

The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS)

(OMB no. 0920-0822 exp. date 5/31/2026)

Proposed Changes: Justification and Overview

10/19/2023

Justification

This document requests approval of non-substantive changes to the currently approved information collection, The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) (OMB no. 0920-0822). The request is to update the SSA document about the project's confidentiality procedures. Also, we want to take this opportunity to correct the SSA version present on [Reginfo](#) ([SSA_0822_NISVS_2.16.23.docx](#)). This is an incorrect version lacking OMB's review.

Project Description

The NISVS project began official data collection in September 2023. We recently discovered an error in the SSA which states that the project has a certificate of confidentiality. This is incorrect, as the project is designated as surveillance, so a certificate of confidentiality is not applicable. We request to make the correction and describe the confidentiality procedures taken by the data collection contractor. We are also providing this correct SSA version incorporating OMB requested review (see clean SSA attached).

Proposed Changes

- Remove paragraph on of the SSA pertaining to the contract being covered by a Certificate of Confidentiality Add information about how information will be protected by the data collection contractor and the treatment personally identifiable information (see tracked changes in SSA).
 - o The current sentence on the SAA:
The PII will be destroyed at the conclusion of the contract.
The contract will be covered by a Certificate of Confidentiality from the CDC. The Certificate indicates that contractor employees working on the NISVS contract cannot disclose information or documents pertaining to NISVS to anyone else who is not connected with the project. It may not be disclosed in any federal, state, or local civil, criminal, administrative, legislative, or other action, suit, or proceeding. The only exception is if there is a federal, state, or local law that requires disclosure (such as to report child abuse or communicable diseases) or if a respondent indicates plans to harm him- or herself or others.
 - o Will be replaced with:
The PII will be destroyed at the conclusion of the contract and never sent to CDC. To protect confidentiality of responses, the contractor (RTI) will use reasonable safeguards to protect the data. Only in extraordinary circumstance, such as those

required by law, will information be disclosed to an authorized agency. Otherwise, information provided by participants will not be intentionally disclosed to anyone outside of the contractor's project team. Additionally, CDC will not have access to PII, nor will survey responses directly link back to a respondent's personal information.

Change to Burden and/or Cost

This non-substantive change request does not include changes to the currently approved burden and/or costs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.