

FORM **SSV-5**
(6-7-2022)**SURVEY OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION, 2021**
State Juvenile Systems
Summary FormU.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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What facilities are included in this data collection?

All State-operated juvenile residential placement facilities used to house juveniles and youthful offenders, regardless of age or reason for placement.

- INCLUDE State-operated juvenile residential facilities such as: detention centers, training schools, long-term secure facilities; reception or diagnostic centers; group homes or halfway houses; boot camps; ranches; forestry camps, wilderness or marine programs, or farms; runaway or homeless shelters; and residential treatment centers for juveniles.
- **EXCLUDE privately operated facilities and facilities operated or administered by local governments. (These facilities will be contacted directly for data on sexual victimization.)**

What persons and incidents are included in this data collection?

Juveniles and youthful offenders, regardless of age or reason for placement, under your custody between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021.

- INCLUDE incidents involving juveniles or youthful offenders under the authority, custody, or care of your confinement or community-based facilities or staff.
- **EXCLUDE incidents involving juveniles or youthful offenders not held in facilities operated by your State juvenile system.**

Reporting instructions:

- Please complete the entire SSV-5 Form.
- If the answer to a question is "not available" or "unknown," write "DK" (do not know) in the space provided.
- If the answer to a question is "not applicable," write "NA" in the space provided.
- Section I: when exact numeric answers are not available, provide estimates and mark (X) the box beside each figure.
- Sections II, III, and V: if the answer to a question is "none" or "zero," write "0" or mark the box (X) provided.

Substantiated incidents of sexual violence:

- Please complete an Incident Form (Juvenile, SSV-IJ) for each substantiated incident of sexual victimization.

Returning forms:

- If you need assistance, please call the **U.S. Census Bureau** toll-free at **1-800-253-2078** or email **greta.b.clark@census.gov**
- **Please return your completed summary and substantiated incident forms by December 1, 2022.**
- **You may complete these forms online at: <https://ssv.census.gov/>**
- **MAIL TO:** U.S. Census Bureau, P.O. Box 5000, Jeffersonville, IN 47199-5000
- **FAX (TOLL FREE): 1-888-262-3974**

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DEFINITIONS

The survey utilizes the definition of "sexual abuse" as provided by 28 C.F.R. §115.6 in the *National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape* (under the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003). Attempted nonconsensual sexual acts are included if recorded by the facility. For purposes of SSV, sexual abuse is disaggregated into three categories of youth-on-youth sexual victimization. These categories are:

NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS

Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse;

AND

- Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;

OR

- Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;

OR

- Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument.

ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT

Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse;

AND

- Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person.
- EXCLUDE incidents in which the contact was incidental to a physical altercation.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one youth directed toward another.

5. Does your State juvenile system record allegations of youth-on-youth NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS?

01 Yes → a. Do you record all reported occurrences, or only substantiated ones?

- 01 All
- 02 Substantiated only

b. Do you record attempted NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS or only completed ones?

- 01 Both attempted and completed
- 02 Completed only

02 No → Please provide the definition used by your State juvenile system for youth-on-youth NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS in the space below. Use that definition to complete Items 6 and 7.

6. Between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, how many allegations of youth-on-youth NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS were reported?

Number reported 2 None

- If an allegation involved multiple victimizations, count only once.
- Exclude any allegations that were reported as consensual.

7. Of the allegations reported in Item 6, how many were (Please contact the agency or office responsible for investigating allegations of sexual victimization in order to fully complete this form.)

a. Substantiated 1 None

- The event was investigated and determined to have occurred, based on a preponderance of the evidence (28 C.F.R. §115.72).

b. Unsubstantiated 0 None

- The investigation concluded that evidence was insufficient to determine whether or not the event occurred.

c. Unfounded 1 None

- The investigation determined that the event did NOT occur.

d. Investigation ongoing 0 None

Evidence is still being gathered, processed or evaluated, and a final determination has not yet been made.

e. TOTAL (Sum of Items 7a through 7d) 2 None

- The total should equal the number reported in Item 6.

DEFINITIONS

The survey utilizes the definition of "sexual abuse" by a staff member, contractor or volunteer as provided by 28 C.F.R. §115.6 in the *National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape* (under the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003). For purposes of SSV, sexual abuse is disaggregated into two categories of staff-on-youth sexual abuse. These categories are:

STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward a youth by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor or other agency representative (exclude family, friend or other visitors).

Sexual relationships of a romantic nature between staff and youths are included in this definition. Consensual or nonconsensual sexual acts include—

- Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks that is unrelated to official duties or with the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;

OR

- Completed, attempted, threatened, or requested sexual acts;

OR

- Occurrences of indecent exposure, invasion of privacy, or staff voyeurism for reasons unrelated to official duties or for sexual gratification.

STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to a youth by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative (exclude family, friends, or other visitors). Include—

- Demeaning references to gender; or sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing;

OR

- Repeated profane or obscene language or gestures.

14. Does your State juvenile system record allegations of STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT?

Yes → **Do you record all reported occurrences, or only substantiated ones?**

All

Substantiated only

No → *Please provide an explanation in the space below and then skip to Item 17.*

15. Between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, how many allegations of STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT were reported?

Number reported 4 None

- If an allegation involved multiple victimizations, count only once.

16. Of the allegations reported in Item 15, how many were *(Please contact the agency or office responsible for investigating allegations of sexual victimization in order to fully complete this form.)*

a. Substantiated 1 None

b. Unsubstantiated 3 None

c. Unfounded 0 None

d. Investigation ongoing 0 None

e. TOTAL (Sum of Items 16a through 16d) 4 None

- The total should equal the number reported in Item 15.