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BJS Assessment of the Rape and Sexual Assault Pilot Test

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Methodological Research to Support the National Crime Victimization Survey: Self-Report Data on Rape and Sexual Assault – Pilot Test

This paper describes the methodology, key findings, recommendations, and limitations of the Rape and Sexual Assault Pilot Test. The Bureau of Justice Statistics initiated the study to develop recommendations on the best methods to collect data on rape and sexual assault within the National Crime Victimization Survey program, as data collections using different methodologies and definitions have generated competing estimates on the level of sexual victimization in the United States over the past two decades.

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