

The Juvenile Victimization Questionnaire (JVQ) – Short Form
Adapted from Hamby, S. L., Finkelhor, D., Ormrod, R., & Turner, H., 2005

The Juvenile Victimization Questionnaire (JVQ) is a scale designed to measure the rate of various kinds of victimization that may be experienced during adolescence. It is important to understand the past experiences of an individual, particularly those experiences related to childhood, as the child and adolescent narratives may be assist in understanding the present. This short-form version of the JVQ contains ten items, and is validated for use in both youth (ages 10-21) and adult populations

Development and validation of measures: To establish reliability and validity for scale items across a range of ages, we conducted a study with 440 youth (ages 10-21), and a separate sample of 357 adults (ages 18 and older) from rural areas of the Southeast, recruited through word-of-mouth and local community events. Domain level factor analyses were conducted for measures of adversity, and all ten items loaded on the same factor for both samples. The internal consistency (alpha coefficient) was .73 in the youth sample and .81 in the adult sample. Construct validity for the JVQ was determined using bivariate correlations with indicators of well-being and trauma, including Physical Well-being (youth $r = -.31$, adult $r = -.17$), Subjective Well-being (youth $r = -.30$, adult $r = -.13$), and Trauma Symptoms (youth $r = .44$, adult $r = .31$). See Banyard, Hamby, and Grych (2017) for further validation.

Scoring: Each answer category was assigned a value of 1 or 0. The total score can be a sum or mean of all the items. Participant’s raw scores on each item were standardized into z-scores. The scale-level mean was calculated from the item-level z-scores for participants who responded to at least half of the items on the scale. Higher scores indicate more experiences of victimization.

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1. At any time in your life, in real life, did you SEE anyone get attacked or hit on purpose with a stick, rock, gun, knife, or something that would hurt? Somewhere like at home, at school, at a store, in a car, on the street, or anywhere else?

Yes.....1

No0

2. At any time in your life, did you get scared or feel really bad because kids were calling you names, saying mean things to you, or saying they didn’t want you around?

Yes.....1

No0

3. At any time in your life, did any kids ever keep you out of things on purpose, exclude you from their group of friends, or completely ignore you?

Yes.....1

No0

4. At any time in your life, did anyone ever hit or attack you on purpose? Somewhere like: at home, at school, at a store, in a car, on the street, or anywhere else?

Yes.....1

No0

5. At any time in your life, did someone steal information or money from you by “hacking” or breaking into an online account.

Yes.....1

No0

6. At any time in your life, did someone caused problems for you when they said mean things about you online?

Yes.....1

No0

The next question is about people who have taken care of you – that would include your parents, stepparents, and your parents’ boyfriends or girlfriends, whether you lived with them or not. It would also include other grown-ups, like grandparents or foster parents, if they took care of you on a regular basis. When we say “parent” in these next questions, we mean any of these people.

7. During your childhood, did one of your parents threaten to hurt another parent and it seemed they might really get hurt?

Yes.....1

No0

Next, we are going to ask about grown-ups who took care of you. This means parents, adults who lived with you, or others who watched you.

8. Not including spanking on the bottom, during your childhood did a grown-up in your life hit you?

Yes.....1

No0

9. When you were a child, did you get scared or feel really bad because grown-ups called you names, said mean things to you, or said they didn’t want you?

Yes.....1

No0

10. Was there a time in your life that you often had to look after yourself because a parent drank too much alcohol, took drugs, or wouldn’t get out of bed?

Yes.....1

No0