

FORM **SSV-5**
(03-17-2025)**SURVEY OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION: 2024**
State Juvenile Systems
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*(Please correct any error in name, mailing address, and ZIP Code)***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, 2024, and December 31, 2024.

- 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 inside the box beside each figure.
- Sections II, III, and V: if the answer to a question is "none" or "zero," write "0" on the line.

Substantiated incidents of sexual victimization:

- 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 12, 2025.**
- **You may complete these forms online at: <https://respond.census.gov/ssv>**
- **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

JUVENILES and YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS

- Any person under the jurisdiction of your State's juvenile system or youthful offender authority, regardless of age or reason for placement.

FACILITIES

INCLUDE all State-operated facilities used to house juveniles or youthful offenders charged with or court-adjudicated for:

- Any offense that is illegal for both adults and juveniles;

OR

- An offense that is ILLEGAL in your State for juveniles, but not for adults (running away, truancy, incorrigibility, curfew violations, and liquor violations).

EXCLUDE State-operated facilities used ONLY to house juveniles for:

- Non-criminal purposes (neglect, abuse, abandonment, or dependency);

OR

- Being Persons in Need of Services (PINS) or Children in Need of Services (CHINS) who have assigned beds for reasons other than offenses.

Section I – GENERAL INFORMATION

1. On December 31, 2024, how many facilities operated by your State held juveniles or youthful offenders CHARGED WITH or COURT-ADJUDICATED FOR AN OFFENSE?

Number of facilities

- Count all juvenile residential facilities where young persons who have committed offenses may be housed overnight.
- Count each facility with a separate physical location only once. Do not count separate living/sleeping units, wings, floors, dorms, barracks, or cottages within a single facility.

2. On December 31, 2024, how many persons held in the facilities reported in Item 1 were —

a. Males

b. Females

c. TOTAL (Sum of Items 2a and 2b)

- Count persons held in the facilities reported in Item 1 regardless of age or reason for placement. Include persons who were temporarily away but had assigned beds on December 31, 2024.

3. On December 31, 2024, how many persons held in the facilities reported in Item 1 were —

a. Age 17 or younger

b. Age 18 to 20

c. Age 21 or older

d. TOTAL (Sum of Items 3a through 3c should equal Item 2c)

- Count all persons held in the facilities reported in Item 1 regardless of age or reason for placement. Include persons who were temporarily away but had assigned beds on December 31, 2024.

4. Between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024, how many persons were admitted to or discharged from the facilities reported in Item 1?

a. TOTAL number admitted . . .

b. TOTAL number discharged .

- Include all persons admitted into your State-operated juvenile residential facilities by a formal legal document, by the authority of the courts, or by some other official agency.
- Include all persons discharged from your State-operated juvenile residential facilities after a period of confinement including sentence completion, pretrial releases, transfers to adult jurisdictions or to other States, and deaths.
- Exclude admissions and discharges resulting from returns from escape, administrative transfers to other juvenile facilities operated by your State, or temporary release including work/school release, medical appointments, other treatment facilities, or court appearances.

Section II – YOUTH-ON-YOUTH SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION

DEFINITIONS

This survey utilizes the PREA standard definitions for types of sexual victimization. These categories are:

SEXUAL ABUSE

Sexual abuse of a youth, detainee, or resident by another youth, detainee, or resident includes any of the following acts, if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse:

- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- (3) Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument; and
- (4) Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person, excluding contact 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, detainee, or resident directed toward another.

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

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

01 All

02 Substantiated only

02 No → *Please provide an explanation as to why your agency does not record youth-on-youth **SEXUAL ABUSE** allegations, in the space below, and skip to item 8.*

6. Between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024, how many allegations of youth-on-youth SEXUAL ABUSE were reported?

Number reported 8

- If the allegation involved multiple victims and/or perpetrators, count only once. If an allegation included repeated abuse with the same victim/s and perpetrator/s involved, 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 4

- 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

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

c. Unfounded 3

- The investigation determined that the event did NOT occur.

d. Investigation ongoing 0

- 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) 8

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

8. Does your State juvenile system record allegations of youth-on-youth SEXUAL HARASSMENT? (See definitions on page 3.)

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

01 All

02 Substantiated only

02 No → Please provide an explanation as to why your agency does not record youth-on-youth **SEXUAL HARASSMENT** allegations, in the space below, and skip to Section III.

9. Between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024, how many allegations of youth-on-youth SEXUAL HARASSMENT were reported?

Number reported

- If the allegation involved multiple victims and/or perpetrators, count only once. If an allegation included repeated harassment with the same victim/s and perpetrator/s involved, count only once.
- Exclude any allegations that were reported as consensual.

10. Of the allegations reported in Item 9, 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

b. Unsubstantiated

c. Unfounded

d. Investigation ongoing

e. TOTAL (Sum of Items 10a through 10d)

- The total should equal the number reported in Item 9.

**Section III – STAFF-ON-YOUTH
SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION**

DEFINITIONS

STAFF SEXUAL ABUSE

Sexual abuse of a youth, detainee, or resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer includes any of the following acts, with or without consent of the youth, detainee, or resident:

- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- (3) Contact between the mouth and any body part where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (4) Penetration of the anal or genital opening, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (5) Any other intentional contact, either directly or through the clothing, of or with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (6) Any attempt, threat, or request by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer to engage in the activities described in paragraphs (1)–(5) of this section;
- (7) Any display by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer of his or her uncovered genitalia, buttocks, or breast in the presence of a youth, detainee, or resident, and
- (8) Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer.

STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to a youth, detainee, or resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer, including demeaning references to sex, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.

11. Does your State juvenile system record allegations of STAFF SEXUAL ABUSE?

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

01 All

02 Substantiated only

02 No → *Please provide an explanation as to why your agency does not record **STAFF SEXUAL ABUSE** allegations, in the space below, and skip to Item 14.*

12. Between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024, how many allegations of STAFF SEXUAL ABUSE were reported?

Number reported 13

- If the allegation involved multiple victims and/or perpetrators, count only once. If an allegation included repeated abuse with the same victim/s and perpetrator/s involved, count only once.

13. Of the allegations reported in Item 12, 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

b. Unsubstantiated 3

c. Unfounded 9

d. Investigation ongoing 0

e. TOTAL (Sum of Items 13a through 13d) 13

- The total should equal the number reported in Item 12.

Section IV – PRIVATE AND LOCAL ALLEGATIONS

14. Does your State juvenile system record allegations of STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT? (See definitions on page 5.)

01 [x] Yes -> Can these allegations be counted separately from allegations of STAFF SEXUAL ABUSE?

01 [x] Yes

02 [] No -> Skip to Item 17.

02 [] No -> Please provide an explanation as to why your agency does not record STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT allegations, in the space below, and skip to Item 17.

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15. Between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024, how many allegations of STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT were reported?

Number reported 3

- If the allegation involved multiple victims and/or perpetrators, count only once. If an allegation included repeated harassment with the same victim/s and perpetrator/s involved, 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

b. Unsubstantiated 1

c. Unfounded 1

d. Investigation ongoing . 0

e. TOTAL (Sum of Items 16a through 16d) 3

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

17. Did any of the allegations reported in Items 6, 9, 12, or 15 occur in a privately operated facility?

01 [x] Yes

02 [] No

18. Did any of the allegations reported in Items 6, 9, 12, or 15 occur in a facility operated or administered by local governments?

01 [] Yes

02 [x] No

Section V – TOTAL SUBSTANTIATED INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION

19. What is the total number of substantiated incidents reported in Items 7a, 10a, 13a, and 16a?

Total substantiated incidents 6

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

NOTES

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