



## WORKSHOP

# Analyzing the National Crime Victimization Survey

## What is the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS)?

The NCVS is a rich source of data on the nature of and victim response to crimes reported and not reported to police. The data files include nearly 1,000 variables on the characteristics of victims and incidents of—

- violent crime (defined as rape or sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault)
- property crime (which includes burglary, motor vehicle theft, and theft).

Additional data files from the routine supplements to the NCVS allow for examination of criminal justice issues beyond the traditional violent and property crimes measured by the core survey, including—

- identity theft
- stalking
- school crime
- contacts between the public and the police.

## What will I learn in this workshop?

Admittedly, the NCVS relies on a complicated survey instrument and complex sample design, making the multiple data files and different sets of survey weights initially challenging to use. The Analyzing Data from the National Crime Victimization Survey workshop will introduce potential data users to the types of information available through the NCVS, offer an overview of the survey structure and sample design, and provide hands-on training to assist in properly analyzing the NCVS public-use data.

Using SPSS, participants will learn how to replicate key estimates published through the annual *Criminal Victimization* bulletin and available through the [NCVS Victimization Analysis Tool](#). The course will also detail how to analyze the available NCVS supplement data files, and it will highlight some of the many different types of research questions that can be addressed with the core and supplement data.

## When is the workshop?

The workshop will be held from 1 to 5 p.m., Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, 1201 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

## Who will be leading the workshop?

Statisticians from the Bureau of Justice Statistics' Victimization Statistics Unit will be leading the workshop.

## How can I attend?

Space is limited, and registration is required. Send your name, affiliation, and preferred email address to [NCVS\\_ASCregistration@usdoj.gov](mailto:NCVS_ASCregistration@usdoj.gov).

## Do I need to bring anything?

Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop with SPSS and the 2015 NCVS person, household, and incident data files downloaded from the [National Archive of Criminal Justice Data](#).

## How can I find out more information?

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