

National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS)

2011 Victimization Questions

Intimate Partner Violence

Intro: The next questions ask about experiences you may have had with your romantic or sexual partners. When I ask about your romantic or sexual partners, I want you to think about anybody you have been involved with romantically or sexually, which might include spouses, boyfriends, girlfriends, people you have dated, people you were seeing, or people you hooked up with.

<p>Expressive Aggression How many of your romantic or sexual partners have ever...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acted very angry towards you in a way that seemed dangerous? • told you that you were a loser, a failure, or not good enough? • called you names like ugly, fat, crazy, or stupid? • insulted, humiliated, or made fun of you in front of others? • told you that no one else would want you?
<p>Coercive Control How many of your romantic or sexual partners have ever...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tried to keep you from seeing or talking to your family or friends? • made decisions for you that should have been yours to make, such as the clothes you wear, things you eat, or the friends you have? • kept track of you by demanding to know where you were and what you were doing? • made threats to physically harm you? • threatened to hurt him or herself or commit suicide when he or she was upset with you? • threatened to hurt a pet or threatened to take a pet away from you? • threatened to hurt someone you love? • hurt someone you love? • {if applicable} threatened to take your children away from you? • kept you from leaving the house when you wanted to go? • kept you from having money for your own use? • destroyed something that was important to you? • said things like “If I can’t have you, then no one can”?
<p>Control of Reproductive or Sexual Health How many of your romantic or sexual partners have ever...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • {if female: tried to get you pregnant when you did not want to become pregnant; if male: tried to get pregnant when you did not want them to get pregnant} or tried to stop you from using birth control? • refused to use a condom when you wanted them to use one?

¹Denotes a change in question wording compared to the 2010 NISVS survey.

<p>Physical Violence How many of your romantic or sexual partners have ever...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • slapped you? • pushed or shoved you? • hit you with a fist or something hard? • kicked you? • hurt you by pulling your hair? • slammed you against something? • tried to hurt you by choking or suffocating you? • beaten you? • burned you on purpose? • used a knife or gun on you?
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Stalking

Intro: I’m going to ask you some detailed questions about times when you may have been contacted, followed or harassed. When answering, please think about anyone who may have done these things to you, including romantic or sexual partners, other people you knew, or strangers. Please do not include bill collectors, telephone solicitors, or other sales people.

<p>How many people have ever...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • watched or followed you from a distance, or spied on you with a listening device, camera, or GPS [global positioning system]? • approached you or showed up in places, such as your home, workplace, or school when you didn’t want them to be there? • left strange or potentially threatening items for you to find? • sneaked into your home or car and did things to scare you by letting you know they had been there? • left you unwanted messages? This includes text or voice messages.¹ • made unwanted phone calls to you? This includes hang-up calls.¹ • sent you unwanted emails, instant messages, or sent messages through websites like MySpace or Facebook? • left you cards, letters, flowers, or presents when they knew you didn’t want them to?
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Sexual Violence

Intro: Women and men may experience unwanted and uninvited sexual situations by strangers or people they know well, such as a romantic or sexual partner, friend, teacher, coworker, supervisor, or family member. Your answers will help us learn how often these things happen. Some of the language we use is explicit, but it is important that I ask the questions this way so that you are clear about what I mean. The questions we ask are detailed and some people may find them upsetting. The information you are providing will be kept private. You can skip questions you don't want to answer and you can stop at any time.

I'm going to ask you about different types of unwanted sexual situations. In general, these are: unwanted sexual situations that did NOT involve touching and situations that DID involve touching. I will also ask you about situations in which you were unable to provide consent to sex because of alcohol or drugs, and about your experiences with unwanted sex that happened when someone used physical force or verbal pressure.

<p>How many people have ever...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exposed their sexual body parts to you, flashed you, or masturbated in front of you? • made you show your sexual body parts to them when you didn't want it to happen?¹ • made you look at or participate in sexual photos or movies? • verbally harassed you while you were in a public place in a way that made you feel unsafe?¹ • kissed you in a sexual way when you didn't want it to happen?¹ • fondled, groped, grabbed, or touched you in a way that made you feel unsafe?¹
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Intro: Sometimes sex happens when a person is unable to consent to it or stop it from happening because they were drunk, high, drugged, or passed out from alcohol, drugs, or medications. This can include times when they voluntarily consumed alcohol or drugs or they were given drugs or alcohol without their knowledge or consent. Please remember that even if someone uses alcohol or drugs, what happens to them is not their fault.

<p>When you were drunk, high, drugged, or passed out and unable to consent, how many people have ever ...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • had vaginal sex with you? By vaginal sex, we mean that {if female: a man or boy put his penis in your vagina} {if male: a woman or girl made you put your penis in her vagina}. • {if male} made you perform anal sex, meaning they made you put your penis into their anus? • made you receive anal sex, meaning they put their penis into your anus? • put their mouth on your {if male: penis} {if female: vagina}?¹ • put their mouth on your anus?¹ • made you put your mouth on their vagina or anus?¹ • made you put your mouth on their penis?¹ • put their fingers or an object in your [if female: vagina or] anus?¹
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Intro: Some people are threatened with harm or physically forced to have sex when they don't want to, for example, by being pinned or held down, or by the use of violence.

<p>How many people have ever used physical force or threats to physically harm you to make you...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have vaginal sex? • {if male} perform anal sex? • receive anal sex? • put their mouth on your {if male: penis} {if female: vagina}?¹ • put their mouth on your anus?¹ • make you put your mouth on their vagina or anus?¹ • make you put your mouth on their penis?¹ • put their fingers or an object in your {if female: vagina or} anus? • {if male} try to make you have vaginal sex with them, but sex did not happen? • try to have {if female: vaginal,} oral, or anal sex with you, but sex did not happen?
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Intro: Sometimes unwanted sexual contact happens after a person is pressured in a nonphysical way.

<p>How many people have you had vaginal, oral, or anal sex with after they pressured you by...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • doing things like telling you lies, making promises about the future they knew were untrue, threatening to end your relationship, or threatening to spread rumors about you? • wearing you down by repeatedly asking for sex, or showing they were unhappy? • using their influence or authority over you, for example, your boss or your teacher?
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