

FORM **SSV-3**
(6-7-2022)**SURVEY OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION, 2021**
Local Jail Jurisdictions
Summary FormU.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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*(Please correct any error in name, mailing address, and ZIP Code)***What facilities are included in this data collection?**

All confinement facilities usually operated by a local law enforcement agency that are intended for adults but sometimes hold juveniles.

- INCLUDE all jails and city/county correctional centers that hold inmates beyond arraignment. Report on ALL inmates, including those held in separate holding or lockup areas within your facility.
- INCLUDE multi-jurisdictional facilities (e.g., regional jails).
- INCLUDE special jail facilities (e.g., medical/treatment/release centers, halfway houses, and work farms).
- **EXCLUDE privately-operated jails. (These facilities will be contacted directly for data on sexual victimization.)**

What inmates and incidents are included in this data collection?

Inmates under your custody between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021.

- INCLUDE incidents involving inmates under the authority, custody, or care of your confinement or community-based facilities or staff.
- **EXCLUDE inmates held in other jurisdictions.**

Reporting instructions:

- Please complete the entire SSV-3 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 IV: 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 (Adult, SSV-IA) for each substantiated incident of sexual victimization.

Returning forms:

- If you need assistance, please call **Greta Clark** at the **U.S. Census Bureau** toll-free at **1-888-369-3613, option 2**, or e-mail **govs.ssv@census.gov**
- **Please return your completed summary and substantiated incident forms by November 12, 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**

Burden Statement

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3. Does your local jail jurisdiction record allegations of inmate-on-inmate NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS? (See definitions on page 2.)

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 local jail jurisdiction for inmate-on-inmate NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS in the space below. Use that definition to complete Items 4 and 5.

4. Between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, how many allegations of inmate-on-inmate 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.

5. Of the allegations reported in Item 4, 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 0 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 1 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 5a through 5d) 2 None

- The total should equal the number reported in Item 4.

6. Does your local jail jurisdiction record allegations of inmate-on-inmate ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT? (See definitions on page 2.)

01 Yes → **Can these be counted separately from allegations of NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS?**

- 01 Yes
- 02 No → Skip to Item 9.

02 No → Please provide an explanation in the space below and then skip to Item 9.

7. Between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, how many allegations of inmate-on-inmate ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT were reported?

Number reported _____ None

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

8. Of the allegations reported in Item 7, 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 _____ None

b. Unsubstantiated _____ None

c. Unfounded _____ None

d. Investigation ongoing _____ None

e. TOTAL (Sum of Items 8a through 8d) _____ None

- The total should equal the number reported in Item 7.

12. Does your local jail jurisdiction record allegations of STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT?
(See definitions on page 4.)

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

01 All

02 Substantiated only

02 No → Please provide an explanation in the space below and then skip to Item 15.

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

Number reported 2 None

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

14. Of the allegations reported in Item 13, 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 0 None

b. Unsubstantiated 1 None

c. Unfounded 1 None

d. Investigation ongoing 0 None

e. TOTAL (Sum of Items 14a through 14d) 2 None

- The total should equal the number reported in Item 13.

15. Does your local jail jurisdiction record allegations of STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT?
(See definitions on page 4.)

01 Yes → **Can these allegations be counted separately from allegations of STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT?**

01 Yes

02 No → Skip to Item 18.

02 No → Please provide an explanation in the space below and then skip to Item 18.

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

Number reported 1 None

- If an allegation involved multiple victims or staff, count only once.

17. Of the allegations reported in Item 16, 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 0 None

b. Unsubstantiated 1 None

c. Unfounded 0 None

d. Investigation ongoing 0 None

e. TOTAL (Sum of Items 17a through 17d) 1 None

- The number should equal the number reported in Item 16.