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National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) Knowledge Corner:

Survey Instruments

America's principal source for criminal justice statistics

Survey Documents

- NCVS 500 Control Card
- NCVS-1 Basic Screen Questionnaire
- NCVS-2 Crime Incident Report (CIR)

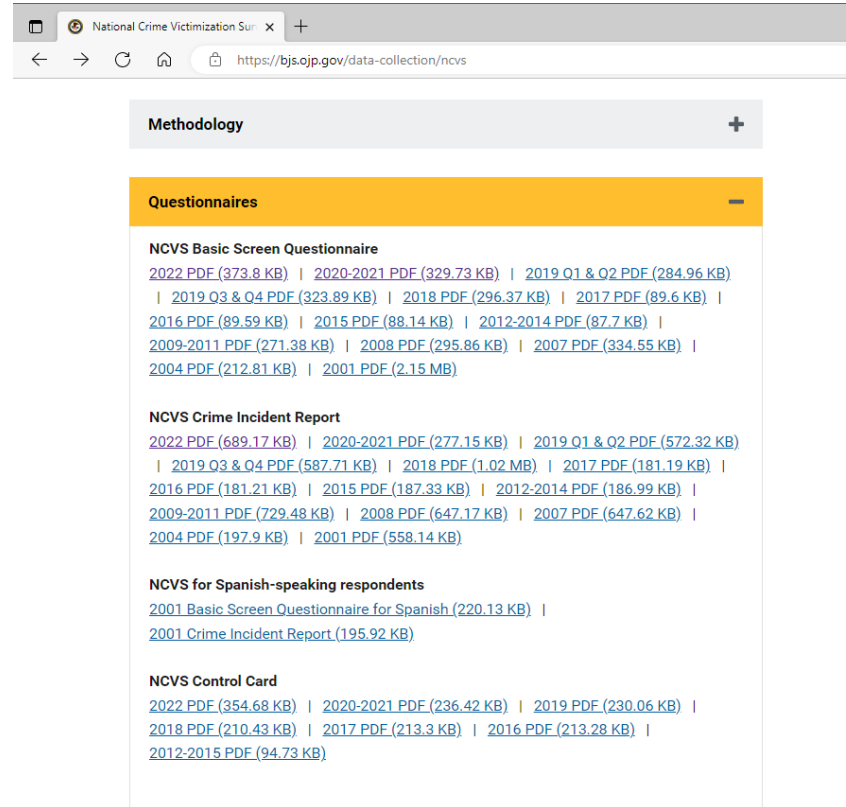


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Survey Documents

Located at:

<https://bjs.ojp.gov/data-collection/ncvs>



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <https://bjs.ojp.gov/data-collection/ncvs>. The page has a grey header with the title "National Crime Victimization Survey" and a plus icon. Below the header, there is a "Methodology" section with a plus icon. Underneath, there is a yellow "Questionnaires" section with a minus icon. The "Questionnaires" section contains three sub-sections: "NCVS Basic Screen Questionnaire", "NCVS Crime Incident Report", and "NCVS for Spanish-speaking respondents". Each sub-section lists various PDF documents with their file sizes and years. For example, under "NCVS Basic Screen Questionnaire", there are links for 2022 PDF (373.8 KB), 2020-2021 PDF (329.73 KB), 2019 Q1 & Q2 PDF (284.96 KB), 2019 Q3 & Q4 PDF (323.89 KB), 2018 PDF (296.37 KB), 2017 PDF (89.6 KB), 2016 PDF (89.59 KB), 2015 PDF (88.14 KB), 2012-2014 PDF (87.7 KB), 2009-2011 PDF (271.38 KB), 2008 PDF (295.86 KB), 2007 PDF (334.55 KB), 2004 PDF (212.81 KB), and 2001 PDF (2.15 MB). The "NCVS Crime Incident Report" section lists links for 2022 PDF (689.17 KB), 2020-2021 PDF (277.15 KB), 2019 Q1 & Q2 PDF (572.32 KB), 2019 Q3 & Q4 PDF (587.71 KB), 2018 PDF (1.02 MB), 2017 PDF (181.19 KB), 2016 PDF (181.21 KB), 2015 PDF (187.33 KB), 2012-2014 PDF (186.99 KB), 2009-2011 PDF (729.48 KB), 2008 PDF (647.17 KB), 2007 PDF (647.62 KB), 2004 PDF (197.9 KB), and 2001 PDF (558.14 KB). The "NCVS for Spanish-speaking respondents" section lists links for 2001 Basic Screen Questionnaire for Spanish (220.13 KB) and 2001 Crime Incident Report (195.92 KB). The "NCVS Control Card" section lists links for 2022 PDF (354.68 KB), 2020-2021 PDF (236.42 KB), 2019 PDF (230.06 KB), 2018 PDF (210.43 KB), 2017 PDF (213.3 KB), 2016 PDF (213.28 KB), and 2012-2015 PDF (94.73 KB).

Methodology

Questionnaires

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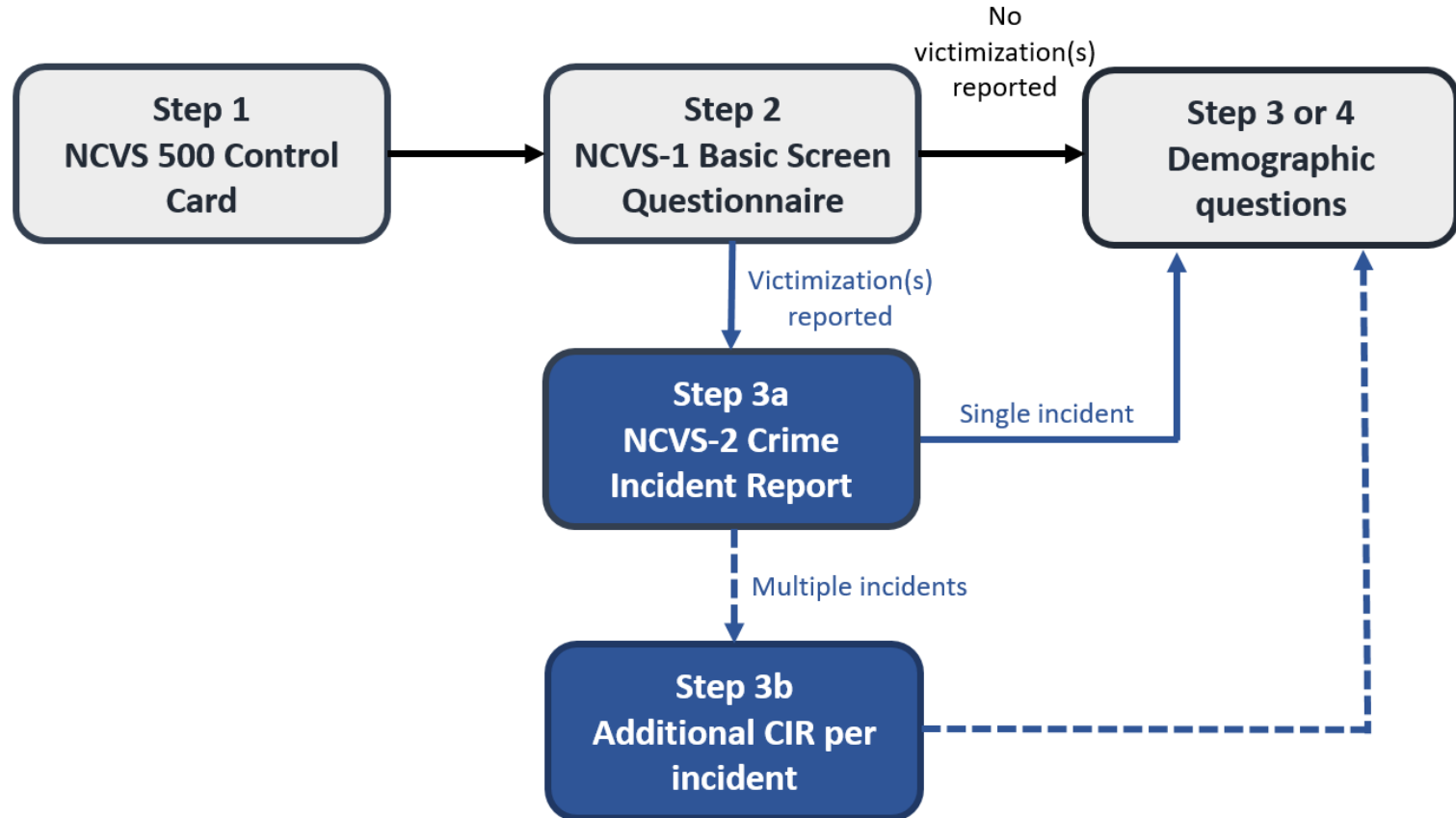


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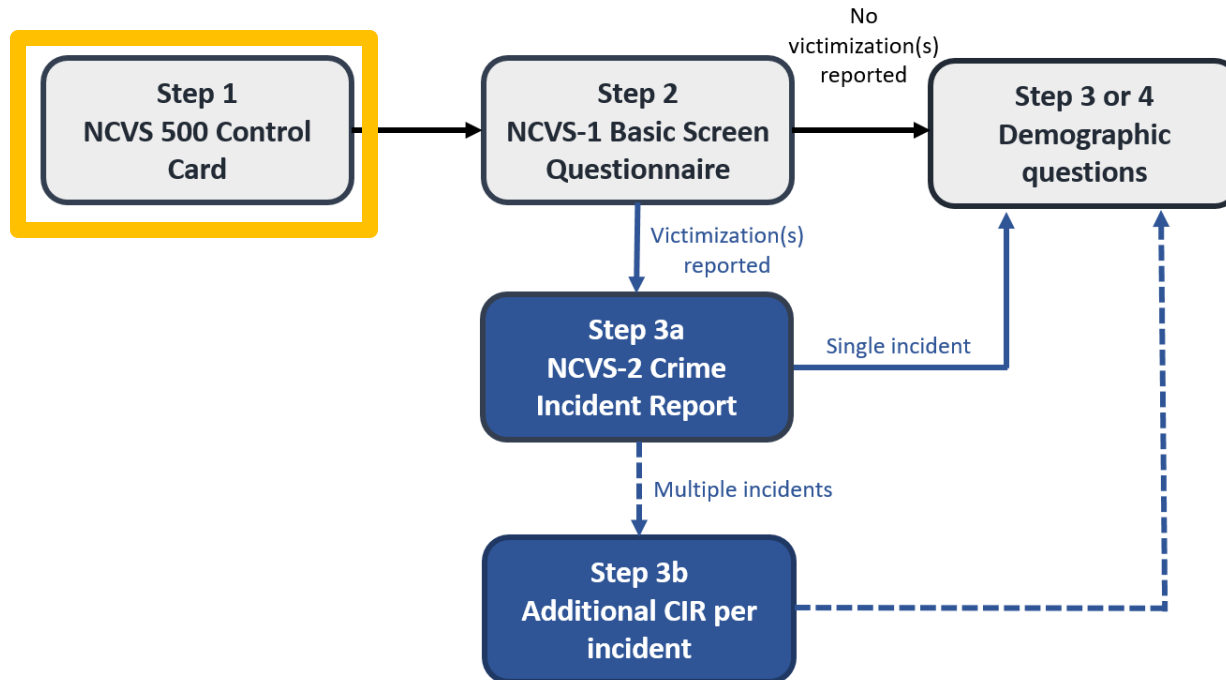
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NCVS-500 Control Card



NCVS 500 Control Card

Serves as the
household roster
and record of all
contacts ,
interviews, and
noninterviews

Begin Initial Roster Loop

Appears when a household roster is being first established.
(Repeat for each household member)

HHROSTER_FNAME

[Appears during 1st Enumeration Period, or when empty]

What are the names of all people living or staying here?

Start with the person or one of the people who **[owns/rents]** this home.

- ♦ Enter first name on this screen.
- ♦ To change a non-member already listed on this roster to a member use the up/down arrow to go to MEMBERCHANGES and enter the reason why this person is now a member.
- ♦ Enter 999 to leave the table.

HHROSTER_LNAME

[Appears during 1st Enumeration Period, or when empty]

What are the names of all people living or staying here?

Start with the name of the person or one of the people who **[owns/rents]** this home.

- ♦ Enter last name on this screen.

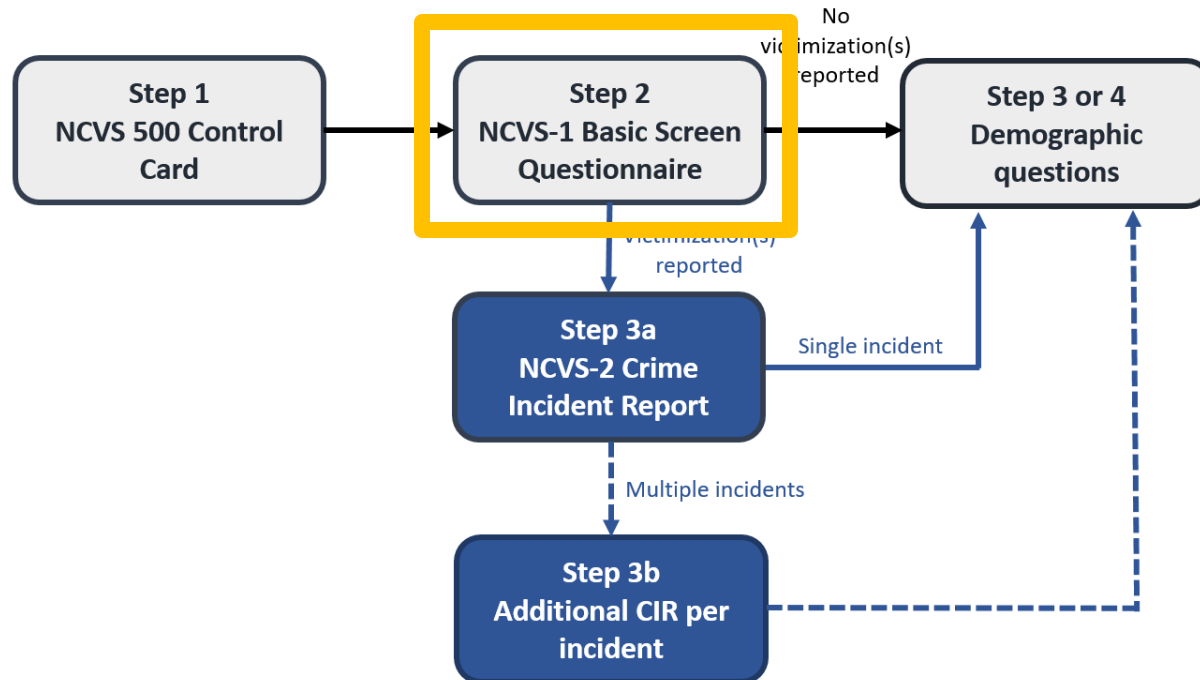
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NCVS-1 Basic Screen Questionnaire



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NCVS-1 BASIC SCREEN QUESTIONNAIRE

NOTE: Questions are listed in the order asked. Skips in question numbering are due to questionnaire changes over time.

MOBILITY QUESTIONS

33a. TIMEATADDRESS

Before we get to the crime questions, I have some questions that are helpful in studying where and why crimes occur.

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_____ Years (Round to nearest whole year)

Ask or verify -

How long have you lived at this address?

(Enter 0 if less than 1 year.)

If = 0 ASK 33b
If = DK or RF SKIP to 33c
Else SKIP to 33d

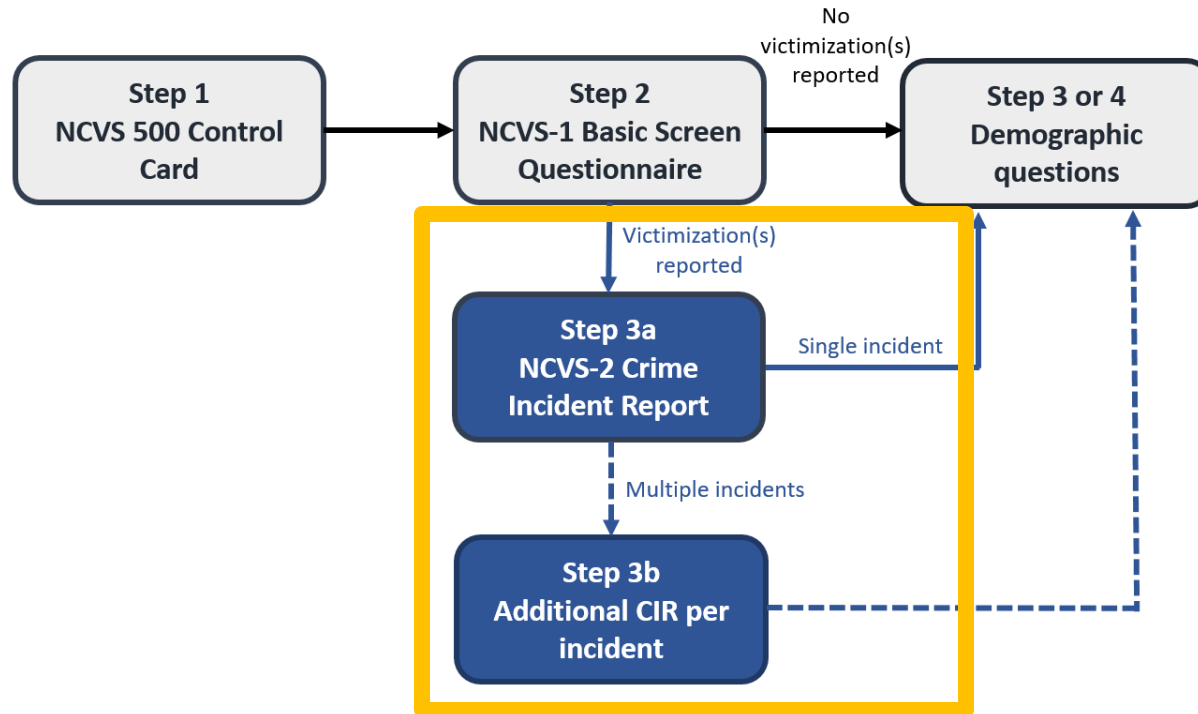
Determines whether **any crimes were committed** , but **does not** produce crime estimates



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NCVS-2 Crime Incident Report(s)



NCVS-2 Crime Incident Report

Gathers detailed information on characteristics of **each** crime reported in the basic screen questionnaire

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NCVS-2 CRIME INCIDENT REPORT

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2a. INCIDENTINTRO

You said that during the last 6 months :

(description of the crime reported in the screen question.)



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Questions?

- See the [NCVS page on the BJS website](#) for all survey instruments
 - See the [NCVS, 2016: Technical Documentation](#) for more information about the methodology and instrumentation
- Email AskBJS@usdoj.gov with questions – emails are forwarded to BJS statisticians with topical expertise
- Access [NCVS public-use data files](#) at the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD) at the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
 - See the annual codebooks for more information