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Estimated number and percent distribution of violent victimization incidents

By type of crime and victim-offender relationship, United States, 2008^a

Type of crime	All incidents		Involving strangers		Involving nonstrangers	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Crimes of violence	4,581,260	100%	2,285,170	49.9%	2,296,090	50.1%
Completed violence	1,291,780	100	538,280	41.7	753,490	58.3
Attempted/threatened violence	3,289,490	100	1,746,890	53.1	1,542,600	46.9
Rape/sexual assault	200,520	100	70,630	35.2	129,880	64.8
Rape/attempted rape	121,380	100	27,200 ^b	22.4 ^b	94,180	77.6
Rape	52,470	100	13,850 ^b	26.4 ^b	38,620	73.6
Attempted rape ^c	68,910	100	13,350 ^b	19.4 ^b	55,560	80.6
Sexual assault ^d	79,140	100	43,430	54.9	35,700 ^b	45.1 ^b
Robbery	504,110	100	340,480	67.5	163,630	32.5
Completed/property taken	346,240	100	209,480	60.5	136,760	39.5
With injury	127,290	100	76,330	60.0	50,970	40.0
Without injury	218,950	100	133,150	60.8	85,800	39.2
Attempted to take property	157,870	100	131,010	83.0	26,860 ^b	17.0 ^b
With injury	56,800	100	48,720	85.8	8,080 ^b	14.2 ^b
Without injury	101,070	100	82,280	81.4	18,780 ^b	18.6 ^b
Assault	3,876,640	100	1,874,060	48.3	2,002,580	51.7
Aggravated	768,770	100	399,380	51.9	369,400	48.1
With injury	236,600	100	108,930	46.0	127,670	54.0
Threatened with weapon	532,170	100	290,440	54.6	241,730	45.4
Simple	3,107,870	100	1,474,680	47.4	1,633,190	52.6
With minor injury	589,360	100	169,350	28.7	420,010	71.3
Without injury	2,518,500	100	1,305,330	51.8	1,213,170	48.2

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](#).

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.

^bEstimate is based on 10 or fewer sample cases.

^cIncludes verbal threats of rape.

^dIncludes threats.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Criminal Victimization in the United States, 2008 Statistical Tables*, NCJ 231173, Table 27 [Online]. Available: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cvus08.pdf> [May 21, 2011].