

Autistic Adult Survey

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This section of the survey asks for information about your clinical history.

Q: How old were you when you were diagnosed with autism? If unsure, enter your approximate age (in years)

- 0 – 3
- 4 – 6
- 7 – 13
- 14 – 17
- 18 or over

Q: Do you have a mental health diagnosis or any other developmental diagnoses in addition to your autism diagnosis?

- Yes
 - No
- If yes

Q: Please select all that apply.

- ADHD
- Intellectual Disability
- Bipolar
- General Anxiety Disorder
- Depression
- Other, please specify _____

The next part of this survey asks for information about your social and communication preferences.

Q: Below is a list of statements. Please read each statement and rate how strongly you agree or disagree with it.

(Scale of 1 – 4; 1 – definitely disagree; 2 – somewhat disagree; 3 – somewhat agree; 4 – definitely agree)

1. I often notice small sounds when others do not.
2. I usually concentrate more on the whole picture, rather than the small details.
3. I find it easy to do more than one thing at once.
4. If there is an interruption, I can switch back to what I was doing very quickly.
5. I find it easy to pick up on body language when someone is talking to me.
6. I know how to tell if someone listening to me is getting bored.
7. When I'm reading a story I find it difficult to work out the characters' intentions.
8. I like to collect information about categories of things (e.g. types of car, types of bird, types of train, types of plants).

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9. I find it easy to work out what someone is thinking or feeling just by looking at their face.
10. I find it difficult to work out people's intentions.

The following questions ask about your experiences with law enforcement over the past five years.

Q: Have you ever needed assistance or support from law enforcement?

- Yes
- No

If Yes

Q: How many times have you asked law enforcement for assistance or support?

If unsure, enter the approximate number of times.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 or more

Q: Who requested law enforcement assistance? ***You may select more than one.***

- Me
- A family member (e.g. parent, sibling, grandparent)
- A friend
- A partner (e.g. wife, husband, girlfriend, boyfriend)
- Other, please specify:

Q: Please briefly describe the situation/s where you needed assistance from law enforcement:

Q: Have you been pulled over by law enforcement or involved in a traffic related incident in the past five years? If unsure, select the approximate number of times.

- Yes
- No

If yes

Q: How many times have you been pulled over by a law enforcement officer or involved in a traffic related incident? If unsure, select the approximate number of times.

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- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 or more

Q: Have you interacted with law enforcement as a **witness** of a crime in the last five years?

- Yes
- No

If yes:

Q: How many times have you interacted with law enforcement as a **witness** of crime? If unsure, select the approximate number of times.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 or more

Q: Please select the type(s) of crimes or incidents in which you interacted with law enforcement as a **witness**. **You may select more than one.**

- Property Offense (Arson, Vandalism, Larceny, Theft, Burglary)
- Violent Offense (Common Assault, Actual bodily harm, wounding/grievous bodily harm, Robbery)
- Contact Sexual Offense (Rape, Sexual Assault, Indecent Assault, Sexual Battery, Lewd and Lascivious Conduct)
- Non-contact sexual Offense (Public Lewdness, Exposure, Voyeurism, Child Pornography)
- Gun or Firearm Offense (Possession, Selling/Distributing)
- Stalking/Harassment/Bullying
- Drug Offense (Possession, Selling/Distributing)
- Fraud/Theft (Check Fraud, Credit Card Fraud, Insurance Fraud)
- Cyber Crime (Phishing Scams, System Hacking)
- Murder or Attempted Murder
- Other, Please Specify:

Q: Have you interacted with law enforcement as a **victim** of a crime in the last five years?

- Yes
- No

If yes:

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Q: How many times have interacted with law enforcement as a **victim** of crime?

If unsure, select the approximate number of times.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 or more

Q: Please select the type(s) of crimes or incidents in which you interacted with law enforcement as a **victim**. **You may select more than one.**

- Property Offense (Arson, Vandalism, Larceny, Theft, Burglary)
- Violent Offense (Common Assault, Actual bodily harm, wounding/grievous bodily harm, Robbery)
- Contact Sexual Offense (Rape, Sexual Assault, Indecent Assault, Sexual Battery, Lewd and Lascivious Conduct)
- Non-contact sexual Offense (Public Lewdness, Exposure, Voyeurism, Child Pornography)
- Gun or Firearm Offense (Possession, Selling/Distributing)
- Stalking/Harassment/Bullying
- Drug Offense (Possession, Selling/Distributing)
- Fraud/Theft (Check Fraud, Credit Card Fraud, Insurance Fraud)
- Cyber Crime (Phishing Scams, System Hacking)
- Attempted Murder
- Other, Please Specify:

Q: Have you interacted with law enforcement as a **suspect** in a crime in the last five years?

- Yes
- No

If yes:

Q: How many times have you interacted with law enforcement as a **suspect** in a crime: If unsure, select the approximate number of times?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 or more

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Q: Please select the type(s) of crimes or incidents in which you interacted with law enforcement as a **suspect**. **You may select more than one.**

- Property Offense (Arson, Vandalism, Larceny, Theft, Burglary)
- Violent Offense (Common Assault, Actual bodily harm, wounding/grievous bodily harm, Robbery)
- Contact Sexual Offense (Rape, Sexual Assault, Indecent Assault, Sexual Battery, Lewd and Lascivious Conduct)
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- Fraud/Theft (Check Fraud, Credit Card Fraud, Insurance Fraud)
- Cyber Crime (Phishing Scams, System Hacking)
- Murder or Attempted Murder
- Other, Please Specify:

Q: For any interactions with law enforcement, have you disclosed your autism diagnosis?

- Yes – I have disclosed my diagnosis of autism **every** (or the only) time I have interacted with law enforcement
- On some occasions, I disclosed my diagnosis of autism when I have interacted with law enforcement
- No –I have **never** disclosed my diagnosis of autism when I have interacted with law enforcement
- I was diagnosed after my interaction with law enforcement

Skip this question if diagnosed after law enforcement

Q: Why did you choose to disclose or not disclose your autism to law enforcement? (free text)

Q: Would you recommend that autistic people disclose their diagnosis to law enforcement?

- Yes, I would recommend disclosure
- Maybe I would recommend disclosure
- No, I would not recommend disclosure

IF ANSWERED YES TO INTERACTING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AS WITNESS, SUSPECT, VICTIM, NEEDING ASSISTANCE, OR TRAFFIC RELATED – DISPLAY BELOW QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE MOST RECENT INCIDENT

Please think of the most recent incident when you have been in contact with law enforcement. The following questions are about this specific incident.

Q: What was your involvement in this incident?

- Victim
- Witness
- Suspect
- Seeking assistance
- Traffic related
- Other, please specify:

if yes to victim, witness, suspect

Q: When thinking of this most recent incident, please select the type(s) of crime or incident. ***You may select more than one.***

- Property Offense (Arson, Vandalism, Larceny, Theft, Burglary)
- Violent Offense (Common Assault, Actual bodily harm, wounding/grievous bodily harm, Robbery)
- Contact Sexual Offense (Rape, Sexual Assault, Indecent Assault, Sexual Battery, Lewd and Lascivious Conduct)
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- Fraud/Theft (Check Fraud, Credit Card Fraud, Insurance Fraud)
- Cyber Crime (Phishing Scams, System Hacking)
- Murder or Attempted Murder
- Other, Please Specify:

Q: For this most recent incident, did you, or anyone else on your behalf, disclose your autism to law enforcement?

- Yes

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- No

Q: Approximately how long ago did this interaction occur?

- Within the past year
- 1-2 years ago
- 2-5 years ago

Q: Did this most recent incident result in you needing to give evidence (be formally interviewed/questioned) by law enforcement?

- Yes
- No

If no, ask this question and then end the section

Q: Were you offered any adjustments or special measures when interacting with a law enforcement officer in the community? Please specify:

If yes to needing to give evidence in an interview display the rest of this section:

Q: Did the law enforcement officer offer you the option of having a support person available (e.g., parent, social worker)?

- Yes
- No

IF YES:

Q: How helpful did you think the supporting adult was in assisting you?

- 1 – very unhelpful
- 2 – somewhat unhelpful
- 3 – somewhat helpful
- 4 – very helpful
- N/A – declined support

Q: Were you offered any other adjustments or special measures during the interview (e.g. extra breaks, visual supports) when giving a statement to law enforcement?

- Yes
- No

IF YES:

Q: What other adjustments or special measures were you offered? Please specify:

Law enforcement Contact experience scale - Procedural Justice scale

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Q: Thinking about this specific incident, please rate how much you agree with the following statements with

1= disagree strongly, 2= somewhat disagree, 3= somewhat agree, 4= agree strongly

1. Law enforcement seemed genuinely concerned about me as a person.....1 2 3 4
2. Law enforcement treated me respectfully.....1 2 3 4
3. Law enforcement treated me like a human being.....1 2 3 4
4. Law enforcement went out of their way to be helpful.....1 2 3 4
5. Law enforcement tried to do what they thought was best for me.....1 2 3 4
6. Law enforcement took the time to listen to me and understand my situation.....1 2 3 4
7. Law enforcement was concerned about understanding what I needed.....1 2 3 4
8. I am satisfied with the way law enforcement dealt with the situation.....1 2 3 4
9. Law enforcement were just doing their job.....1 2 3 4
10. Law enforcement gave me enough time to do what they asked.....1 2 3 4

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Q: Were there any positive aspects of the way law enforcement interacted with you on this occasion that you would like to share?

- Yes, please explain:
- No

Q: Were there any aspects of the way law enforcement interacted with you on this occasion that negatively impacted the situation that you would like to share?

- Yes, please explain:
- No

The next questions have to do with your experiences with the court system.

Q: Have you ever been involved in the court system?

- Yes
- No

If yes:

Q: Which of the following describes your involvement in the court system (please select all that apply)?

- Witness to a crime
- Victim of a crime
- Accused of a crime
- Family court matter
- Traffic incident
- Other, please specify:

Q: Have you ever given statements in court?

- Yes
- No

If yes to involvement display the following section:

Please think of the most recent instance when you were required or asked to attend a court session. We are now going to ask you some questions relating to this specific instance.

Q: Which of the following describes your involvement in the court system?

- Witness to a crime
- Victim of a crime

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- Accused of a crime
- Family court matter
- Traffic incident
- Other, please specify:

if yes to victim, witness, suspect

Q: Please select the type(s) of crime or incident that the court appearance was related to:

- Property Offense (Arson, Vandalism, Larceny, Theft, Burglary)
- Violent Offense (Common Assault, Actual bodily harm, wounding/grievous bodily harm, Robbery)
- Contact Sexual Offense (Rape, Sexual Assault, Indecent Assault, Sexual Battery, Lewd and Lascivious Conduct)
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- Cyber Crime (Phishing Scams, System Hacking)
- Murder or Attempted Murder
- Other, Please Specify:

Q: How satisfied were you that your legal representative (the lawyer/solicitor representing you in the case) treated you appropriately?

- 1 Very unsatisfied
- 2 Somewhat unsatisfied
- 3 Somewhat satisfied
- 4 Very satisfied
- Not sure/Not applicable: I did not have legal representation (e.g., I was a witness)

Q: Please briefly explain your answer (optional):

Q: Were you formally questioned during court proceedings by your legal representation?

- Yes
- No

If YES

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Q: How satisfied were you with the way you were formally questioned during court proceedings by your legal representation?

- 1 Very unsatisfied
- 2 Somewhat unsatisfied
- 3 somewhat satisfied
- 4 Very satisfied

Q: Please briefly explain your answer (optional):

Q: How satisfied were you that the opposing lawyer treated you appropriately?

- 1 Very unsatisfied
- 2 Somewhat unsatisfied
- 3 Somewhat satisfied
- 4 Very satisfied

Q: Please briefly explain your answer (optional):

Q: How satisfied were you with the way you were cross-examined in court proceedings? (i.e., the questioning you received from the lawyer/barrister that was not representing you)

- 1 Very unsatisfied
- 2 Somewhat unsatisfied
- 3 Somewhat satisfied
- 4 Very satisfied

Q: Please briefly explain your answer (optional):

Q: Did you have a support person/staff available during your court appearance?

- Yes
- No

IF YES:

Q: How helpful did you think the support person/staff was in assisting you?

- 1 – very unhelpful
- 2 – somewhat unhelpful
- 3 – somewhat helpful
- 4 – very helpful

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Q: Were you offered any other adjustments or special measures during your court appearance (e.g. extra breaks, visual supports)?

- Yes
- No

IF YES:

Q: What other adjustments or special measures did you receive. Please specify:

Q: Were there any positive aspects in the way court officials (lawyers, magistrate/judge) interacted with you on this occasion?

- Yes, please explain:
- No

Q: Were there any aspects of the way court officials (lawyers, magistrate/judge) interacted with you on this occasion that negatively impacted your experience?

- Yes, please explain:
- No

Q: Overall, how satisfied were you with your experience in court?

- 1 Very unsatisfactory
- 2 Somewhat unsatisfactory
- 3 Somewhat satisfactory
- 4 Very satisfactory

The next questions have to do with your experiences in jail or prison.

Q: Have you ever been to jail or prison?

- Yes
- No

If no end the survey

Q: What crime/s have you been convicted of? ***You may select more than one.***

- Property Offense (Arson, Vandalism, Larceny, Theft, Burglary)
- Violent Offense (Common Assault, Actual bodily harm, wounding/grievous bodily harm, Robbery)
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- Gun or Firearm Offense (Possession, Selling/Distributing)
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- Cyber Crime (Phishing Scams, System Hacking)
- Murder or Attempted Murder
- Other, Please Specify:

Q: How much time in total have you spent in jail, prison, or juvenile justice system?

- A week or less
- A month or less
- 3 months or less
- 6 months or less
- A year or less
- 2 years or less
- More than 2 years

Q: Were jail/prison staff aware of your autism?

- Yes
 - No
 - Unsure
- If yes:

Q: Were you offered any special adjustments or accommodations in the prison/jail setting?

- Yes
 - No
 - Unsure
- If yes:

Q: Please describe special adjustments/accommodations that you received:

Q: Were there any other special adjustments/accommodations that may have assisted you, but you did not receive?

- Yes
 - No
 - Unsure
- If yes:

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Q: What special adjustments/accommodations may have assisted you? Please specify:

Q: What aspects of jail/prison did you find most difficult? Please specify:

Q: Were there any positive aspects of your time in jail/prison?

- Yes
- No

if yes:

Q: Please describe any positive aspects: