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# Analyzing Data from the National Crime Victimization Survey: A Workshop for Data Users

## What is the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS)?

The NCVS is a rich source of data on the nature of and victim response to crimes reported and not reported to police. The data files include nearly 1,000 variables on the characteristics of victims and incidents of—

- violent crime (defined as rape or sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault)

- property crime (which includes burglary/trespassing, motor vehicle theft, and theft).

Additional data files from the routine supplements to the NCVS allow for examination of criminal justice issues beyond the traditional violent and property crimes measured by the core survey, including—

- identity theft

- stalking

- school crime

- personal financial fraud

- contacts between the public and the police.

## What will I learn in the workshop?

The NCVS relies on a complicated survey instrument and complex sample design. The multiple data files and different sets of survey weights can initially be challenging to use. This workshop will introduce data users to the types of information available through the NCVS, offer an overview of the survey structure and sample design, and provide hands-on training to assist in properly analyzing the NCVS public-use data.

Using SPSS, participants will learn how to replicate key estimates from the annual *Criminal Victimization* bulletin and available through the NCVS Dashboard (N-DASH). The workshop will provide information on analyzing the available NCVS supplement data files and highlight various research questions the data can address.

## When is the workshop?

This workshop will be held 1–5 p.m., Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis, 780 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94103, as a part of the 2024 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting.

## Who will lead the workshop?

Statisticians from the BJS Victimization Statistics Unit will lead the workshop.

## How can I attend?

Space is limited, and registration is required. Please send your name, affiliation, and email address to NCVS_ASCregistration@usdoj.gov.

## Do I need to bring anything?

Participants should bring a laptop with SPSS and/or SAS.

## How can I find out more?

Email NCVS_ASCregistration@usdoj.gov with "NCVS ASC Workshop Questions" in the subject line, or call (202) 307-0765.