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Estimated number and rate of violent and property victimization

By type of crime, United States, 2002-2005, 2007, and 2008^a

Type of crime	Number of victimizations						Victimization rate (per 1,000 persons age 12 and older or per 1,000 households)					
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2007	2008	2002	2003	2004	2005	2007	2008
All crimes	23,036,030	24,212,800	24,061,140	23,452,100	22,879,720	21,312,400	X	X	X	X	X	X
Violent crimes ^b	5,341,410	5,401,720	5,182,670	5,162,400	5,177,130	4,856,510	23.1	22.6	21.4	21.1	20.7	19.3
Rape/sexual assault	247,730	198,850	209,880	190,600	248,280	203,830	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.8
Robbery	512,490	596,130	501,820	630,100	597,320	551,830	2.2	2.5	2.1	2.6	2.4	2.2
Assault	4,581,190	4,606,740	4,470,960	4,341,600	4,331,530	4,100,850	19.8	19.3	18.5	17.8	17.3	16.3
Aggravated	990,110	1,101,110	1,030,080	1,046,500	858,940	839,940	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.3	3.4	3.3
Simple	3,591,090	3,505,630	3,440,880	3,295,200	3,472,590	3,260,920	15.5	14.6	14.2	13.5	13.9	12.9
Personal theft ^c	NA	NA	224,070	229,500	194,060	136,710	NA	NA	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.5
Property crimes	17,539,220	18,626,380	18,654,400	18,060,200	17,508,530	16,319,180	159.0	163.2	161.1	154.2	146.5	134.7
Household burglary	3,055,720	3,395,620	3,427,690	3,464,500	3,215,090	3,188,620	27.7	29.8	29.6	29.6	26.9	26.3
Motor vehicle theft	988,760	1,032,470	1,014,770	981,900	979,640	795,160	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.4	8.2	6.6
Theft	13,494,750	14,198,290	14,211,940	13,613,800	13,313,800	12,335,400	122.3	124.4	122.8	116.3	111.4	101.8

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 77,852 residents in 42,093 households were interviewed; each household was interviewed twice during the year. Response rates were 90.4% of eligible housing units and 86.2% 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 due to changes in methodology implemented for the 2006 NCVS, the 2006 estimates are not comparable to NCVS estimates for other years and therefore have been excluded from tables showing trends. NCVS estimates for 2007 and 2008 are consistent with years previous to 2006. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see [Appendix 8](#).

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.

^bDoes not include murder or manslaughter.

^cIncludes pocket picking, completed purse snatching, and attempted purse snatching.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Criminal Victimization*, **2003**, NCJ 205455, p. 2; **2005**, Bulletin NCJ 214644, p. 2; **2007**, Bulletin NCJ 224390, p. 1; **2008**, Bulletin NCJ 227777, p. 1 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice). Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.