

Table 3.20.2003

**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, 2003<sup>a</sup>

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			
<b>Measure taken by victim</b>									
Crimes of violence	3,716,800	100%	62.6%	10.2%	6.5%	10.3%	9.8%	0.6% <sup>b</sup>	
Rape/sexual assault <sup>c</sup>	174,570	100	54.2	14.4 <sup>b</sup>	4.3 <sup>b</sup>	23.7	3.3 <sup>b</sup>	0.0 <sup>b</sup>	
Robbery	376,430	100	59.6	11.5	6.3 <sup>b</sup>	10.8	11.1	0.6 <sup>b</sup>	
Assault	3,165,790	100	63.4	9.8	6.7	9.5	10.0	0.6 <sup>b</sup>	
Aggravated	779,400	100	65.1	9.9	6.8	7.5	10.3	0.4 <sup>b</sup>	
Simple	2,386,400	100	62.8	9.7	6.6	10.2	10.0	0.7 <sup>b</sup>	
<b>Measure taken by others</b>									
Crimes of violence	3,679,860	100	31.6	10.9	2.1	44.6	7.0	3.8	
Rape/sexual assault <sup>c</sup>	72,920	100	41.5 <sup>b</sup>	12.0 <sup>b</sup>	0.0 <sup>b</sup>	41.3 <sup>b</sup>	5.2 <sup>b</sup>	0.0 <sup>b</sup>	
Robbery	323,020	100	21.2	10.7	1.8 <sup>b</sup>	50.4	9.3 <sup>b</sup>	6.7 <sup>b</sup>	
Assault	3,283,920	100	32.4	10.9	2.2	44.1	6.8	3.6	
Aggravated	805,130	100	36.1	11.4	2.0 <sup>b</sup>	41.1	6.8	2.6 <sup>b</sup>	
Simple	2,478,790	100	31.2	10.8	2.2	45.1	6.7	4.0	

Note: See Note, table 3.1.2003. 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, 2003 Statistical Tables*, NCJ 207811, Table 72 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cvus03.pdf> [Oct. 17, 2005].

<sup>a</sup>Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

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

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