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**Estimated percent distribution of personal and property victimization**

By type of crime and whether or not reported to police, United States, 2008<sup>a</sup>

Type of crime	Number of victimizations	Were victimizations reported to police?	
		Yes <sup>b</sup>	No
All crimes	21,312,400	41.9%	56.9%
Personal crimes	4,993,220	47.3	51.1
Crimes of violence	4,856,510	47.1	51.5
Completed violence	1,362,210	58.5	40.6
Attempted/threatened violence	3,494,300	42.6	55.8
Rape/sexual assault	203,830	41.4	58.6
Rape/attempted rape	123,010	44.9	55.1
Rape	52,470	64.9 <sup>c</sup>	35.1 <sup>c</sup>
Attempted rape <sup>d</sup>	70,540	30.0 <sup>c</sup>	70.0
Sexual assault <sup>e</sup>	80,810	36.1 <sup>c</sup>	63.9
Robbery	551,830	60.5	39.5
Completed/property taken	372,180	66.8	33.2
With injury	141,600	72.7	27.3
Without injury	230,590	63.2	36.8
Attempted to take property	179,640	47.4	52.6
With injury	64,290	34.5 <sup>c</sup>	65.5
Without injury	115,350	54.6	45.4
Assault	4,100,850	45.5	52.8
Aggravated	839,940	62.0	35.3
With injury	252,580	74.1	25.9
Threatened with weapon	587,360	56.8	39.4
Simple	3,260,920	41.3	57.2
With minor injury	616,200	49.2	48.6
Without injury	2,644,720	39.4	59.2
Purse snatching/pocket picking	136,710	57.6	38.5
Completed purse snatching	18,260 <sup>c</sup>	100.0 <sup>c</sup>	0.0 <sup>c</sup>
Attempted purse snatching	10,140 <sup>c</sup>	0.0 <sup>c</sup>	100.0 <sup>c</sup>
Pocket picking	108,310	55.9	39.3
Property crimes	16,319,180	40.3	58.6
Household burglary	3,188,620	56.2	42.3
Completed	2,598,960	57.7	40.7
Forcible entry	1,191,290	73.9	23.5
Unlawful entry without force	1,407,670	44.0	55.3
Attempted forcible entry	589,660	49.5	49.1
Motor vehicle theft	795,160	79.6	19.8
Completed	593,360	91.1	8.9
Attempted	201,800	45.8	52.0
Theft	12,335,400	33.6	65.3
Completed	11,740,750	33.5	65.5
Less than \$50	2,859,180	19.5	79.5
\$50 to \$249	4,169,140	26.0	73.3
\$250 or more	3,265,320	54.0	44.9
Amount not available	1,447,100	36.3	61.9
Attempted	594,660	37.0	61.9

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 69,090 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. The "not known and not available" category, which accounts for 1.2% of respondents, has been omitted; therefore percents will not sum to 100. 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> Figures in this column represent the percent of victimizations reported to the police, or "police reporting rates."

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

<sup>d</sup> Includes verbal threats of rape.

<sup>e</sup> Includes threats.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Criminal Victimization in the United States, 2008 Statistical Tables*, NCJ 231173, Table 91 [Online]. Available: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cvus08.pdf> [May 21, 2011].