



NATIONAL CENSUS OF VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the NCVSP?

The National Census of Victim Service Providers (NCVSP) is a national data collection of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, at the U.S. Department of Justice. The NCVSP collects national data on all programs and organizations that served victims of crime or abuse within the year prior to the survey. It identifies the size and scope of the victim service provider (VSP) field, including the number of VSPs, where they are located, the number of victims they serve, and the types of services they offer. Information from the NCVSP also provides a sampling frame for follow-up surveys on victim service providers, including BJS's [National Survey of Victim Service Providers](#).

### How often is the NCVSP conducted?

The NCVSP is intended to be conducted every 5 years; the first NCVSP was conducted in 2017. This schedule allows changes in the field of VSPs to be measured over time.

### How is data from the NCVSP used?

Information from the NCVSP provides a national look at the makeup of the victim services field, informing victim service funders, planners, and policymakers.

The resulting data is also made available to other researchers through the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data.

By providing a clear understanding of the composition of the victim services field, it also serves as the source of a representative selection of VSPs to invite to the more in-depth National Survey of Victim Service Providers, which will likely be conducted again in or around 2025.

### Will information about individual providers be publicly available?

Data from the NCVSP will not reveal information at the individual program data. It will also not include program names or specific addresses.

NOTE: At the end of the NCVSP, organizations are given the option to add their information to the national directory of the Office for Victims of Crime at the U.S. Department of Justice.

### Who was invited to participate in the NCVSP?

An invitation list for the NCVSP was created from: lists of federally-funded victim services, state and local directories of service providers, lists of providers shared by membership organizations,

lists compiled from Internet sources, and programs who signed up to be included as a result of outreach efforts.

**My organization has poor Internet connection. Can we complete the NCVSP by phone?**

Yes. The invitation letter will include a telephone number if your organization prefers to complete the survey by phone.

**My organization didn't get an invitation to the NCVSP, OR I want to make sure we get an invitation. How can we sign up?**

Complete [this simple form](#). We'll check against our master roster and, if your victim service organization is not already on it, will work to add you.

**Do you have a question that wasn't answered above? [Contact us](#).**

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