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National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) Knowledge Corner:

Household and Person Nonresponse



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Nonresponse in the NCVS

- 1. Household noninterviews**
- 2. Person noninterviews**
3. Item nonresponse



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Household noninterviews

1. Type A noninterviews
2. Type B noninterviews
3. Type C noninterviews



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Type A noninterviews

- **Type A noninterviews** occur when sample unit consist of persons who are eligible for interview, but none of the persons can be interviewed.
- Type A noninterviews are preventable.
- Census tries to prevent type A noninterviews



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Type B noninterviews

- **Type B noninterviews** occur when units are vacant or occupied by persons who have usually reside somewhere else.
- Temporarily ineligible.
 - Could become eligible in the future.
 - Will be contacted again during the next wave of the NCVS.



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Type C noninterviews

- **Type C noninterviews** occur when the sample address should be permanently removed from the NCVS sample
- Permanently ineligible for the NCVS.
 - The unit is removed from the sample and not contacted again.



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Type Z noninterviews

- **Type Z noninterviews** occur when an interview is obtained from at least one but not all eligible household members.
- Relates to a household member, not the entire household.
- May be eligible in the future.



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Questions?

- See the NCVS page on the BJS website– <https://bjs.ojp.gov/programs/ncvs>
 - See the [NCVS, 2016: Technical Documentation](#) for more information about the methodology
- Email AskBJS@usdoj.gov with questions – emails are forwarded to BJS statisticians with topical expertise
- Access NCVS public-use data files at the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD) at the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) – <https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/web/ICPSR/series/95>
 - See the annual codebooks for more information