NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMIZATION SURVEY

NCVS-1 BASIC SCREEN QUESTIONNAIRE

NOTE: Questions are listed in the order asked. Skips in question numbering are due to questionnaire changes over time.

MOBILITY QUESTIONS

33a. TIMEATADDRESS

Before we get to the crime questions, I have some questions that are helpful in studying where and why crimes occur.

Ask or verify -
How long have you lived at this address?

(Enter 0 if less than 1 year.)

`506` _____ Years (Round to nearest whole year)

If = 0 ASK 33b
If = DK or RF SKIP to 33c
Else SKIP to 33d

33b. MONTHSATADDRESS

How many months?

`505` _____ Months (1-11) - SKIP to 33e

33c. TIMEATADDRESSPROBE

Have you lived here...

Read categories 1-4:

1 ☐ **More than 5 years** - If HHLD Respondent ASK 34, else SKIP to 36a.
2 ☐ **Less than 5 years, but more than 1 year**
3 ☐ **Less than 1 year, but more than 6 months**
4 ☐ **6 months or less**
5 ☐ Don't Know

SKIP to 33e

33d.   **CHECK ITEM A**   How many years are entered in 33a?

☐ 5 years or more - If HHLD Respondent SKIP to 34, else SKIP to 36a
☐ Less than 5 years - ASK 33e

33e. TIMEMOVEDIN5YEARS

Altogether, how many times have you moved in the last 5 years, that is, since_____, 20___?

Enter number of times.

`508` _____ Number of times -

If HHLD Respondent ASK 34, Else SKIP to 36a

BUSINESS OPERATED FROM SAMPLE

34. BUSINESS (Asked of Household Respondent Only)

Does anyone in this household operate a business from this address?

`530`
1 ☐ Yes - ASK 35
2 ☐ No - SKIP to 36a

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35. BUSINESSSIGN (Asked of Household Respondent Only)

If this is a PERSONAL visit - Fill by observation.
If this is a TELEPHONE contact - Ask.

Is there a sign on the premises or some other indication to the general public that a business is operated from this address?

`531`
1 ☐ Yes (Recognizable business)
2 ☐ No (Unrecognizable business)

36a. SQTHEFT

I'm going to read some examples that will give you an idea of the kinds of crimes this study covers.

As I go through them, tell me if any of these happened to you in the last 6 months, that is since _____, 20_____.

Was something belonging to YOU stolen, such as -

Read each category.

(a) Things that you carry, like luggage, a wallet, purse, briefcase book -

(b) Clothing, jewelry, or cellphone -

(c) Bicycle or sports equipment -

(d) Things in your home - like a TV, stereo, or tools -

(e) Things outside your home such as a garden hose or lawn furniture - (Asked of Household Respondent Only)

(f) Things belonging to children in the household - (Asked of Household Respondent Only)

(g) Things from a vehicle, such as a package, groceries, camera, or CDs -

OR

(h) Did anyone ATTEMPT to steal anything belonging to you?

Ask only if necessary

Did any incidents of this type happen to you?

`532`
1 ☐ Yes - ASK 36b
2 ☐ No - If Household Respondent ASK to 37a; Else SKIP to 40a

36b. SQTHEFTTIMES

How many times?

`533`
_____
Number of times (36b)

36c. SQTHEFTSPEC

What happened?

Briefly describe incident(s)
_____
_____
_____

If Household Respondent ASK 37a; else SKIP to 40a

37a. SQBREAKIN (Asked of Household Respondent Only)

(Other than any incidents already mentioned,) has anyone -

Read each category.

(a) Broken in or ATTEMPTED to break into your home by forcing a door or window, pushing past someone, jimmying a lock, cutting a screen, or entering through an open door or window?

(b) Has anyone illegally gotten in or tried to get into a garage, shed, or storage room?

OR

(c) Illegally gotten in or tried to get into a hotel or motel room or vacation home where you were staying?

Ask only if necessary

Did any incidents of this type happen to you?

`534`
1 ☐ Yes - ASK 37b
2 ☐ No - SKIP to 38

37b. SQBREAKINTIMES (Asked of Household Respondent Only)

How many times?

`535`
_____
Number of times (37b)

37c. SQBREAKINSPEC (Asked of Household Respondent Only)

What happened?

Briefly describe incident(s)
_____
_____

38. SQTOTALVEHICLES (Asked of Household Respondent Only)

What was the TOTAL number of cars, vans, trucks, motorcycles, or other motor vehicles owned by you or any other member of this household during the last 6 months? Include those you no longer own.

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- 0 ☐ None - SKIP to 40a
- 1 ☐ 1
- 2 ☐ 2
- 3 ☐ 3
- 4 ☐ 4 or more

39a. SQMVTHEFT (Asked of Household Respondent Only)

During the last 6 months, (other than any incidents already mentioned,) (was the vehicle/were any of the vehicles) –

Read each category.

(a) Stolen or used without permission?

(b) Did anyone steal any parts such as a tire, car stereo, hubcap, or battery?

(c) Did anyone steal any gas from (it/them)?

OR

(d) Did anyone ATTEMPT to steal any vehicle or parts attached to (it/them)?

Ask only if necessary

Did any incidents of this type happen to you?

`537`

- 1 ☐ Yes - ASK 39b
- 2 ☐ No - SKIP to 40a

39b. SQMVTHEFTTIMES (Asked of Household Respondent Only)

How many times?

`538`

_____
Number of times (39b)

39c. SQMVTHEFTSPEC (Asked of Household Respondent Only)

What happened?

Briefly describe incident(s)

_____

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40a. SQATTACKWHERE

(Other than any incidents already mentioned,) since_____, 20____, were you attacked or threatened OR did you have something stolen from you –

Read each category.

(a) At home including the porch or yard -

(b) At or near a friend's, relative's, or neighbor's home -

(c) At work or school -

d) In places such as a storage shed or laundry room, a shopping mall, restaurant, bank, or airport -

(e) While riding in any vehicle -

(f) On the street or in a parking lot -

(g) At such places as a party, theater, gym, picnic area, bowling lanes, or while fishing or hunting -

OR

(h) Did anyone ATTEMPT to attack or ATTEMPT to steal anything belonging to you from any of these places?

Ask only if necessary

Did any incidents of this type happen to you?

`539`

- 1 ☐ Yes - ASK 40b
- 2 ☐ No - SKIP to 41a

40b. SQATTACKWHERETIMES

How many times?

`540`

_____
Number of times (40b)

40c. SQATTACKWHERESPEC

What happened?

Briefly describe incident(s)

_____

_____

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41a. SQATTACKHOW

(Other than any incidents already mentioned,) has anyone attacked or threatened you in any of these ways -

(Exclude telephone threats) -

Read each category.

(a) With any weapon, for instance, a gun or knife -

(b) With anything like a baseball bat, frying pan, scissors, or stick -

(c) By something thrown, such as a rock or bottle -

(d) Include any grabbing, punching, or choking,

(e) Any rape, attempted rape or other type of sexual attack -

(f) Any face to face threats -

OR

(g) Any attack or threat or use of force by anyone at all? Please mention it even if you are not certain it was a crime.

Ask only if necessary

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1 ☐ Yes - ASK 41b
2 ☐ No - SKIP to 42a

Did any incidents of this type happen to you?

41b. SQATTACKHOWTIMES

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 How many times?

_____

Number of times (41b)

41c. SQATTACKHOWSPEC

 What happened?

Briefly describe incident(s)

_____

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42a. SQTHEFTATTACKKNOWNOFF

People often don't think of incidents committed by someone they know. (Other than any incidents already mentioned,) did you have something stolen from you OR were you attacked or threatened by -

(Exclude telephone threats)

Read each category.

(a) Someone at work or school -

(b) A neighbor or friend -

(c) A relative or family member -

(d) Any other person you've met or known?

Ask only if necessary

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1 ☐ Yes - ASK 42b
2 ☐ No - SKIP to 43a

Did any incidents of this type happen to you?

42b. SQTHEFTATTACKKNOWNOFFTIMES

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 How many times?

_____

Number of times (42b)

42c. SQTHEFTATTACKKNOWNOFFSPEC

 What happened?

Briefly describe incident(s)

_____

_____

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43a. SQSEXUAL

Incidents involving forced or unwanted sexual acts are often difficult to talk about. (Other than any incidents already mentioned,) have you been forced or coerced to engage in unwanted sexual activity by -

Read each category.

(a) Someone you didn't know -

(b) A casual acquaintance -

OR

(c) Someone you know well?

Ask only if necessary

Did any incidents of this type happen to you?

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1 ☐ Yes - ASK 43b
2 ☐ No - SKIP to 44a

43b. SQSEXUALTIMES

How many times?

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_____
Number of times (43b)

43c. SQSEXUALSPEC

What happened?

Briefly describe incident(s)

_____
_____
_____

44a. SQCALLPOLICECRIME

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1 ☐ Yes - ASK 44b
2 ☐ No - SKIP to 45a

During the last 6 months, (other than any incidents already mentioned,) did you call the police to report something that happened to YOU which you thought was a crime?

44b. SQCALLPOLICESPEC

What happened?

Briefly describe incident(s)

_____
_____
_____

44c. CHECK ITEM B **SQCALLPOLICEATTACKTHREAT**

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1 ☐ Yes - ASK 44d
2 ☐ No - SKIP to 45a

If not sure ask:

Were you attacked or threatened, or was something stolen or an attempt made to steal something that belonged to you or another household member?

44d. SQCALLPOLICEATTACKTHREATTIMES

How many times?

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_____
Number of times (44d)

RESPONDENT'S SCREEN QUESTIONS

45a. SQNOCALLPOLICECRIME

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1 ☐ Yes - ASK 45b
2 ☐ No - SKIP to 71

During the last 6 months, (other than any incidents already mentioned,) did anything which you thought was a crime happen to YOU, but you did NOT report to the police?

45b. SQNOCALLPOLICESPEC

What happened?

Briefly describe incident(s)

_____

_____

_____

45c. CHECK ITEM C   SQNOCALLPOLICEATTACKTHREAT

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1 ☐ Yes - ASK 45d
2 ☐ No - SKIP to 71

If not sure ask:

Were you attacked or threatened, or was something stolen or an attempt made to steal something that belonged to you or another household member?

45d. SQNOCALLPOLICEATTACKTHREATTIMES

How many times?

554

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Number of times (45d)   - SKIP to 71

RESPONDENT'S CHECK ITEMS D, E, AND G

71. CHECK ITEM D   PRESENTFORSQS

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1 ☐ Telephone interview - SKIP to 73

* **Personal interview** - Mark all that apply.

Who besides the respondent was present when the screen questions were asked? (If telephone interview, mark box 1 only.)

2 ☐ No one besides respondent present
3 ☐ Respondent's spouse
4 ☐ HHLD member(s) 12+, not spouse
5 ☐ HHLD member(s) under 12
6 ☐ Nonhousehold member(s)
7 ☐ Someone was present - Can't say who
8 ☐ Don't know if someone else present

If a Proxy interview, ASK 72, else SKIP to 73

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72. CHECK ITEM E   PROXYHELP

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1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ No
3 ☐ Person for whom interview taken not present

Did the person for whom this interview was taken help the proxy respondent answer any screen questions?

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73. CHECK ITEM G   Is one or more crimes reported in 36b, 37b, 39b, 40b, 41b, 42b, 43b, 44d, or 45d?

☐ Yes - SKIP to Crime Incident Report (Item 2a on the NCVS-2)

☐ No - SKIP to 81 (ASK INTRO_SOCIO_DEMO)

RESPONDENT'S SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS

All incident reports must be completed before asking this series of questions.

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81. INTRO_SOCIO_DEMO

Now we have some questions about your demographic characteristics.

169a. DIS_HEARING

(Asked at 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th interview, or if never asked before.)

Are you deaf or do you have serious difficulty hearing?

1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ No

169b. DIS_VISION

(Asked at 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th interview, or if never asked before.)

Are you blind or do you have serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses?

1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ No

170a. Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, do you have serious difficulty:

(1) DIS_LEARN_CONCENTRATE

(Asked at 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th interview, or if never asked before.)

Concentrating, remembering or making decisions?

1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ No

(2) DIS_PHYSICAL_LIMIT

(Asked at 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th interview, or if never asked before.)

Walking or climbing stairs?

1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ No

(3) DIS_DRESS_BATH

(Asked at 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th interview, or if never asked before.)

Dressing or bathing?

1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ No

170b. DIS_LEAVING_HOME

(Asked at 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th interview, or if never asked before

Asked only of persons age 15 or older.)

Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, do you have difficulty doing errands alone such as visiting a doctor's office or shopping?

1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ No

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82. CITIZENSHIP

(Asked at 1st interview or if never asked before.
Asked at subsequent interviews if no or Don't Know/Refused at prior interview.)

Are you a citizen of the United States? That is, were you born in the United States, born in a U.S. territory, born of U.S. citizen parent(s), or become a citizen of the U.S. through naturalization?

1 ☐ Yes, born in the United States
2 ☐ Yes, born in Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or North Marianas
3 ☐ Yes, born abroad of U.S. citizen parent or parents
4 ☐ Yes, U.S. citizen by naturalization
5 ☐ No, not a U.S. citizen

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83. ORIENTATION_MALE

(Asked of persons age 16 or older.
Asked at 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th interview, or if never asked before.
Asked if NCVS-500 roster SEX question = Male)

Which of the following best represents how you think of yourself?

1 ☐ **Gay**
2 ☐ **Straight, that is, not gay**
3 ☐ **Bisexual**
4 ☐ **Something else**
5 ☐ **I don't know the answer**
6 ☐ **Refused**

SKIP to 85

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84. ORIENTATION_FEMALE

(Asked of persons age 16 or older.
Asked at 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th interview, or if never asked before.
Asked if NCVS-500 roster SEX question = Female or Unknown)

Which of the following best represents how you think of yourself?

1 ☐ **Lesbian or gay**
2 ☐ **Straight, that is, not lesbian or gay**
3 ☐ **Bisexual**
4 ☐ **Something else**
5 ☐ **I don't know the answer**
6 ☐ Refused

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85. GENID_BIRTH

(Asked of persons age 16 or older.
Asked at 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th interview, or if never asked before.)

What sex were you assigned at birth, on your original birth certificate?

1 ☐ Male
2 ☐ Female
3 ☐ Refused
4 ☐ Don't know

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86. GENID_DESCRIBE

(Asked of persons age 16 or older.
Asked at 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th interview, or if never asked before.)

Do you currently describe yourself as male, female or transgender?

1 ☐ Male
2 ☐ Female
3 ☐ Transgender
4 ☐ None of these

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87. GENID_CONFIRM

(Asked of persons age 16 or older.
Asked at 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th interview, or if never asked before.
Asked if GENID_BIRTH and GENID_DESCRIBE do not match.)

Just to confirm, you were assigned (male/female) at birth and now (describe yourself as male/ describe yourself as female/ describe yourself as transgender/ do not describe yourself male, female, or transgender). Is that correct?

1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ No - SKIP back to 85 and/or 86 to correct
3 ☐ Refused
4 ☐ Don't Know

The instrument prefills the question wording based on responses to GENID_BIRTH and GENID_DESCRIBE.

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88. ACTIVE_DUTY

(Asked of persons age 18 or older.
Asked at 1st interview or if never asked before. Asked at subsequent interviews if Never served in the military or Don't Know/Refused at prior interview.
Do not ask if age 40 or older and valid response prior interview.)

Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard?

Mark one box.

1 ☐ Never served in the military
2 ☐ Only on active duty for training in the Reserves or National Guard } - SKIP to 74
3 ☐ Now on active duty
4 ☐ On active duty in the past, but not now } - ASK 89

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89. ACTIVE_DUTYWHEN

(Asked of persons age 18 or older.
Asked at 1st interview or if never asked before. Asked at subsequent interviews if no or Don't Know/Refused at prior interview.
Do not ask if age 40 or older and valid response prior interview.)

When did you serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces?

Mark a box for each period in which the person served, even if just for part of the period.

1 ☐ September 2001 or later
2 ☐ August 1990 to August 2001 (including Persian Gulf War)
3 ☐ May 1975 to July 1990
4 ☐ Vietnam era (August 1964 to April 1975)
5 ☐ February 1955 to July 1964
6 ☐ Korean War (July 1950 to January 1955)
7 ☐ January 1947 to June 1950
8 ☐ World War II (December 1941 to December 1946)
9 ☐ November 1941 or earlier

RESPONDENT'S EMPLOYMENT QUESTIONS

74. **CHECK ITEM H1**   Is the respondent 16 years or older?

1 ☐ Yes - ASK 75a
2 ☐ No - SKIP to 80

75a. JOBLASTWEEK   576

Did you have a job or work at a business LAST WEEK? (Do not include volunteer work or work around the house.)

(If farm or business operator in household, ask about unpaid work.)

1 ☐ Yes - SKIP to 76a
2 ☐ No - ASK 75b

75b. JOBDURINGREFPERIOD   577

Ask or verify -

Did you have a job or work at a business DURING THE LAST 6 MONTHS?

1 ☐ Yes - ASK 75c
2 ☐ No - SKIP to 80

75c. JOBLAST2WEEKS   578

Did that (job/work) last 2 consecutive weeks or more?

1 ☐ Yes - ASK 76a
2 ☐ No - SKIP to 80

76a. JOBDESCRIPTION

Ask or verify -

Which of the following best describes your job?

Were you employed in the ...

Read each category until respondent says "yes", then enter appropriate precode.

1 ☐ **Medical Profession?** - SKIP 76c
2 ☐ **Mental Health Services Field?** - SKIP to 76e
3 ☐ **Teaching Profession?** - SKIP to 76g
4 ☐ **Law Enforcement or Security Field?** - SKIP to 76i
5 ☐ **Retail Sales?** - SKIP to 76k
6 ☐ **Transportation Field?** - SKIP to 76m
7 ☐ **Something else?** - Specify - ASK 76b

76b. JOBDESCRIPTIONSPEC

Please specify the job not covered in answer categories 1-6 in 76a.

Specify - SKIP to 76o

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76c. MEDICALJOB

Employed in the Medical Profession:

As a -

Read each category.

Medical Profession

1 ☐ **Physician?**
2 ☐ **Nurse?**   } SKIP to 76o
3 ☐ **Technician?**
4 ☐ **Other medical profession?** - Specify - ASK 76d

76d. MEDICALJOBSPEC

Please specify employed in the medical profession as a -

Specify - SKIP to 76o

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76e. MENTALHEALTHJOB

Employed in the Mental Health Services Field:

Are YOUR duties -

Read each category.

Mental Health Services Field

5 ☐ **Professional (Social worker/psychiatrist)?** } SKIP to 76o
6 ☐ **Custodial care?**
7 ☐ **Some other mental health services profession?** - Specify

ASK 76f

76f. MENTALHEALTHJOBSPEC

Please specify duties in the mental health services field.

Specify - SKIP to 76o

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RESPONDENT'S EMPLOYMENT QUESTIONS

76g. TEACHINGJOB

Employed in the Teaching Profession:

Were you employed in a -

Read each category.

Teaching Profession

8 ☐ **Preschool?**
9 ☐ **Elementary school?**
10 ☐ **Junior high or middle school?**
11 ☐ **High school?** — SKIP to 76o
12 ☐ **College or university?**
13 ☐ **Technical or industrial school?**
14 ☐ **Special education facility?**
15 ☐ **Other teaching profession?** - Specify - ASK 76h

76h. TEACHINGJOBSPEC

Please specify employed in the teaching profession as a -

Specify - SKIP to 76o

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76i. LAWENFORCEJOB

Employed in the Law Enforcement or Security Field:

Were you employed as a -

Read each category.

Law Enforcement or Security Field

16 ☐ **Law enforcement officer?**
17 ☐ **Prison or jail guard?** — SKIP to 76o
18 ☐ **Security guard?**
19 ☐ **Law enforcement profession?** - Specify - ASK 76j

76j. LAWENFORCEJOBSPEC

Please specify employed in the law enforcement or security field as a -

Specify - SKIP to 76o

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76k. RETAILSALESJOB

Employed in Retail Sales:

Were you employed as a-

Read each category.

Retail Sales -

20 ☐ **Convenience or liquor store clerk?**
21 ☐ **Gas station attendant?** — SKIP to 76o
22 ☐ **Bartender?**
23 ☐ **Other retail sales profession?** - Specify - ASK 76l

76l. RETAILSALESJOBSPEC

Please specify employed in retail sales as a -

Specify - SKIP to 76o

_____

76m. TRANSPORTJOB

Employed in the Transportation Field:

Were you employed as a-

Read each category.

Transportation Field -

24 ☐ **Bus driver?** — SKIP to 76o
25 ☐ **Taxi cab driver?**
26 ☐ **Other transportation Field profession?** - Specify - ASK 76n

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76n. TRANSPORTJOBSPEC

Please specify employed in the transportation field as a -

Specify

_____

76o. | CHECK ITEM H2 | [579]   _____

If 76a equals 7, enter 27 here., otherwise enter the number of the employment code entered in item 76c, 76e, 76g, 76i 76k, or 76m.

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77. EMPLOYERTYPECURRENT   [580]

Ask or verify -

Is your job with -

Read each category.

1 ☐ **A private company, business, or individual for wages?**
2 ☐ **The Federal government?**
3 ☐ **A State, county, or local government?**
4 ☐ **Yourself (Self-employed) in your own business, professional practice, or farm?**

If 76o = 22 SKIP to 79, Else ASK 78.

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78. COLLEGEEMPLOYER   [581]

Are you employed by a college or university?

1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ No

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79. CURRENTJOBMSATYPE   [582]

While working at your job, do you work mostly in -

Read each category.

1 ☐ **A city?**
2 ☐ **Suburban area?**
3 ☐ **Rural area?**
4 ☐ **Combination of any of these?**

RESPONDENT'S CHECK ITEM I

80. **CHECK ITEM I**   Is this the last household member to be interviewed?

☐ Yes - If Household Respondent finish collecting income and telephone information, then END interview. Otherwise END interview.

☐ No - GO TO question 33a for the next respondent. See note below before interviewing next household member.

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE --   (Read to the Household Respondent Only.) If there are any household members under 18, tell the Household Respondent that you will be asking the **same** questions you just asked him/her.

90. HOUSEHOLDINCOME (Asked of Household Respondent Only)

(Asked of household respondent.
Asked at 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th interview, or if never asked before. Asked at subsequent interviews if no or Don't Know/Refused at prior interview.)

Which category represents the TOTAL combined income of all members of this HOUSEHOLD during the past 12 months? This includes money from jobs, net income from business, farm or rent, pensions, dividends, interest, Social Security payments, and any other money income received by members of this HOUSEHOLD who are 14 years of age or older.

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1 ☐ Less than $5,000
2 ☐ $5,000 to $7,499
3 ☐ $7,500 to $9,999
4 ☐ $10,000 to $12,499
5 ☐ $12,500 to $14,999
6 ☐ $15,000 to $17,499
7 ☐ $17,500 to $19,999
8 ☐ $20,000 to $24,999
9 ☐ $25,000 to $29,999
10 ☐ $30,000 to $34,999
11 ☐ $35,000 to $39,999
12 ☐ $40,000 to $49,999
13 ☐ $50,000 to $74,999
14 ☐ $75,000 to $99,999
15 ☐ $100,000 to $149,999
16 ☐ $150,000 to $199,999
17 ☐ $200,000 or more