

NATIONAL DATA SETS ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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Uniform Crime Reporting System (UCRS)	National Violence Against Women Survey (NVAW)	National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS)	National Family Violence Survey (NFVS)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) [Dept. of Justice]	National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [Both are part of Dept of Justice]	Bureau of Justice Statistics [Dept. of Justice]	Academic research project coordinated by R. Gelles, Ph.D. and M. Straus, PhD, Family Research Laboratory, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH
1929 - ongoing	Survey conducted from November 1995 to May 1996 * one time funded survey	Initiated in 1972 & redesigned in 1992; data is obtained during 6-month intervals during a collection year	Survey was first conducted in 1975 and repeated in 1985
Voluntary reports submitted by local law enforcement	Telephone interviews regarding personal experiences	Telephone interviews on the impact, frequency, and consequences of criminal victimization in the United States and reports to law enforcement	1975 - Face-to-face interviews regarding personal experiences 1985 – Telephone interviews regarding personal experiences
Uniform Crime Report Form - same reporting form used 1981-1998	Survey form	Survey form	1975 & 1985 – Conflict Tactic Scale
Entire U.S. Population; during 1999, law enforcement agencies active in the UCR Program represented 260 million people (95% of total population)	8,000 women and 8,000 men who owned telephones	A nationally representative sample of roughly 50,000 households, representing nearly 100,000 persons	1975 – 2,143 households 1985 – 4,032 households with telephones
All ages	Individual adults 18 years and older	Households with persons 12 yrs of age or older	Households with individuals 18 – 70 yrs of age
Relationship types are spouses, ex-spouses; common-law spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend, and same sex relationships. Ex-boyfriends & Ex-girlfriends are NOT included.	Relationships could be heterosexual or homosexual	Relationships could be heterosexual or homosexual	A male & female at least 18 years old who were married or co-habiting; no homosexual relationships. Households could also consist of one adult 18 years of age or older who was either divorced or separated within the last two years or a single parent living with a child under the age of 18.
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<p>Crime Categories = homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson</p>	<p>“Physical assault” = behaviors that threaten, attempt, or actually inflict physical harm. The definition includes a wide range of behaviors, from slapping, pushing, and shoving to using a gun.</p> <p>Survey generated information on both the prevalence and incidence of intimate partner violence</p> <p>“Prevalence” refers to the percentage of persons within a demographic group (e.g., female or male) who are victimized during a specific period, such as the person’s lifetime or the previous 12 months.</p> <p>“Incidence” refers to the number of separate victimizations or incidents of violence committed against persons within a demographic group during a specific period.</p>	<p>Crime categories in the 1985 redesigned survey = rape, sexual assault, personal robbery, aggravated and simple assault, household burglary, theft, and motor vehicle theft; it does not measure homicides</p> <p>Data Categories = Victim age, sex, race, ethnicity, marital status, income and educational level; Offender sex, race, approx. age, and victim-offender relationship; crime time & place; use of weapons; nature of injury; economic consequences; victims’ experiences with criminal justice system, self-protective measures used by victim; and substance abuse by offenders.</p> <p>Interesting Item to Note = This is the only national forum for victims to describe the consequences of crime and the characteristics of violent offenders.</p>	
<p>[Federal Bureau of Investigation (2000). <i>Crime in the United States 1999</i>. Section VII – Appendix III Uniform Crime Reporting Area Definitions, p. 405. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation. ISBN 0-16-048756-0.]</p>	<p>[Tjaden, P. & Thoennes, N. (July 2000). <i>Extent, nature, and consequences of intimate partner violence – findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey</i>. (Publication #NCJ181867). National Institute of Justice and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Washington, DC: Office of Justice Programs.]</p>	<p>[Henneberg, M. (August 2000). <i>Bureau of Justice Statistics 2000: At a glance</i>. (Publication #NCJ183014). Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics.]</p>	<p>[Straus, M. & Gelles, R. (1990). <i>Physical violence in American families – risk factors and adaptations to violence in 8,145 families</i>. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers.]</p>