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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, 2008

Type of crime	Victimizations in which self-protective measure was taken		
	Total	Involving strangers	Involving nonstrangers
Crimes of violence	57.6%	55.4%	59.8%
Completed violence	60.9	53.7	66.1
Attempted/threatened violence	56.3	56.0	56.7
Rape/sexual assault <sup>a</sup>	63.1	63.9	62.6
Robbery	65.4	63.5	69.6
Completed/property taken	54.9	46.2	68.4
With injury	74.5	77.9	69.7
Without injury	42.8	27.8	67.5
Attempted to take property	87.3	89.2	76.5 <sup>b</sup>
With injury	95.0	100.0	60.1 <sup>b</sup>
Without injury	83.0	82.9	83.6 <sup>b</sup>
Assault	56.3	53.6	58.8
Aggravated	57.0	49.5	65.0
With injury	53.2	50.0	56.1
Threatened with weapon	58.6	49.3	69.4
Simple	56.1	54.7	57.3
With minor injury	66.0	65.7	66.2
Without injury	53.8	53.3	54.3

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](#).

<sup>a</sup>Includes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.

<sup>b</sup>Estimate is based on 10 or fewer sample cases.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Criminal Victimization in the United States, 2008 Statistical Tables*, NCJ 231173, Table 68 [Online]. Available: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cvus08.pdf> [May 21, 2011].