

Attachment B. Consent form



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PURPOSE

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is conducting a short study, with assistance from the U.S. Census Bureau, to improve survey questions on the Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV). If you agree to participate, you will provide feedback on a short set of questions. The purpose of this study is to test modifications to the questions and definitions included in the SSV. Your responses and feedback will help improve the quality of the SSV survey form.

The Survey of Sexual Victimization, in part, fulfills BJS's mandates under the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA, P.L., 108-79). The SSV collects information about the allegations and substantiated incidents of sexual victimization in adult correctional and juvenile justice facilities.

AUTHORITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

BJS is authorized by law to conduct this survey under Title 34 U.S.C. Section 10132. BJS awarded funds through an Interagency Agreement to the U.S. Census Bureau to operate as BJS's data collection agent and administer the SSV survey. BJS and the Census Bureau are both required by law to protect the privacy and confidentiality of the data you provide (Title 34 U.S.C. Section 10231 and 28 C.F.R. Part 22).

BJS and the Census Bureau can use your responses only for statistical and research purposes and are not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify you, your business, organization, or institution. Additionally, 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 study has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This eight-digit OMB number, 1121-0292, confirms this approval and expires on 02/28/2024. Without this approval, we could not conduct this study.

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION

Your participation is completely voluntary. There is no penalty if you choose to not participate.

BURDEN ESTIMATE

We estimate that completing this interview will take no more than 15 minutes.

QUESTIONS

For comments regarding the burden estimate, contact econ.content@census.gov.

For questions about the SSV survey or interview procedures, contact Greta Clark at 800-253-2078 or Greta.B.Clark@census.gov.

For general questions about the SSV program, contact Emily Buehler at 202-598-1036 or Emily.buehler@usdoj.gov.

CONSENT FORM

Please Check the appropriate options below to indicate your consent.

- I have read the above, understand that my participation is voluntary, and I agree to participate.
- I do not agree to participate in the study.

Signature of Research Participant

Date

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