

### 1 Sample Description

The National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), formerly National Crime Survey (NCS), is a nationally representative survey that collects data on both personal and household victimization. Its primary focus is to develop information concerning victims and the consequences of crime, estimate crime not reported to the police, provide uniform measures of selected types of crime, and allow for comparisons over time and types of areas. Information on both personal and property crime are collected. Screening questions are asked prior to the interview to screen for victimization within the last six-months, and the household respondent is also asked questions concerning crime against the household as a whole. Collected since 1973, the NCVS asks questions pertaining to type of crime, time, month, location, relationship to offender, property lost, if the crime was reported to the police, reasons for not reporting the crime, and offender use of weapons, drugs, and alcohol. Basic demographic characteristics are also collected. (Summary provided--in part--by the United States Department of Justice via ICPSR).

### 2 Project Website

<http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.cfm?ty=dcdetail&iid=245>

### 3 Years Covered

1973-2010

### 4 Longitudinal

No

### 5 Publicly Available

Yes, public data are available from a variety of sources.

[Bureau of Justice and Statistics](#)

[ICPSR](#)

### 6 Restricted Access Data Available

No - Data is publically available at no cost.

### 7 Web-Accessible Analysis

Yes, there is an option for limited on-line analysis of NCVS 1992-2005 data:

[NACJD](#)

### 8 FAQ Page

<http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.cfm?ty=qatp&tid=9>

### 9 Data Specific Bibliography

There is a Library site where users can view NCVS papers and reports conducted by the BJS.

[Bureau of Justice Statistics](#)

There is also a searchable bibliography of data-related literature available via ICPSR at:

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/citations/index.jsp>

### 10 Data Citation (ICPSR)

United States Department of Justice. Office of Justice Programs. Bureau of Justice Statistics. National Crime Victimization Survey, 2010 [Computer file]. ICPSR31202-v1. Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2011-09-22. doi:10.3886/ICPSR31202.v1

### 11 List Serv/User Group/Help Line

There is further information concerning terms/definitions available at:

[http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.cfm?ty=tp&tid=9#terms\\_def](http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.cfm?ty=tp&tid=9#terms_def)

You can also submit a question to BJS:

<http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.cfm?ty=contactus>

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Retrieved from

<http://ncfmr.bgsu.edu/pdf/measuressnapshot/NCVS/file104019.df>

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