**ASK OF ALL PERSONS 16+**

We estimate that it will take from 5 to 10 minutes to complete this interview with 10 minutes being the average time. If you have any comments regarding these estimates or any other aspect of this survey, send them to the Associate Director for Management Services, Room 2027, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233 or to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

**CONTACT SCREEN QUESTIONS**

1a. Did you have any contact with a police officer during the last 12 months, that is, any time since 1, 1998?

   - **009**
     - Yes
     - No – END INTERVIEW

1b. Were any of these contacts with a police officer in person, that is face-to-face?

   - **010**
     - Yes
     - No – END INTERVIEW

**POLICE PUBLIC CONTACT SURVEY**

**SUPPLEMENT TO THE NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMIZATION SURVEY**

1999

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**POLICE PUBLIC CONTACT SURVEY SUPPLEMENT TO THE NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMIZATION SURVEY 1999**

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE – Complete a PPCS-1 for all persons 16+ in all interviewed households. Complete a PPCS-1 through Item D for each NCVS Type Z person or NCVS proxy interview. DO NOT complete any PPCS-1 forms if the household is a Type A.

**A. Field Representative’s Code**

**B. Respondent’s characteristics**

**D. Reason for PPCS noninterview**

**C. Type of PPCS interview**

**Proxy unacceptable for PPCS**

**FIELD REPRESENTATIVE – Read introduction**

**INTRO 1 –** Now I have some additional questions about any contacts you may have had with the police at any time during the last 12 months, that is, any time since 1, 1998. Exclude contacts with private security guards, police officers you see on a social basis, police officers related to you, or any contacts that occurred outside the United States.

Include contacts which occurred as a result of being in a vehicle that was stopped by the police. However, please exclude those contacts which occurred because your employment or volunteer work brought you into regular contact with the police.
1c. How would you best describe the reason or reasons for these in-person contacts with the police during the last 12 months, that is, any time since January 1, 1998?

As I read some reasons, tell me if any of the contacts occurred once, more than once, or not at all.

Mark (X) all that apply.

A motor vehicle stop:

(1) You were in a motor vehicle stopped by the police. ..........................

You contacted a police officer:

(2) To report a crime. ..........................
(3) To report a crime you had witnessed. ......
(4) To ask for assistance or information. ......
(5) To let the police know about a problem in the neighborhood. .............
(6) To tell the police about a traffic accident you had witnessed. .............
(7) For some other reason – Please specify. ..........................

A police officer contacted you because:

(8) You were involved in a traffic accident. ..........................
(9) You were a witness to a traffic accident. ..........................
(10) You were the victim of a crime which someone else reported to the police. ..........................
(11) The police thought you might have been a witness to a crime. ..........................
(12) The police asked you questions about a crime they thought you were involved in. ..........................
(13) The police had a warrant for your arrest. ..........................
(14) The police wanted to advise you about crime prevention information. ..........................
(15) Some other reason we haven’t mentioned – Please specify. ..........................

CHECK ITEM A1 Was the motor vehicle stopped only once? (Is box 1 marked in Item 1c(1)?) ..........................

CHECK ITEM A2 Was the motor vehicle stopped more than once? (Is box 2 marked in Item 1c(1)?) ..........................

1d. You said that you were in a motor vehicle that was stopped by the police on more than one occasion in the last 12 months. How many different times were you stopped? (Record actual number.) ..........................

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE – Read introduction

INTRO 2 – You reported that you were in a motor vehicle that was stopped by the police on more than one occasion. For the following questions, please tell me about the most recent occasion.

2. How many people age 16 or over, INCLUDING YOURSELF, were in the vehicle? ..........................

3. Were you the driver? ..........................

4. How many police officers were present during (this/the most recent) incident? (Record actual number.) ..........................

Transcribe entries from box 1 or box 2 to the FLAP on page 11.
5. Were the police officers White, Black, or some other race?  
   - All White  
   - All Black  
   - All of some other race  
   - Mostly White  
   - Mostly Black  
   - Mostly some other race  
   - Equally mixed  
   - Don’t know race of any/some  
   032

6. Was the police officer White, Black, or some other race?  
   - White  
   - Black  
   - Some other race  
   - Don’t know  
   033

7. Were you arrested?  
   - Yes – Ask Item 9  
   - No  
   - Don’t know  
   034

8. Did the police officer(s) threaten to arrest you?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Don’t know  
   035

VEHICLE/PERSOAL SEARCH

9. Did the police officer(s) search the vehicle?  
   - Yes – Ask Item 10  
   - No  
   - Don’t know  
   036

10. At any time during (this/the most recent) incident did the police officer(s) ask permission to search the vehicle?  
   - Yes – Ask Item 11  
   - No  
   - Don’t know  
   037

11. Did you give the police officer(s) permission to search the vehicle?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Don’t know  
   038

12. Did the police officer(s) find any of the following items in the vehicle?  
   - Illegal weapons  
   - Illegal drugs  
   - Open containers of alcohol, such as beer or liquor  
   - Other evidence of a crime – Please specify  
   - None of the above  
   039

13. Do you think the police officer(s) had a legitimate reason to search the vehicle?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Don’t know  
   040

14. At any time during (this/the most recent) incident did the police officer(s) search you, frisk you, or pat you down?  
   - Yes – Ask Item 15  
   - No  
   - Don’t know  
   041

15. At any time during (this/the most recent) incident, did the police officer(s) ask permission to search you, frisk you, or pat you down?  
   - Yes – Ask Item 16  
   - No  
   - Don’t know  
   042

16. At any time during (this/the most recent) incident, did you give the police officer(s) permission to search you, frisk you, or pat you down?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Don’t know  
   043

17. Did the police officer(s) find any of the following items on or near you?  
   - Illegal weapons  
   - Illegal drugs  
   - Open containers of alcohol, such as beer or liquor  
   - Other evidence of a crime – Please specify  
   - None of the above  
   044

18. Do you think the police officer(s) had a legitimate reason to search you, frisk you, or pat you down?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Don’t know  
   045

19. Did the police officer(s) find any of the following items on or near you?  
   - Illegal weapons  
   - Illegal drugs  
   - Open containers of alcohol, such as beer or liquor  
   - Other evidence of a crime – Please specify  
   - None of the above  
   046

20. Do you think the police officer(s) had a legitimate reason to search you, frisk you, or pat you down?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Don’t know  
   047

21. Did the police officer(s) find any of the following items on or near you?  
   - Illegal weapons  
   - Illegal drugs  
   - Open containers of alcohol, such as beer or liquor  
   - Other evidence of a crime – Please specify  
   - None of the above  
   048

22. Do you think the police officer(s) had a legitimate reason to search you, frisk you, or pat you down?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Don’t know  
   049

23. Did the police officer(s) find any of the following items on or near you?  
   - Illegal weapons  
   - Illegal drugs  
   - Open containers of alcohol, such as beer or liquor  
   - Other evidence of a crime – Please specify  
   - None of the above  
   050

24. Do you think the police officer(s) had a legitimate reason to search you, frisk you, or pat you down?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Don’t know  
   051

25. Did the police officer(s) find any of the following items on or near you?  
   - Illegal weapons  
   - Illegal drugs  
   - Open containers of alcohol, such as beer or liquor  
   - Other evidence of a crime – Please specify  
   - None of the above  
   052

26. Do you think the police officer(s) had a legitimate reason to search you, frisk you, or pat you down?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Don’t know  
   053

27. Did the police officer(s) find any of the following items on or near you?  
   - Illegal weapons  
   - Illegal drugs  
   - Open containers of alcohol, such as beer or liquor  
   - Other evidence of a crime – Please specify  
   - None of the above  
   054

28. Do you think the police officer(s) had a legitimate reason to search you, frisk you, or pat you down?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Don’t know  
   055

29. Did the police officer(s) find any of the following items on or near you?  
   - Illegal weapons  
   - Illegal drugs  
   - Open containers of alcohol, such as beer or liquor  
   - Other evidence of a crime – Please specify  
   - None of the above  
   056

30. Do you think the police officer(s) had a legitimate reason to search you, frisk you, or pat you down?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Don’t know  
   057

FORM PPCS-1 (5-14-99)
19. Did the police officer(s) give a reason for stopping the vehicle?
   1. Yes – Ask Item 20
   2. No
   3. Don’t know

ASK OR VERIFY

20. What was the reason or reasons?
   1. Speeding
   2. Some other traffic offense
   3. A vehicle defect, such as a burned out tail light or an expired license plate
   4. Roadside check for drunk drivers
   5. To check the respondent’s license plate, driver’s license, or vehicle registration
   6. The police officer suspected the respondent of something
   7. Some other reason – Please specify

   Mark (X) all that apply.

21. Would you say that the police officer(s) had a legitimate reason for stopping you?
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. Don’t know

OUTCOME OF TRAFFIC STOP

22. During (this/the most recent) incident were you:
   (Read answer categories.)
   Mark (X) all that apply.
   1. Given a warning?
   2. Given a traffic ticket?
   3. Tested for drunk driving?
   4. Charged with driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol?
   5. Questioned about what you were doing in the area?
   6. None of the above

23. Not including anything just mentioned, were you charged with any of the following?
   (Read answer categories.)
   Mark (X) all that apply.
   1. Assaulting a police officer
   2. Resisting arrest
   3. Drug offense
   4. Possession of a firearm or concealed weapon
   5. Disorderly conduct
   6. Something else – Please specify

   Mark (X) all that apply.

24. At any time during (this/the most recent) incident were you handcuffed?
   1. Yes – SKIP to Item 25b
   2. No
   3. Don’t know

USE OF FORCE IN TRAFFIC STOPS

25a. During (this/the most recent) incident, did the police officer(s) for any reason use or threaten to use physical force against you, such as grabbing you or threatening to hit you?
   1. Yes – SKIP to Item 26
   2. No
   3. Don’t know

25b. Aside from being handcuffed, did the police officer(s) for any reason use or threaten to use physical force against you, such as grabbing you or threatening to hit you?
   1. Yes – Ask Item 26
   2. No
   3. Don’t know
## USE OF FORCE IN TRAFFIC STOPS – Continued

### 26. What type of physical force did the police officer(s) use or threaten to use during (this/the most recent) incident?

Did the police officer(s):

- [ ] Actually push or grab you in a way that did not cause pain?
- [ ] Actually push or grab you in a way that did cause pain?
- [ ] Actually kick you or hit you with the police officer’s hand or something held in the police officer’s hand?
- [ ] Actually unleash a police dog that bit you?
- [ ] Actually spray you with a chemical or pepper spray?
- [ ] Actually point a gun at you but did not shoot?
- [ ] Actually fire a gun at you?
- [ ] Actually use some other form of physical force? – Please specify
- [ ] Threaten to push or grab you?
- [ ] Threaten to kick you or hit you with the police officer’s hand or something held in the police officer’s hand?
- [ ] Threaten you with a police dog?
- [ ] Threaten to spray you with a chemical or pepper spray?
- [ ] Threaten to fire a gun at you?
- [ ] Threaten to use some other form of physical force? – Please specify

(Read answer categories)

Mark (X) all that apply.

### 27. Do you feel that any of the physical force used or threatened against you was excessive?

- [ ] Yes – Ask Item 28
- [ ] No
- [ ] Don’t know

(Read items marked in Item 26.)

### 28. FIELD REPRESENTATIVE – Mark without asking when ONLY ONE box is marked in Item 26.

Specifically, what type of physical force do you feel was excessive?

(Read items marked in Item 26.)

Mark (X) all that apply.
29a. Were you injured as a result of (this/the most recent) incident?  
- Yes  
- No – SKIP to Item 30  
- Don’t know

29b. Did your injuries include any of the following?  
(Read answer categories.)  
- Gunshot wound  
- Broken bones or teeth knocked out  
- Internal injuries  
- Bruises, black eyes, cuts, scratches, or swelling  
- Any other injury – Please specify  
Mark (X) all that apply.

29c. What type of care did you receive for your injury(injuries)?  
- No care received  
- Respondent treated self  
- Emergency services only  
- Hospitalization  
- Other – Please specify  
Mark (X) all that apply.

30. Do you think any of your actions during (this/the most recent) incident may have provoked the police officer(s) to use or threaten to use physical force?  
- Yes – Ask Item 36  
- No  
- Don’t know

31. At any time during (this/the most recent) incident did you:  
(Read answer categories.)  
Mark (X) all that apply.  
- Argue with or disobey the police officer(s)?  
- Curse at, insult, or call the police officer(s) a name?  
- Say something threatening to the police officer(s)?  
- Resist being handcuffed or arrested?  
- Resist being searched or having the vehicle searched?  
- Try to escape by hiding, running away, or being in a high-speed chase?  
- Grab, hit, or fight with the police officer(s)?  
- Use a weapon to threaten the police officer(s)?  
- Use a weapon to assault the police officer(s)?  
- Do anything else that might have caused the police officer(s) to use or threaten to use physical force against you? – Please specify  

32. Were you drinking at the time of (this/the most recent) incident?  
- Yes  
- No  
- Don’t know

33. Were you using drugs at the time of (this/the most recent) incident?  
- Yes  
- No  
- Don’t know

34. Looking back at (this/the most recent) incident, do you feel the police behaved properly or improperly?  
- Properly – SKIP to Check Item B1  
- Improperly  
- Don’t know – SKIP to Check Item B1

35. Did you take any formal action, such as filing a complaint or lawsuit?  
- Yes – Ask Item 36  
- No – SKIP to Check Item B1  
- Don’t know

36. With whom did you file a complaint or lawsuit?  
(Read answer categories.)  
Mark (X) all that apply.  
- Civilian Complaint Review Board  
- Law enforcement agency employing the police officer(s)  
- Local prosecutor’s office  
- The FBI or the U.S. Attorney’s office  
- Law enforcement agency or the local government  
- Police officer involved in the contact  
- Took other formal action
37. Earlier you reported you had a face-to-face contact with the police for the following reason(s). (Read items marked on the Flap on page 11.) Did (this/any of these) contact(s) result in the police handcuffing you or using or threatening to use physical force against you, such as by grabbing you or threatening to hit you during the last 12 months, that is, any time since ____________1, 1998?

- Yes – Ask Item 38
- No
- Don’t know

38. On how many different occasions did the police handcuff you or use or threaten to use physical force against you?

- Once – SKIP to Item 39
- More than once
  - Number of times ____________

39. FIELD REPRESENTATIVE – Mark without asking when ONLY ONE box is marked on the FLAP on page 11.

Which of these contacts that you reported earlier resulted in a police officer using or threatening to use physical force?

- A motor vehicle stop:
  - Respondent was in a motor vehicle stopped by the police

- Respondent contacted a police officer:
  - To report a crime
  - To report a crime respondent had witnessed
  - To ask for assistance or information
  - To let the police know about a problem in the neighborhood
  - To tell the police about a traffic accident respondent had witnessed
  - For some other reason – Please specify

- A police officer contacted you because:
  - Respondent was involved in a traffic accident
  - Respondent was a witness to a traffic accident
  - Respondent was the victim of a crime which someone else reported to the police
  - The police thought the respondent might have been a witness to a crime
  - The police asked the respondent questions about a crime they thought you were involved in
  - The police had a warrant for the respondent’s arrest
  - The police wanted to advise the respondent about crime prevention information
  - For some other reason – Please specify

40. How many police officers were present during (this/the most recent) incident?

Record actual number.

- One – SKIP to Item 42
- More than one
  - Number of police officers ____________
### USE OF FORCE IN OTHER FACE-TO-FACE CONTACTS – Continued

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<td>☐ All White ☐ All Black ☐ All of some other race ☐ Mostly White ☐ Mostly Black ☐ Mostly some other race ☐ Equally mixed ☐ Don’t know race of any/some</td>
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<td>42. Was the police officer White, Black, or some other race?</td>
<td>☐ White ☐ Black ☐ Some other race ☐ Don’t know</td>
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<td>43. Were you arrested?</td>
<td>☐ Yes – SKIP to Item 45 ☐ No</td>
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<td>44. Did the police officer(s) threaten to arrest you?</td>
<td>☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don’t know</td>
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<td>45. At any time during (this/the most recent) incident, did the police officer(s) search you, frisk you, or pat you down?</td>
<td>☐ Yes – Ask Item 46 ☐ No ☐ Don’t know SKIP to Item 50</td>
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<td>☐ Yes – Ask Item 47 ☐ No ☐ Don’t know SKIP to Item 48</td>
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<td>☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don’t know</td>
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<td>50. Were you charged with any of the following?</td>
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<td>51. At any time during (this/the most recent) incident were you handcuffed?</td>
<td>☐ Yes – SKIP to Item 52b ☐ No ☐ Don’t know</td>
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<td>52a. On (this/the most recent) occasion, did the police officer(s) for any reason use or threaten to use physical force against you, such as grabbing you or threatening to hit you?</td>
<td>☐ Yes – SKIP to Item 53 ☐ No ☐ Don’t know SKIP to Item 61</td>
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<td>52b. Aside from being handcuffed, did the police officer(s) for any reason use or threaten to use physical force against you, such as grabbing you or threatening to hit you?</td>
<td>☐ Yes – Ask Item 53 ☐ No ☐ Don’t know SKIP to Item 61</td>
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53. What type of physical force did the police officer(s) use or threaten to use during (this/the most recent) incident? Did the police officer(s):

(Read answer categories.)
Mark (X) all that apply.

☐ Threaten to push or grab you?
☐ Threaten to kick you or hit you with the police officer’s hand or something held in the police officer’s hand?
☐ Threaten you with a police dog?
☐ Threaten to spray you with a chemical or pepper spray?
☐ Threatening to fire a gun at you?
☐ Threatening to use some other form of physical force? – Please specify

54. Do you feel that any of the physical force used or threatened against you was excessive?

☐ Yes – Ask Item 55
☐ No
☐ Don’t know

55. FIELD REPRESENTATIVE – Mark without asking when ONLY ONE box is marked in Item 53.

Specifically, what type of physical force do you feel was excessive? (Read items marked in Item 53.)
Mark (X) all that apply.

☐ Actually pushing or grabbing the respondent in a way that did not cause pain?
☐ Actually pushing or grabbing the respondent in a way that did cause pain?
☐ Actually kicking the respondent or hitting the respondent with the police officer’s hand or something held in the police officer’s hand?
☐ Actually unleashing a police dog that bit the respondent?
☐ Actually spraying the respondent with a chemical or pepper spray?
☐ Actually pointing a gun at the respondent but did not shoot?
☐ Actually firing a gun at the respondent?
☐ Actually using some other form of physical force? – Please specify
56a. Were you injured as a result of (this/the most recent) incident?  
- Yes  
- No – **SKIP** to Item 57

56b. Did your injuries include any of the following?  
- Gunshot wound  
- Broken bones or teeth knocked out  
- Internal injuries  
- Bruises, black eyes, cuts, scratches, or swelling  
- Any other injury – Please specify

56c. What type of care did you receive for your (injury/injuries)?  
- No care received  
- Respondent treated self  
- Emergency services only  
- Hospitalization  
- Other – Please specify

57. Do you think any of your actions during (this/the most recent) incident may have provoked the police officer(s) to use or threaten to use physical force?  
- Yes  
- No  
- Don’t know

58. At any time during (this/the most recent) incident did you:  
- Argue with or disobey the police officer(s)?  
- Curse at, insult, or call the police officer(s) a name?  
- Say something threatening to the police officer(s)?  
- Resist being handcuffed or arrested?  
- Resist being searched or having the vehicle searched?  
- Try to escape by hiding, running away, or being in a high-speed chase?  
- Grab, hit, or fight with the police officer(s)?  
- Use a weapon to threaten the police officer(s)?  
- Use a weapon to assault the police officer(s)?  
- Do anything else that might have caused the police officer to use or threaten to use physical force against you? – Please specify

59. Were you drinking at the time of (this/the most recent) incident?  
- Yes  
- No  
- Don’t know

60. Were you using drugs at the time of (this/the most recent) incident?  
- Yes  
- No  
- Don’t know

61. Looking back at (this/the most recent) incident, do you feel the police behaved properly or improperly?  
- Properly – **END INTERVIEW**  
- Improperly  
- Don’t know – **END INTERVIEW**

62. Did you take any formal action, such as filing a complaint or lawsuit?  
- Yes – Ask Item 63  
- No  
- Don’t know – **END INTERVIEW**

63. With whom did you file a complaint or lawsuit?  
- Civilian Complaint Review Board  
- Law enforcement agency employing the police officer(s)  
- Local prosecutor’s office  
- The FBI or the U.S. Attorney’s office  
- Law enforcement agency or the local government  
- Police officer involved in the contact  
- Took other formal action
Reason for Face-to-Face Contact(s)  
With the Police (From Item 1c)  

A motor vehicle stop:  
1 □ You were in a motor vehicle stopped by the police  

You contacted a police officer:  
2 □ To report a crime  
3 □ To report a crime you had witnessed  
4 □ To ask for assistance or information  
5 □ To let the police know about a problem in the neighborhood  
6 □ To tell the police about a traffic accident you had witnessed  
7 □ For some other reason – Please specify  

A police officer contacted you because:  
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12 □ The police asked you questions about a crime they thought you were involved in  
13 □ The police had a warrant for your arrest  
14 □ The police wanted to advise you about crime prevention information  
15 □ Some other reason we haven’t mentioned – Please specify  