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**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, 2006<sup>a</sup>

Person taking measure and type of crime	Number of victimizations	Outcome of self-protective measure						
		Total	Helped situation	Hurt situation	Both helped and hurt situation	Neither helped nor hurt situation	Don't know	Not available
<b>Measure taken by victim</b>								
Crimes of violence	3,803,360	100%	62.9%	7.8%	6.0%	11.5%	10.7%	1.1%
Rape/sexual assault <sup>b</sup>	152,220	100	63.8	13.8 <sup>c</sup>	1.9 <sup>c</sup>	12.7 <sup>c</sup>	7.8 <sup>c</sup>	0.0 <sup>c</sup>
Robbery	420,510	100	58.6	7.7 <sup>c</sup>	6.3 <sup>c</sup>	14.7	11.6	1.1 <sup>c</sup>
Assault	3,230,620	100	63.4	7.6	6.1	11.0	10.7	1.2
Aggravated	906,680	100	68.3	5.6	4.7	10.1	10.6	0.6 <sup>c</sup>
Simple	2,323,940	100	61.5	8.3	6.7	11.3	10.8	1.4 <sup>c</sup>
<b>Measure taken by others</b>								
Crimes of violence	3,863,650	100	31.1	9.3	1.9	39.8	7.2	10.8
Rape/sexual assault <sup>b</sup>	103,140	100	30.3 <sup>c</sup>	9.6 <sup>c</sup>	0.0 <sup>c</sup>	36.4	0.0 <sup>c</sup>	23.7 <sup>c</sup>
Robbery	374,590	100	28.1	15.7	0.8 <sup>c</sup>	34.3	9.0 <sup>c</sup>	12.2
Assault	3,385,910	100	31.4	8.5	2.0	40.6	7.2	10.2
Aggravated	886,850	100	38.4	5.7	3.3 <sup>c</sup>	41.2	4.5	6.9
Simple	2,499,060	100	29.0	9.5	1.6	40.3	8.2	11.4

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. 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](#).

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

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

<sup>c</sup>Estimate 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 72 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cvus06.pdf> [Sept. 17, 2008].