



Working Group on Victimization Surveys for Latin America and the Caribbean

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Latin America and the Caribbean Crime Victimization Survey Initiative

SECTION E¹:

POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

¹ This Section shall be applied at the end of the questionnaire, before the end of the interview as a separate Section: its name shall be "SECTION E. POSSESSION OF FIREARMS" and it shall be placed after Section C2 of the nuclear questionnaire and Section D (Sexual and physical harassment), if applied.

Finally, I would like to end the interview by asking your opinion regarding the use of firearms in our community.

E.01. I will ask you to think about five (5) households close to yours (district, village, or town), those ones that you know well and with which you have a close relationship. (It means that you regularly exchange points of view about everyday life, but they are not your relatives). If you wish, you can take notes in order to remember them later on.

<< PROVIDE THE RESPONDENT A PIECE PAPER AND ENOUGH TIME TO THINK AND TAKE NOTES.
THE REPODENT CAN MENTION LESS THAN FIVE (5) HOUSEHOLDS >>

How many households did you write down or how many households have you thought of?

<< ENTER THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS >>

(66) Prefer not to say
(99) Does not know / Does not answer

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<< IF THE ANSWER IS = 00 OR 66 OR 99, GO TO E.04 >>

E.02. From what you know, how many of these households do you think have guns or other firearms in their dwellings?

<< ONLY ONE ANSWER IS VALID. MAKE SURE THAT THE RESPONDENT ANSWERS ACCORDINGLY
WITH THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS IDENTIFIED IN THE PREVIOUS QUESTION >>

<< ENTER THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS >>

(66) Prefer not to say
(99) Does not know / Does not answer

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E.03. And among these neighboring households, which you think have guns, how many of them do you know directly that have guns in their household, either because they have told you so personally, or because you have seen them?

<< ENTER THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS >>

(66) Prefer not to say
(99) Does not know / Does not answer

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E.04. And in the past twelve (12) months, that is, between [month/year] and [month/year], how often have you seen people with guns or other firearms in your neighborhood, excluding the police or armed forces?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) Daily or almost daily
- (2) Sometimes a week
- (3) Sometimes per month

- (4) Sometimes a year
- (5) Rarely / almost never
- (6) Never
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer

E.05. And from the following behaviors, could you tell me which ones seem acceptable to you and which ones unacceptable?

<< SHOW CARD #8 AND MARK WITH (X) THE CORRESPONDING CODE IN EACH OPTION >>

	Acceptable	Not sure	Unacceptable	Does not know/ Does not answer
(1) Using a firearm to celebrate	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
(2) Owning a firearm to protect your family	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
(3) An ordinary citizen carrying a firearm in public	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
(4) Selling firearms in the illicit market	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>
(5) Selling firearms to children under 18	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	99 <input type="checkbox"/>

<< EXPLAIN >> Nowadays, security is a major concern in **[country]** and certain people have firearms in their households in order to protect themselves and their family from potential dangers or for other use.

E.06. In your opinion, does the availability of a firearm in an ordinary household contribute to a higher sense of security against crime?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (66) Prefer not to say
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer

E.07. Do you - or any other household member - have a gun, hunting rifle or any other type of firearm?

<< CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE >>

- (1) Yes
- (2) No → << END THE INTERVIEW >>
- (66) Prefer not to say → << END THE INTERVIEW >>
- (99) Does not know / Does not answer → << END THE INTERVIEW >>

E.08. How many firearms do you have in your household?

<< ENTER THE NUMBER OF FIREARMS >>

- 66..... Prefer not to say
- 99..... Does not know / Does not answer

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E.09. Could you tell me what type of firearm do you or any other household member have?

<< MULTIPLE CHOICE: CIRCLE THE CORRESPONDING CODES >>>>

- (1) Handgun (pistol, revolver)
- (2) Hunting gun (hunting pistol, ammunition rifle, shotgun)

- (3) **Non-automatic rifle**
 - (4) **Semi-automatic rifle**
 - (5) **Automatic rifle**
 - (77) **Other (specify)** _____
 - (66) Prefer not to say → << END THE INTERVIEW >>
 - (99) Does not know / Does not answer → << END THE INTERVIEW >>
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E.10. For what reason(s) do you or any other household member have a firearm?

<< MULTIPLE CHOICE: CIRCLE THE CORRESPONDING CODES >>

- (1) **For hunting**
 - (2) **Target shooting**
 - (3) **As part of a collection**
 - (4) **Crime prevention / personal protection**
 - (5) **For being a member of the armed forces, police, or private security company**
 - (6) **For custom or tradition**
 - (7) **Because it has always been in the family / household**
 - (66) Prefer not to say
 - (99) Does not know / Does not answer
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<< END SECTION E >>

COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

[Note: This is an alternative wording of question MVIII01, in case countries would want to try it in a pilot test]

E.01. Can I ask you to think about how many households close to your dwelling you know well and with which you have a close relationship? (This means that they are within walking distance and with whom you exchange regularly views about every day life).

<< IF YOU ARE ASKED, SPECIFY THAT "HOUSEHOLD" IS DEFINED AS A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO SHARE THE SAME ADDRESS AND SHARE THE PROVISIONS >>

<< ENTER THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS >>

66..... Prefer not to say

99..... Does not know / Does not answer

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<< IF THE ANSWER IS = 00 OR 99 OR 66, GO TO E.04 >>

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