

Table 3.20

Estimated percent distribution of violent victimizations in which self-protective measures were employed

By person taking measure, type of crime, and outcome of measure, United States, 2002^a

Person taking measure and type of crime	Number of victimizations	Total	Outcome of self-protective measure					Don't know	Not available
			Helped situation	Hurt situation	Both helped and hurt situation	Neither helped nor hurt situation			
Measure taken by victim									
Crimes of violence	3,744,110	100%	64.8%	9.7%	4.9%	11.8%	8.2%	0.6% ^b	
Rape/sexual assault ^c	203,400	100	51.2	24.2	8.2 ^b	10.4 ^b	6.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	
Robbery	312,260	100	51.2	13.3	6.7 ^b	14.6	13.2	0.9 ^b	
Assault	3,228,450	100	67.0	8.5	4.5	11.6	7.8	0.6 ^b	
Aggravated	714,150	100	65.9	8.1	6.8	11.5	7.4	0.4 ^b	
Simple	2,514,300	100	67.3	8.6	3.9	11.6	8.0	0.6 ^b	
Measure taken by others									
Crimes of violence	3,496,770	100	32.2	10.4	2.3	45.7	8.0	1.5	
Rape/sexual assault ^c	73,160	100	45.8	4.7 ^b	0.0 ^b	36.5 ^b	8.5 ^b	4.6 ^b	
Robbery	272,320	100	35.4	7.8 ^b	1.0 ^b	48.6	7.2 ^b	0.0 ^b	
Assault	3,151,290	100	31.6	10.7	2.4	45.7	8.1	1.5	
Aggravated	695,320	100	35.6	11.1	1.2 ^b	41.1	9.0	2.1 ^b	
Simple	2,455,970	100	30.4	10.6	2.8	47.0	7.8	1.4	

Note: See Note, table 3.1. Table excludes victimizations in which no self-protective actions were taken. Of those victimizations in which self-protective measures were employed, the victim and/or someone else may have taken action. Therefore, the above categories are not mutually exclusive. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 8.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Criminal Victimization in the United States, 2002 Statistical Tables*, NCJ 200561, Table 72 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cvus02.pdf> [Mar. 3, 2004].

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.

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

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