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Table 3.1.2008

Estimated number, percent distribution, and rate of personal and property victimization

By type of crime, United States, 2008^a

Type of crime	Number of victimizations	Percent of all victimizations ^b	Annual victimization rate (per 1,000 persons age 12 and older or per 1,000 households)
All crimes	21,312,400	100.0%	X
Personal crimes ^c	4,993,220	23.4	19.8
Crimes of violence	4,856,510	22.8	19.3
Completed violence	1,362,210	6.4	5.4
Attempted/threatened violence	3,494,300	16.4	13.9
Rape/sexual assault	203,830	1.0	0.8
Rape/attempted rape	123,010	0.6	0.5
Rape	52,470	0.2	0.2
Attempted rape ^d	70,540	0.3	0.3
Sexual assault ^e	80,810	0.4	0.3
Robbery	551,830	2.6	2.2
Completed/property taken	372,180	1.7	1.5
With injury	141,600	0.7	0.6
Without injury	230,590	1.1	0.9
Attempted to take property	179,640	0.8	0.7
With injury	64,290	0.3	0.3
Without injury	115,350	0.5	0.5
Assault	4,100,850	19.2	16.3
Aggravated	839,940	3.9	3.3
With injury	252,580	1.2	1.0
Threatened with weapon	587,360	2.8	2.3
Simple	3,260,920	15.3	12.9
With minor injury	616,200	2.9	2.4
Without injury	2,644,720	12.4	10.5
Purse snatching/pocket picking	136,710	0.6	0.5
Completed purse snatching	18,260 ^f	0.1 ^f	0.1 ^f
Attempted purse snatching	10,140 ^f	0.0 ^f	0.0 ^f
Pocket picking	108,310	0.5	0.4
Property crimes	16,319,180	76.6	134.7
Household burglary	3,188,620	15.0	26.3
Completed	2,598,960	12.2	21.5
Forcible entry	1,191,290	5.6	9.8
Unlawful entry without force	1,407,670	6.6	11.6
Attempted forcible entry	589,660	2.8	4.9
Motor vehicle theft	795,160	3.7	6.6
Completed	593,360	2.8	4.9
Attempted	201,800	0.9	1.7
Theft	12,335,400	57.9	101.8
Completed	11,740,750	55.1	96.9
Less than \$50	2,859,180	13.4	23.6
\$50 to \$249	4,169,140	19.6	34.4
\$250 or more	3,265,320	15.3	27.0
Amount not available	1,447,100	6.8	11.9
Attempted	594,660	2.8	4.9

Note: The National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) is conducted annually for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics by the U.S. Census Bureau. These estimates are based on data derived from a continuous survey of a representative sample of housing units in the United States. For the 2008 survey, approximately 67,090 residents in 38,060 households were interviewed; each household was interviewed twice during the year. Response rates were 90% of eligible housing units and 86% of eligible individuals in interviewed households. In 2008, the total U.S. population age 12 and older was 252,242,520. The total number of households in the United States in 2008 was 121,141,060. The NCVS is based on interviews with victims and therefore cannot measure murder.

Users should note that the 2008 NCVS estimates are comparable to 2007, 2005, and previous years but not to 2006 estimates due to changes in methodology implemented for the 2006 NCVS. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see [Appendix 8](#).

^a Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

^b Percent distribution is based on unrounded figures.

^c Does not include murder or manslaughter.

^d Includes verbal threats of rape.

^e Includes threats.

^f Estimate is based on 10 or fewer sample cases.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Criminal Victimization in the United States, 2008 Statistical Tables*, NCJ 231173, Table 1 [Online]. Available: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cvus08.pdf> [May 21, 2011]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.