

Table 3.143

## Percent distribution of aggravated assaults known to police

By type of weapon used, United States, 1964-2002

	Total <sup>a</sup>	Type of weapon used			
		Firearm	Knife or other cutting instrument	Other weapons (clubs, blunt objects, etc.)	Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.)
1964	100%	15%	40%	23%	22%
1965	100	17	36	22	25
1966	100	19	34	22	25
1967	100	21	33	22	24
1968	100	23	31	24	22
1969	100	24	30	25	22
1970	100	24	28	24	23
1971	100	25	27	24	24
1972	100	25	26	23	25
1973	100	26	25	23	27
1974	100	25	24	23	27
1975	100	25	24	25	27
1976	100	24	24	26	27
1977	100	23	23	27	26
1978	100	22	23	28	27
1979	100	23	22	28	27
1980	100	24	22	28	27
1981	100	24	22	28	26
1982	100	22	23	28	26
1983	100	21	24	29	26
1984	100	21	23	31	25
1985	100	21	23	31	25
1986	100	21	22	32	25
1987	100	21	21	32	25
1988	100	21	20	31	27
1989	100	22	20	32	27
1990	100	23	20	32	26
1991	100	24	18	31	27
1992	100	25	18	31	26
1993	100	25	18	31	26
1994	100	24	18	32	26
1995	100	23	18	33	26
1996	100	22	18	34	26
1997	100	20	18	35	27
1998	100	19	18	36	27
1999	100	18	18	35	29
2000	100	18	18	36	28
2001	100	18	18	36	28
2002	100	19	18	35	28

Note: See Notes, [tables 3.106](#) and [3.140](#). For information on States supplying incomplete data for selected years, see [Appendix 3](#).

<sup>a</sup>Because of rounding, percents may not add to total.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States*, 1964, p. 9; 1965, p. 8; 1966, p. 9; 1967, p. 11; 1968, p. 10; 1969, p. 10; 1970, p. 12; 1971, p. 12; 1972, p. 10; 1973, p. 11; 1974, p. 20; 1975, p. 20; 1976, p. 13; 1977, p. 21; 1978, p. 21; 1979, p. 20; 1980, p. 21; 1981, p. 20; 1982, p. 22; 1983, p. 23; 1984, p. 23; 1985, p. 23; 1986, p. 22; 1987, p. 23; 1988, p. 24; 1989, p. 23; 1990, p. 24; 1991, p. 32, Table 2.23; 1992, p. 32, Table 2.23; 1993, p. 32, Table 2.24; 1994, p. 32, Table 2.24; 1995, p. 32, Table 2.24; 1996, p. 32, Table 2.24; 1997, p. 34, Table 2.24; 1998, p. 32, Table 2.24; 1999, p. 33, Table 2.24; 2000, p. 35, Table 2.24; 2001, p. 38; 2002, p. 38, Table 2.24 (Washington, DC: USGPO). Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff.