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**Estimated rate (per 1,000 persons age 12 and older) of violent victimization**

By type of crime and selected characteristics of victim, United States, 2008

Victim characteristics	Population	Crimes of violence					
		Total <sup>a</sup>	Rape/sexual assault	Robbery	Assault		
					Total	Aggravated	Simple
<b>Sex</b>							
Male	123,071,020	21.3	0.3 <sup>b</sup>	2.7	18.3	3.9	14.5
Female	129,171,510	17.3	1.3	1.7	14.3	2.8	11.5
<b>Race</b>							
White	204,683,500	18.1	0.6 <sup>b</sup>	1.6	15.9	3.0	12.8
Black	30,709,860	25.9	1.9 <sup>b</sup>	5.5	18.5	5.2	13.3
Other <sup>c</sup>	13,952,240	15.2	0.9 <sup>b</sup>	3.0 <sup>b</sup>	11.3	2.8	8.5
Two or more races	2,896,930	51.6	1.9 <sup>b</sup>	6.8	42.9	6.8	36.1
<b>Ethnicity</b>							
Hispanic	34,506,680	16.4	0.6 <sup>b</sup>	3.4	12.4	3.5	8.9
Non-Hispanic	217,351,750	19.7	0.8	2.0	16.9	3.3	13.6
<b>Age</b>							
12 to 15 years	16,414,550	42.2	1.6 <sup>b</sup>	5.5	35.2	6.1	29.0
16 to 19 years	17,280,270	37.0	2.2	4.8	30.0	5.6	24.5
20 to 24 years	20,547,620	37.8	2.1	5.4	30.3	8.7	21.5
25 to 34 years	40,649,500	23.4	0.7	2.3	20.5	4.0	16.5
35 to 49 years	65,123,030	16.7	0.8	1.9	14.1	2.7	11.4
50 to 64 years	55,116,320	10.7	0.2 <sup>b</sup>	0.8	9.7	2.0	7.7
65 years and older	37,111,240	3.1	0.2 <sup>b</sup>	0.2 <sup>b</sup>	2.7	0.4 <sup>b</sup>	2.3

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](#).

<sup>a</sup> Does not include murder or manslaughter.

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

<sup>c</sup> Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders.

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