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Estimated percent distribution of violent victimization

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

Type of crime	Total number of victimizations	Total crimes	Victim-offender relationship										
			Total	Related					Well known ^b	Casual acquaintances	Don't know relationship	Strangers	Don't know number of offenders
				Spouse	Ex-spouse	Parent	Own child	Other relatives					
Crimes of violence	4,856,510	100%	10.5%	2.8%	2.0%	0.6% ^c	1.2%	3.9%	25.2%	13.9%	9.0%	36.2%	5.3%
Completed violence	1,362,210	100	15.1	4.5	2.9	0.0 ^c	1.6 ^c	6.0	31.1	11.5	5.4	34.3	2.6 ^c
Attempted/threatened violence	3,494,300	100	8.7	2.1	1.6	0.9 ^c	1.1	3.1	22.8	14.8	10.4	36.9	6.4
Rape/sexual assault ^d	203,830	100	5.9 ^c	3.3 ^c	0.0 ^c	0.0 ^c	0.0 ^c	2.6 ^c	46.0	13.5 ^c	4.6 ^c	25.9	4.1 ^c
Robbery	551,830	100	7.8	0.4 ^c	1.4 ^c	0.9 ^c	0.0 ^c	5.1 ^c	17.1	6.4 ^c	10.5	54.3	3.9 ^c
Completed/property taken	372,180	100	7.1 ^c	0.5 ^c	2.1 ^c	0.0 ^c	0.0 ^c	4.6 ^c	22.5	9.5 ^c	7.5 ^c	50.3	3.1 ^c
Attempted to take property	179,640	100	9.1 ^c	0.0 ^c	0.0 ^c	2.7 ^c	0.0 ^c	6.3 ^c	5.9 ^c	0.0 ^c	16.6 ^c	62.7	5.8 ^c
Assault	4,100,850	100	11.1	3.1	2.1	0.6 ^c	1.4 ^c	3.8	25.2	14.9	9.0	34.2	5.5
Aggravated	839,940	100	9.5	2.0 ^c	1.1 ^c	0.4 ^c	1.4 ^c	4.6	25.0	13.9	10.2	37.0	4.4 ^c
Simple	3,260,920	100	11.5	3.3	2.4	0.7 ^c	1.5	3.6	25.3	15.2	8.7	33.5	5.8

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.

^bIncludes data on offenders well known to the victim whose relationship to the victim could not be ascertained.

^cEstimate is based on 10 or fewer sample cases.

^dIncludes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Criminal Victimization in the United States, 2008 Statistical Tables*, NCJ 231173, Table 34 [Online]. Available: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cvus08.pdf> [May 21, 2011].