

Table 3.143.2010

Percent distribution of aggravated assaults known to police

By type of weapon used, United States, 1964-2010

	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
2003	100	19	18	36	27
2004	100	19	19	36	27
2005	100	21	19	35	25
2006	100	22	19	34	25
2007	100	21	19	34	26
2008	100	21	19	34	26
2009	100	21	19	34	27
2010	100	21	19	33	27

Note: These data were compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. On a monthly basis, law enforcement agencies (police, sheriffs, and State police) report the number of offenses that become known to them in the following crime categories: murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. A count of these crimes is taken from records of all complaints of crime received by law enforcement agencies from victims or other sources and/or from officers who discovered the offenses. Whenever complaints of crime are determined through investigation to be unfounded or false, they are eliminated from an agency's count (Source, 2010, About Crime in the U.S., Methodology). In trend tables "constructed" or "adapted" by SOURCEBOOK staff from *Crime in the United States*, the data are from the first year in which the data are reported. It should be noted that the number of agencies reporting and the populations represented vary from year to year. Also, the percent distributions are based on offense reports for which the FBI received detailed information from local law enforcement agencies and exclude jurisdictions for which the FBI generated estimated offense totals. For data on the estimated total number of offenses occurring in the United States for each Part I offense, see table 3.106.2010. 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; 2003, p. 38, Table 2.23; 2004, p. 38, Table 2.23 (Washington, DC: USGPO); 2005, Aggravated Assault Table [Online]. Available: [http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/05cius/offenses/expanded\\_information/data/agassaulttable.html](http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/05cius/offenses/expanded_information/data/agassaulttable.html) [Oct. 13, 2006]; 2006, Aggravated Assault Table [Online]. Available: [http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2006/offenses/expanded\\_information/data/agassaulttable.html](http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2006/offenses/expanded_information/data/agassaulttable.html) [Oct. 24, 2007]; 2007, Aggravated Assault Table [Online]. Available: [http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/offenses/expanded\\_information/data/agassaulttable.html](http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/offenses/expanded_information/data/agassaulttable.html) [Jan. 21, 2009]; 2008, Aggravated Assault Table [Online]. Available: [http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/offenses/expanded\\_information/data/agassaulttable.html](http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/offenses/expanded_information/data/agassaulttable.html) [Dec. 29, 2009]; 2009, Aggravated Assault Table [Online]. Available: [http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2009/offenses/expanded\\_information/data/agassaulttable.html](http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2009/offenses/expanded_information/data/agassaulttable.html) [Oct. 20, 2010]; 2010, Aggravated Assault Table [Online]. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s./2010/crime-in-the-u.s.-2010/tables/10aggytbl.xls> [Oct. 19, 2011]. Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff.