

Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV): Linking 14 Years

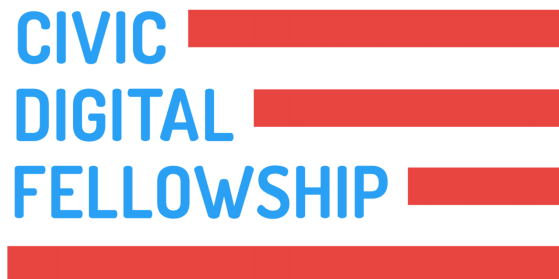
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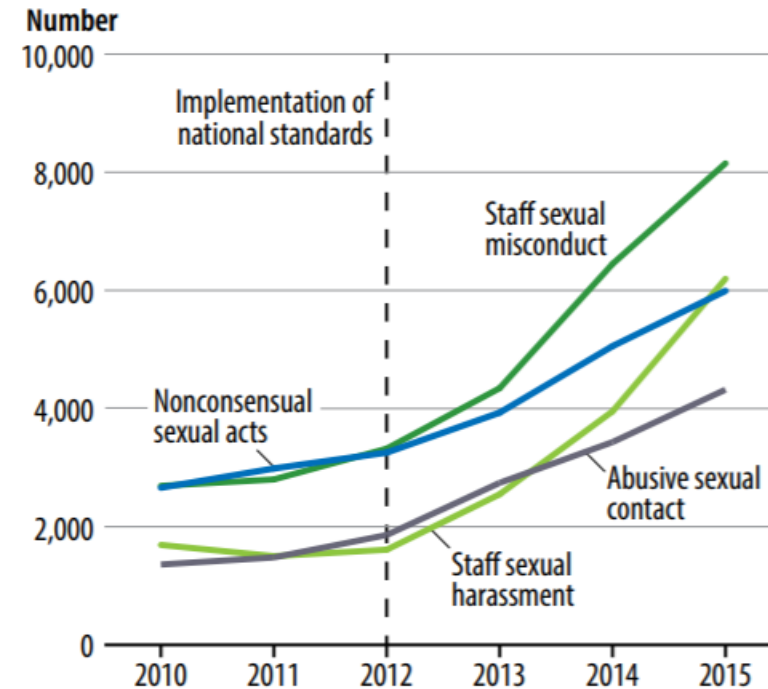
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Survey of Sexual Victimization

- Prison Rape Elimination Act (2003)
- Data collection 2004-present
- Summary and incident data collected from correctional facilities
- Collected for Bureau of Justice Statistics

National estimates of allegations of sexual victimization in adult correctional facilities, by type of victimization, 2010–15



Note: Excludes inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment. See appendix table 5 for estimates and standard errors.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2010–15.

Issue: Disjointed Data Storage





- 14 years * 4 main form types = 56 distinct data sources
- Changes in:
 - Variable names
 - Variable meanings
 - Variable formats
 - Variable encodings
- Limited capacity for cross-year analysis!

2011 – Incident Type

1	= Inmate on inmate nonconsensual sexual act
2	= Inmate on inmate abusive sexual contact
3	= Staff sexual misconduct
4	= Staff sexual harassment
5	= Voluntary sexual contact between adults

2018 – Incident Type

1	= Inmate on inmate nonconsensual sexual act
2	= Inmate on inmate abusive sexual contact
3	= Inmate on inmate sexual harassment
4	= Staff sexual misconduct
5	= Staff sexual harassment





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Project Objectives

- Enable easier, broader cross-year comparisons
- Create process to integrate future data
- Standardize cross-agency data storage
- Automate data cleaning steps

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Project Deliverables

- Two versions of longitudinal files (Census & BJS)
- Standardized format → minimize data frictions
- Complete variable codebook
- R script for data cleaning steps (in progress)

