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Estimated percent of violent victimizations in which victim took self-protective measures

By type of crime and victim-offender relationship, United States, 2006

Type of crime	Victimizations in which self-protective measure was taken		
	Total	Involving strangers	Involving nonstrangers
Crimes of violence	62.4%	58.4%	66.0%
Completed violence	66.2	57.7	72.9
Attempted/threatened violence	60.5	58.7	62.2
Rape/sexual assault ^a	58.3	69.4	51.5
Robbery	59.0	56.2	66.8
Completed/property taken	49.1	41.8	66.2
With injury	67.4	71.7	59.2
Without injury	35.3	21.5	73.1
Attempted to take property	79.7	82.2	68.6 ^b
With injury	87.7	80.0 ^b	100.0 ^b
Without injury	77.8	82.6	48.8 ^b
Assault	63.1	58.4	66.7
Aggravated	67.4	62.0	72.5
With injury	72.1	62.6	80.0
Threatened with weapon	65.0	61.8	68.1
Simple	61.5	57.0	64.9
With minor injury	75.3	69.4	78.1
Without injury	57.2	54.2	59.7

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 2006 survey, approximately 135,300 residents in 76,000 housing units were interviewed. Response rates were 91% of eligible housing units and 86% of eligible individuals in interviewed households. In 2006, the total U.S. population age 12 and older was 247,233,080. The total number of households in the United States in 2006 was 117,858,380. The NCVS is based on interviews with victims and therefore cannot measure murder.

Users should be aware that due to changes in methodology implemented for the 2006 survey, these national level estimates are not comparable to NCVS estimates from previous years. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see [Appendix 8](#).

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

^bEstimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Criminal Victimization in the United States, 2006 Statistical Tables*, NCJ 223436, Table 68 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cvus06.pdf> [Sept. 17, 2008].