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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, 2008^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	2,797,070	100%	66.0%	5.7%	6.4%	10.3%	7.2%	4.3%	
Rape/sexual assault ^b	128,520	100	53.0	8.9 ^c	5.1 ^c	17.3 ^c	5.8 ^c	10.0 ^c	
Robbery	361,090	100	65.1	2.5 ^c	9.9 ^c	12.1	7.1 ^c	3.2 ^c	
Assault	2,307,460	100	66.8	6.1	6.0	9.7	7.3	4.2	
Aggravated	478,430	100	66.0	4.0 ^c	7.4 ^c	10.1	6.1 ^c	6.4 ^c	
Simple	1,829,030	100	67.0	6.6	5.6	9.6	7.6	3.6	
Measure taken by others									
Crimes of violence	3,315,580	100	27.0	7.7	0.7 ^c	34.9	5.9	23.9	
Rape/sexual assault ^b	89,450	100	11.6 ^c	17.8 ^c	0.0 ^c	22.2 ^c	6.0 ^c	42.5	
Robbery	366,330	100	21.7	7.2 ^c	1.0 ^c	48.4	2.9 ^c	18.8	
Assault	2,859,790	100	28.2	7.4	0.6 ^c	33.6	6.2	24.0	
Aggravated	595,440	100	31.5	4.3 ^c	0.9 ^c	32.7	5.9 ^c	24.7	
Simple	2,264,350	100	27.3	8.2	0.6 ^c	33.8	6.3	23.8	

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. 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](#).

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.

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

^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 72 [Online]. Available: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cvus08.pdf> [May 21, 2011].