

B5. Sexual Experiences Survey (SES)—Victimization Version

On the following pages are questions about your sexual experiences from age 14 on.

1. Have you given in to sex play (fondling, kissing, or petting, but not intercourse) when you didn't want to because you were overwhelmed by a man's continual arguments and pressure? Yes No
 If No, continue with question 2.
 If Yes:
 - 1a. About how many times has it happened (from age 14 on)? 1 2 3 4 5 or more
 - 1b. How many times last school year (September to September)? 0 1 2 3 4 5 or more

2. Have you had sex play (fondling, kissing, or petting but not intercourse) when you didn't want to because a man used his position of authority (boss, teacher, camp counselor, supervisor) to make you? Yes No
 If No, continue with question 3.
 If Yes:
 - 2a. About how many times has it happened (from age 14 on)? 1 2 3 4 5 or more
 - 2b. How many times last school year (September to September)? 0 1 2 3 4 5 or more

3. Have you had sex play (fondling, kissing, or petting but not intercourse) when you didn't want to because a man threatened or used some degree of physical force (twisting your arm, holding you down, etc.) to make you? Yes No
 If No, continue with question 4.
 If Yes:
 - 3a. About how many times has it happened (from age 14 on)? 1 2 3 4 5 or more
 - 3b. How many times last school year (September to September)? 0 1 2 3 4 5 or more

4. Have you had a man attempt sexual intercourse (get on top of you, attempt to insert his penis) when you didn't want to by threatening or using some degree of force (twisting your arm, holding you down, etc.), but intercourse did not occur? Yes No
 If No, continue with question 5.
 If Yes:
 - 4a. About how many times has it happened (from age 14 on)? 1 2 3 4 5 or more
 - 4b. How many times last school year (September to September)? 0 1 2 3 4 5 or more

5. Have you had a man attempt sexual intercourse (get on top of you, attempt to insert his penis) when you didn't want to by giving you alcohol or drugs, but intercourse did not occur? Yes No

If No, continue with question 6.

If Yes:

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| 5a. About how many times has it happened (from age 14 on)? | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 or more |
| 5b. How many times last school year (September to September)? | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 or more |

6. Have you given in to sexual intercourse when you didn't want to because you were overwhelmed by a man's continual arguments and pressure? Yes No

If No, continue with question 7.

If Yes:

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| 6a. About how many times has it happened (from age 14 on)? | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 or more |
| 6b. How many times last school year (September to September)? | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 or more |

7. Have you had sexual intercourse when you didn't want to because a man used his position of authority (boss, teacher, camp counselor, supervisor) to make you? Yes No

If No, continue with question 8.

If Yes:

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| 7a. About how many times has it happened (from age 14 on)? | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 or more |
| 7b. How many times last school year (September to September)? | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 or more |

8. Have you had sexual intercourse when you didn't want to because a man gave you alcohol or drugs? Yes No

If No, continue with question 9.

If Yes:

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| 8a. About how many times has it happened (from age 14 on)? | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 or more |
| 8b. How many times last school year (September to September)? | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 or more |

9. Have you had sexual intercourse when you didn't want to because a man threatened or used some degree of physical force (twisting your arm, holding you down, etc.) to make you? Yes No

If No, continue with question 10.

If Yes:

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| 9a. About how many times has it happened (from age 14 on)? | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 or more |
| 9b. How many times last school year (September to September)? | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 or more |

10. Have you had sex acts (anal or oral intercourse or penetration by objects other than the penis) when you didn't want to because a man threatened you or used some degree of physical force (twisting your arm, holding you down, etc.) to make you? Yes No

If No, continue with question 11.

If Yes:

10a. About how many times has it happened (from age 14 on)? 1 2 3 4 5 or more
 10b. How many times last school year (September to September)? 0 1 2 3 4 5 or more

11. Did you answer “Yes” to any of the questions 1-10? Yes No

If Yes:

11a. Look back to the questions 1-10 in this section. What is the highest question number to which you marked “Yes”?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Note: Scale can be used to assess sexual violence perpetrated by non-intimates.

Scoring Instructions

Respondents are classified according to the most severe sexual victimization that they reported, ranging from no sexual victimization to rape. Women are classified as victims of rape if they answered “yes” to items 8, 9, or 10. Women are classified as victims of sexual coercion if they answered “yes” to items 6 or 7 but not to any higher numbered items. Women are classified as victims of attempted rape if they answered “yes” to items 4 or 5 but not to any higher numbered items. Women are classified as victims of sexual contact if they answered “yes” to items 1, 2, or 3 but not to any higher numbered items.

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