

Table 3.16.2007

Victim-offender relationship in violent victimization

By type of crime and sex of victim, United States, 2007^a

Relationship of victim to offender	Violent crime		Rape/ sexual assault		Robbery		Aggravated assault		Simple assault	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male victims, total	2,752,030	100%	11,300	100%	411,450	100%	555,010	100%	1,774,290	100%
Nonstranger	1,264,850	46	6,600 ^b	58 ^b	89,180	22	227,870	41	941,200	53
Intimate	69,100	3	0 ^b	0 ^b	5,960 ^b	1 ^b	16,000 ^b	3 ^b	47,140	3
Other relative	104,810	4	0 ^b	0 ^b	5,710 ^b	1 ^b	24,120 ^b	4 ^b	74,980	4
Friend/acquaintance	1,090,940	40	6,600 ^b	58 ^b	77,510	19	187,760	34	819,080	46
Stranger	1,380,230	50	4,690 ^b	42 ^b	302,520	74	303,530	55	769,480	43
Relationship unknown	106,960	4	0 ^b	0 ^b	19,740 ^b	5 ^b	23,610 ^b	4 ^b	63,610	4
Female victims, total	2,425,100	100	236,980	100	185,880	100	303,930	100	1,698,310	100
Nonstranger	1,677,000	69	150,830	64	89,690	48	186,670	61	1,249,810	74
Intimate	554,260	23	55,110	23	37,310	20	69,010	23	392,830	23
Other relative	192,250	8	6,530 ^b	3 ^b	14,470 ^b	8 ^b	27,340 ^b	9 ^b	143,920	9
Friend/acquaintance	930,480	38	89,190	38	37,910	20	90,320	30	713,060	42
Stranger	689,780	28	72,780	31	89,760	48	108,690	36	418,550	25
Relationship unknown	58,330	2	13,370 ^b	6 ^b	6,430 ^b	4 ^b	8,570 ^b	3 ^b	29,960 ^b	2 ^b

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 2007 survey, approximately 73,600 residents in 41,500 households were interviewed; each household was interviewed twice during the year. Response rates were 90.3% of eligible housing units and 86.2% of eligible individuals in interviewed households. In 2007, the total U.S. population age 12 and older was 250,344,870. The total number of households in the United States in 2007 was 119,503,530. The NCVS is based on interviews with victims and therefore cannot measure murder.

Users should note that due to changes in methodology implemented for the 2006 NCVS, the 2006 estimates are not comparable to NCVS estimates for other years. Users are cautioned against making any comparison between the above 2007 data and 2006 NCVS estimates shown in other tables. 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.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Criminal Victimization, 2007*, Bulletin NCJ 224390 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, December 2008), p. 6.