
Appendix A: 1996 National Youth Gang Survey Form for the Representative Sample

Your agency has been selected to furnish information for the **1996** National Youth Gang Survey. Your answers statistically represent those of hundreds of other law enforcement agencies that will not be surveyed, so your response is very important. **Please return the survey by November 28, 1997.**

Please return the completed survey form by fax or by mail to:

National Youth Gang Center
Institute for Intergovernmental Research
Post Office Box 12729
Tallahassee, FL 32317-2729
Telephone Number: 800-446-0912
Fax Number: 888-323-7305 (*This is a toll-free fax number.*)

Survey Instructions

1. Please report data for **Calendar Year 1996** (January 1 through December 31).
2. For the purpose of this survey, a “youth gang” is defined as: *a group of youths or young adults in your jurisdiction that you or other responsible persons in your agency or community are willing to identify or classify as a “gang.”* **Do not** include motorcycle gangs, hate or ideology groups, prison gangs, or other exclusively adult gangs. Please base your responses on your records, your personal knowledge, or by consulting other agency personnel who are familiar with youth gangs.
3. Police departments should report only for their city/town.
4. Sheriff’s departments should report *only for their unincorporated service area and any contracted jurisdictions.*

Agency Information

1. Name of Jurisdiction Served (City, Town, or County): _____
2. Law Enforcement Agency Name: _____
3. Agency Mailing Address:
Street: _____
City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
4. Name of Person Completing Survey:
First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____
5. Title/Rank: _____
6. Telephone Number, With Area Code: _____ - _____ - _____
7. Fax Number, With Area Code: _____ - _____ - _____

Survey Questions

1. Have you had youth gang problems in your jurisdiction *prior* to 1996?
Yes No Do not know
2. If you answered YES to question 1, in approximately what year did gangs begin to pose a problem in your jurisdiction?
19____ Do not know
3. Do you have unsupervised and troublesome youth groups that you do not consider to be youth gangs?
Yes No Do not know
If YES, about how many such groups are currently active in your jurisdiction? _____
4. During 1996, were any youth gangs active in the city, town, or county named in question 1?
Yes No Do not know

IF YOU ANSWERED “YES” TO QUESTION 4, PLEASE CONTINUE.

IF YOU ANSWERED “NO” OR “DO NOT KNOW” TO QUESTION 4, THAT COMPLETES THE SURVEY. PLEASE RETURN THE FORM BY MAIL OR FAX.

- 5a. How many youth gangs (as defined in the survey instructions) were active in your jurisdiction during 1996?

Number of active *gangs*: _____ Do not know

- 5b. Listed below are different kinds of gangs or groups that some consider to be gangs. Please indicate the type or types included in your answer to question 4.

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|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1) street gangs | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) drug gangs | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) juvenile gangs | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) stoners | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5) satanic groups | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6) terrorist groups | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7) taggers | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8) posses | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9) crews | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

10) other (please identify) _____

6. What was the total number of active youth gang members in your jurisdiction during 1996?

Total number of gang members: _____ **Do not know**

7. Considering all the members of the gangs you are reporting on, what is your estimate of the percentage who are:

Age **Percentage**

Under 15 ___%

15–17 ___%

18–24 ___%

Over 24 ___%

Do not know

8. What is the percentage of all the members of the gangs you are reporting on who are:

Male ___% **Female** ___% **Do not know**

9a. Listed below are terms often used to describe the race/ethnicity of gangs and gang members. The list does not include all variations. For your jurisdiction, what percentage of all youth gang **members** do you estimate are:

1) **African-American/black** ___%

2) **Hispanic/Latino** ___%

3) **Asian** ___%

4) **Caucasian/white** ___%

5) **Other** ___% **(Please identify)** _____

9b. What percentage of the **gangs** in your jurisdiction are multiethnic or multiracial? These gangs are sometimes called “hybrids.”

___% **Do not know**

10. In your jurisdiction, what percent of drug sales do you estimate involves youth gang members?

___% **Do not know**

11. What proportion of drug distribution do you estimate gangs control or manage in your jurisdiction? (Please check the answer that fits best.)

All of it

More than half

Less than half

Less than one-fourth

None

Do not know

12a. How many homicides involving youth gang members occurred in your jurisdiction in 1996?

___ **Homicides** **Do not know**

12b. Does this figure include only homicides that are **gang-motivated**?

Yes **No**

13. In this question, you are asked to comment on “migration” by youth gang members. “Migration” includes temporary visits for social or criminal purposes as well as longer stays, including permanent moves for any reason. By definition, gang migrants have already joined gangs in their former jurisdiction prior to their arrival in a new jurisdiction.

a. Has there been any gang migration into your jurisdiction?

Yes **No** **Do not know**

b. What proportion of the current gang members in your jurisdiction are estimated to be migrants?

___ % **Do not know**

14. Please indicate the degree to which youth gang members are estimated to have engaged in the following offenses in your jurisdiction in 1996. Please *circle* your response.

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Degree</u>			
Aggravated Assault	High	Medium	Low	Not Involved
Robbery	High	Medium	Low	Not Involved
Larceny/Theft	High	Medium	Low	Not Involved
Burglary	High	Medium	Low	Not Involved
Motor Vehicle Theft	High	Medium	Low	Not Involved