

Table 3.19.2008

Estimated percent distribution of self-protective measures employed by victims of violent crime

By sex and race of victim, United States, 2008^a

Self-protective measure	Sex			Race ^b	
	Both sexes	Male	Female	White only	Black only
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Attacked offender with weapon	1.3	1.6 ^c	1.0 ^c	0.8 ^c	2.8 ^c
Attacked offender without weapon	7.7	10.2	5.2	6.8	10.2
Threatened offender with weapon	0.6 ^c	1.3 ^c	0.0 ^c	0.7 ^c	0.9 ^c
Threatened offender without weapon	1.0 ^c	1.7 ^c	0.4 ^c	1.3 ^c	0.6 ^c
Resisted or captured offender	22.3	24.4	20.4	20.8	27.5
Scared or warned offender	11.2	7.8	14.4	11.7	9.2
Persuaded or appeased offender	12.7	14.9	10.6	13.4	12.0
Ran away or hid	16.2	15.5	16.8	15.9	15.2
Got help or gave alarm	14.4	11.0	17.6	13.9	14.7
Screamed from pain or fear	3.0	1.1 ^c	4.9	3.3	2.7 ^c
Took other measures	9.6	10.5	8.7	11.4	4.0 ^c

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. Some respondents may have reported more than one self-protective measure employed. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see [Appendix 8](#).

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.

^bExcludes data on persons of "other" races and persons indicating two or more races.

^cEstimate 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 71 [Online]. Available: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cvus08.pdf> [May 21, 2011].