

Community Experiences Questionnaire

This survey accompanies a measure in the SPARQTools.org [Measuring Mobility toolkit](#), which provides practitioners curated instruments for assessing mobility from poverty and tools for selecting the most appropriate measures for their programs.

Age: Child, Adult

Duration: 3-5 minutes

Reading Level: 6th to 8th grade

Number of items: 25

Answer Format: 1 = never; 2 = once; 3 = a few times; 4 = lots of times.

Scoring:

The exposure to community violence through direct victimization subscale items are Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Q5, Q6, Q7, Q8, Q9, Q10, and Q11. The exposure to community violence through witnessing subscale items are Q12, Q13, Q14, Q15, Q16, Q17, Q18, Q19, Q20, Q21, Q22, Q23, Q24, and Q25.

Sources:

Schwartz, D., & Proctor, L. J. (2000). Community violence exposure and children's social adjustment in the school peer group: The mediating roles of emotion regulation and social cognition. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, 68(4), 670-683.

Instructions: Please report incidents that have occurred at any point in the past except for incidents with family members or other adults who live with you. Only report real-life events in your neighborhood and community. Do not report incidents from movies or television, or conflicts with children at school. Please circle your answer below.

1. How many times has somebody broken in or tried to force their way into your home?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

2. How many times has somebody threatened to hurt you really badly?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

3. How many times have you been chased by gangs, other kids, or adults?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

4. How many times has somebody hit, punched, or slapped you?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

5. How many times has somebody stolen something from you using violence (like somebody "mugging" you or stealing something from you after beating you up or threatening to hurt you)?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

6. How many times has somebody fired a gun at you or at your home?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

7. How many times has somebody tried to hurt you with a knife or other sharp object?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

8. How many times has somebody tried to hurt you by hitting you with a stick, bat, pole, or club?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

9. How many times has somebody thrown a bottle, rock, or other hard object at you?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

10. How many times has somebody tried to use violence or threats to get you to do something that you didn't want to do?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

11. How many times have you been arrested or taken away by the police?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

12. How many times have you seen or heard somebody else get threatened?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

13. How many times have you seen somebody else get chased by gangs, other kids, or adults?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

14. How many times have you seen somebody trying to break in or force their way into somebody else's home?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

15. How many times have you seen somebody else get hit, punched, or slapped?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

16. How many times have you seen somebody get robbed or have something stolen from them by force (like a person beating somebody up and then taking their money)?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

17. How many times have you seen somebody carrying a gun or other weapon (besides police, military, and security guards)?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

18. How many times have you seen or heard gunshots?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

19. How many times have you seen somebody try to hurt another person with a knife or other sharp object?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

20. How many times have you seen somebody get hit with a stick, bat, pole, or club?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

21. How many times have you seen somebody have a bottle, rock, or other hard object thrown at them?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

22. How many times have you seen somebody get arrested or taken away by the police?

Never Once A few times Lots of times

23. How many times have you seen a dead body (besides at funerals, wakes, or burials)?

Never

Once

A few times

Lots of times

24. How many times have you seen or heard somebody trying to use force or threats to get another person to do something they didn't want to do?

Never

Once

A few times

Lots of times

25. How many times have you seen somebody get killed?

Never

Once

A few times

Lots of times