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Victim-offender relationship in violent victimization

By type of crime and sex of victim, United States, 2009^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	2,283,200	100%	19,820	100% ^b	329,070	100%	529,550	100%	1,404,760	100%
Nonstranger	1,029,710	45	5,090	26 ^b	108,130	33	247,800	47	668,690	48
Intimate partner ^c	117,210	5	(b,d)	(b,d)	(b,d)	(b,d)	33,150	6 ^b	84,050	6
Other relative	130,530	6	(b,d)	(b,d)	22,380	7 ^b	(b,d)	(b,d)	108,150	8
Friend/acquaintance	781,980	34	5,090	26 ^b	85,750	26	214,640	41	476,490	34
Stranger	1,180,000	52	14,720	74 ^b	205,800	63	275,920	52	683,560	49
Relationship unknown	73,490	3	(b,d)	(b,d)	15,140	5 ^b	5,840	1 ^b	52,510	4
Female victims, total	2,060,250	100	106,100	100	204,720	100	293,790	100	1,455,650	100
Nonstranger	1,390,720	68	84,240	79	94,890	46	189,610	65	1,021,980	70
Intimate partner ^c	538,090	26	43,200	41	41,590	20	52,350	18	400,950	28
Other relative	181,670	9	(b,d)	(b,d)	21,710	11 ^b	19,850	7 ^b	140,110	10
Friend/acquaintance	670,960	33	41,040	39	31,590	15 ^b	117,410	40	480,920	33
Stranger	633,850	31	21,860	21 ^b	97,250	48	104,180	36	410,550	28
Relationship unknown	35,690	2 ^b	(b,d)	(b,d)	12,570	6 ^b	(b,d)	(b,d)	23,110	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 2009 survey, approximately 68,665 residents in 38,728 households were interviewed; each household was interviewed twice during the year. Response rates were 92% of eligible housing units and 87% of eligible individuals in interviewed households. In 2009, the total U.S. population age 12 and older was 254,105,610. The total number of households in the United States in 2009 was 122,327,660. 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 and therefore have been excluded from tables showing trends. NCVS estimates for 2007-2009 are consistent with years previous to 2006. 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 current or former spouses, boyfriends, or girlfriends.

^dRounds to less than 0.5%.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Criminal Victimization, 2009*, Bulletin NCJ 231327 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, October 2010), p. 7, Table 7.