Overview of the Full Interview
Juvenile Victimization Questionnaire, 2nd Revision (JVQ-R2)

In the full JVQ-R2 interview, when a respondent answers yes to a victimization screener, they are asked follow-up questions. The complete JVQ-R2 includes more than 30 different follow-up questions on a variety of incident, perpetrator, and victim characteristics. Some of these, such as whether the incident occurred in the past year and perpetrator identity, are asked about all or nearly all victimization reports. Others are only asked about certain types of victimization.

The Full Interview collects the most complete information about the total burden of victimization that a youth has experienced and the circumstances surrounding that victimization. The Full Interview is also what we use in NatSCEV, the National Survey of Children’s Exposure to Violence, and thus will produce results most similar to our national statistics. It can, however, be challenging to administer without computer assistance to make sure the correct follow-ups are asked.

Briefly alternatives to the full JVQ-R2. The Abbreviated Interview has a reduced set of follow-ups and can be more easily administered without computer assistance. Two versions without follow-ups are the Reduced Item Version (12 items, with no follow-up questions on incident characteristics) and the Screener Sum Version (same screeners as the Full Interview). Many users also choose to use specific modules or items that meet their needs. Consult the full questionnaire and manual for details on these alternatives, follow-up items (on injury, perpetrator identity, etc) and administration procedures.

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