

Delinquency

Adapted from: Cuevas, Finkelhor, Turner, & Ormrod, 2007; Loeber & Dishion, 1983

This scale was adapted from the Frequency of Delinquent Behavior by Loeber and Dishion (1983) for NatSCEV (Cuevas et al., 2007) and further adapted for Life Paths. Participants were asked whether they had engaged in each behavior. Participants aged 17 and under were asked if they had ever done these; adults were asked about their adolescence.

Development and validation of measure in pilot study and main sample: To establish reliability and validity, we conducted a pilot study with 104 participants from the same community as the main sample. In the main sample of over 2500 participants, we conducted domain-level factor analyses for all regulatory measures. All nine items loaded onto the same factor. Internal consistency (coefficient alpha) for the main sample is 0.80. Validity was established in the main sample with mild to moderate correlations with Honesty ($r = -.30$) and Mental Health ($r = -.24$).

Scoring: For scoring purposes, “yes” was assigned a value of 1, and “no” a value of 0. The scale score is a sum of all items. Higher scores indicate more delinquency.

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[Adolescents] *Have you ever:*

[Adults] *Now, think back to when you were a teenager. A lot of people do things when they are teens that they don't do later on. When you were a teenager, did you ever:*

1. On purpose broken, damaged or destroyed something that belonged to someone else?
Yes 1
No 0
2. Hit, slapped or pushed other people or gotten into a physical fight with them?
Yes 1
No 0
3. Taken anything at school, at home, or from a store that did not belong to you?
Yes 1
No 0
4. Cheated on school tests or skipped school without an excuse?
Yes 1
No 0
5. Written things or spray painted on walls or sidewalks or cars, where you were not supposed to do that?
Yes 1
No 0
6. Smoked marijuana or taken any other drugs (that were not prescribed medication)?
Yes 1
No 0
7. Been arrested or taken into custody by the police?
Yes 1
No 0
8. Picked on another kid by chasing or grabbing him or her or by making him or her do something he or she didn't want to do?
Yes 1
No 0
9. Tried to scare or make another kid feel bad by calling him or her names, saying mean things, or saying you didn't want him or her around?
Yes 1
No 0