not? (choose all that apply) [allow more than one answer]

- I didn't know where to report it.
- I thought I would lose my job.
- I wanted to but never got around to it.
- It's too embarrassing to talk about.
- I did not think that it would make a difference.
- That's the way it is. I have to deal with it.
- Other (Please do not tell us a person's name or a company name.) [a blank to fill in]

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[These are the final questions. A participant can arrive here by completing the survey, or by answering Q13. through Q20. but not giving an answer that required follow-up.]

Q39. Is there anything we missed, or anything you'd like to share? Do you have a recommendation to make things better? Feel free to say what's on your mind, but please don't write any names. Use words like my supervisor, a dispatcher, my trainer, or a mechanic. [open-ended text box]

Q40. Could you please tell us how you heard about this survey?

- Invitation by email or social media posting from Women In Trucking Association
- Invitation by email or social media posting from the National Transportation Consultants
- Invitation by flyer at a truck stop
- Colleague or co-worker
- Other (please specify)

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[This is the Normal Exit Page. This page is for participants who were eligible (as determined by Q1. through Q7.) and answered the basic questions about their experiences (Q13. through Q20.). The two other exit pages are for participants who begin the survey but are ineligible to take the survey or choose not to complete the required questions.]

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions. We understand it may have been difficult for you. Your answers will help us better understand the situation. We believe that you sharing your experiences will help us think of ways to make a safer environment for all drivers.

[We plan to list several places people can go if they need help dealing with their situation in one way or another. The organizations here are only examples as placeholders.]

If you would like help dealing with any of these matters, here are some places to contact:

- RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) Trained support specialists provide support, information, advice, or a referral by telephone or an online chat.  
<https://www.rainn.org/> 800-656-4673
- EEOC (United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission)  
<https://www.eeoc.gov/employees/howtofile.cfm> You can file a charge of employment discrimination on the basis of race, sex, or other reasons. You can call 1-800-669-4000 to discuss your situation.

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[Exit Page A. End of Survey

Participants reach this page if they have taken the survey before (Q12.)]

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[Display the same list of places to go for help.]

Clicking Continue will go to:

Thank you for participating in the survey!

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[Exit Page B. Survey Group Complete

This is the page for people who begin the survey but do not meet the selection criteria. Participants reach this page because one of their answers to the screening questions on profession or demographics excluded them (Q1. through Q7.). They come to this page as soon as we learn they are ineligible.]

Thank you for taking time to visit. We have enough responses from people in your group.

If you have questions, please contact Lana Nichols from the Women in Trucking Association at 208-217-2147 or [lane@womenintrucking.org](mailto:lane@womenintrucking.org) [The contact is from the Women in Trucking office.]

[Display the same list of places to go for help.]

You may close the window or click **Exit** to exit the survey.

Clicking Continue will go to:

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