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Estimated percent distribution of violent victimization incidents

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

Type of crime	All incidents		No weapon used	Weapon used										Don't know if weapon present
				Total	Firearm	Hand-gun	Other gun	Gun type unknown	Knife	Sharp object	Blunt object	Other weapon	Weapon type unknown	
Crimes of violence	4,581,260	100%	73.7%	19.8%	6.6%	5.8%	0.8% ^b	0.1% ^b	4.9%	1.2%	3.9%	1.8%	1.5%	6.6%
Completed violence	1,291,780	100	69.5	25.3	9.8	8.2	1.4 ^b	0.2 ^b	5.4	0.8 ^b	4.6	2.7 ^b	2.1 ^b	5.3
Attempted/threatened violence	3,289,490	100	75.3	17.6	5.4	4.8	0.6 ^b	0.0 ^b	4.7	1.3	3.6	1.4	1.2	7.1
Rape/sexual assault ^c	200,520	100	79.6	1.4 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	1.4 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	19.0
Robbery	504,110	100	49.3	39.9	23.7	21.4	2.3 ^b	0.0 ^b	9.3	1.5 ^b	2.8 ^b	1.2 ^b	1.4 ^b	10.9
Completed/property taken	346,240	100	46.2	44.7	28.8	25.4	3.4 ^b	0.0 ^b	9.9 ^b	1.2 ^b	2.5 ^b	1.2 ^b	1.2 ^b	9.2 ^b
With injury	127,290	100	58.4	33.9	25.3 ^b	21.0 ^b	4.2 ^b	0.0 ^b	5.5 ^b	3.2 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	7.7 ^b
Without injury	218,950	100	39.1	50.9	30.8	28.0	2.8 ^b	0.0 ^b	12.5 ^b	0.0 ^b	3.9 ^b	1.8 ^b	1.9 ^b	10.0 ^b
Attempted to take property	157,870	100	56.1	29.3	12.7 ^b	12.7 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	7.9 ^b	2.1 ^b	3.3 ^b	1.2 ^b	2.0 ^b	14.6 ^b
With injury	56,800	100	74.9	11.1 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	5.3 ^b	5.9 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	13.9 ^b
Without injury	101,070	100	45.6	39.5	19.8 ^b	19.8 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	9.4 ^b	0.0 ^b	5.2 ^b	1.9 ^b	3.1 ^b	15.0 ^b
Assault	3,876,640	100	76.5	18.1	4.8	4.0	0.7 ^b	0.1 ^b	4.5	1.2	4.2	1.9	1.5	5.4
Aggravated	768,770	100	8.0	91.2	24.0	20.3	3.3 ^b	0.4 ^b	22.6	5.9	21.3	9.7	7.7	0.8 ^b
With injury	236,600	100	25.9	71.5	11.4 ^b	7.4 ^b	2.7 ^b	1.2 ^b	13.6 ^b	2.8 ^b	21.2	13.0 ^b	9.6 ^b	2.5 ^b
Threatened with weapon	532,170	100	0.0 ^b	100.0	29.6	26.0	3.6 ^b	0.0 ^b	26.6	7.3	21.4	8.3	6.9 ^b	0.0 ^b
Simple ^d	3,107,870	100	93.5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	6.5
With minor injury	589,360	100	97.7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2.3 ^b
Without injury	2,518,500	100	92.5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7.5
Involving strangers														
Crimes of violence	2,285,170	100	67.2	23.4	10.6	9.5	1.2 ^b	0.0 ^b	4.9	1.3 ^b	3.8	1.3 ^b	1.4 ^b	9.4
Rape/sexual assault ^c	70,630	100	68.0	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	32.0 ^b
Robbery	340,480	100	38.3	49.1	33.2	29.8	3.4 ^b	0.0 ^b	10.3 ^b	2.2 ^b	1.5 ^b	0.6 ^b	1.2 ^b	12.7
Aggravated assault	399,380	100	6.6 ^b	91.9	32.6	28.9	3.7 ^b	0.0 ^b	19.5	5.5 ^b	20.5	6.9 ^b	6.9 ^b	1.5 ^b
Simple assault ^d	1,474,680	100	90.3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9.7
Involving nonstrangers														
Crimes of violence	2,296,090	100	80.1	16.2	2.6	2.0	0.5 ^b	0.1 ^b	4.8	1.0 ^b	3.9	2.2	1.5 ^b	3.8
Rape/sexual assault ^c	129,880	100	85.9	2.1 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	2.1 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	12.0 ^b
Robbery	163,630	100	72.2	20.7 ^b	4.0 ^b	4.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	7.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	5.3 ^b	2.5 ^b	1.9 ^b	7.1 ^b
Aggravated assault	369,400	100	9.5 ^b	90.5	14.6	11.0	2.9 ^b	0.8 ^b	26.1	6.3 ^b	22.2	12.7	8.6 ^b	0.0 ^b
Simple assault ^d	1,633,190	100	96.4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	3.6

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. Responses for weapon use are tallied once, based upon a hierarchy. Prior to 1993, multiple responses for weapons were tallied. 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 verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.

^dSimple assault, by definition, does not involve the use of a weapon.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Criminal Victimization in the United States, 2008 Statistical Tables*, NCJ 231173, Table 66 [Online]. Available: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cvus08.pdf> [May 21, 2011].