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Estimated number and rate (per 1,000 persons age 12 and older) of personal victimization

By type of crime and sex of victim, United States, 2008^a

Type of crime	Both sexes		Male		Female	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
All personal crimes	4,993,220	19.8	2,693,460	21.9	2,299,760	17.8
Crimes of violence	4,856,510	19.3	2,626,000	21.3	2,230,500	17.3
Completed violence	1,362,210	5.4	658,500	5.4	703,710	5.4
Attempted/threatened violence	3,494,300	13.9	1,967,500	16.0	1,526,800	11.8
Rape/sexual assault	203,830	0.8	39,590	0.3	164,240	1.3
Rape/attempted rape	123,010	0.5	37,910	0.3	85,100	0.7
Rape	52,470	0.2	6,010 ^b	0.0 ^b	46,460	0.4
Attempted rape ^c	70,540	0.3	31,900 ^b	0.3 ^b	38,640	0.3
Sexual assault ^d	80,810	0.3	1,680 ^b	0.0 ^b	79,140	0.6
Robbery	551,830	2.2	328,690	2.7	223,140	1.7
Completed/property taken	372,180	1.5	220,830	1.8	151,360	1.2
With injury	141,600	0.6	85,140	0.7	56,460	0.4
Without injury	230,590	0.9	135,690	1.1	94,900	0.7
Attempted to take property	179,640	0.7	107,860	0.9	71,780	0.6
With injury	64,290	0.3	36,190 ^b	0.3 ^b	28,100 ^b	0.2 ^b
Without injury	115,350	0.5	71,670	0.6	43,680	0.3
Assault	4,100,850	16.3	2,257,720	18.3	1,843,130	14.3
Aggravated	839,940	3.3	476,390	3.9	363,550	2.8
With injury	252,580	1.0	135,530	1.1	117,050	0.9
Threatened with weapon	587,360	2.3	340,860	2.8	246,500	1.9
Simple	3,260,920	12.9	1,781,330	14.5	1,479,580	11.5
With minor injury	616,200	2.4	296,130	2.4	320,070	2.5
Without injury	2,644,720	10.5	1,485,200	12.1	1,159,520	9.0
Purse snatching/pocket picking	136,710	0.5	67,460	0.5	69,250	0.5
Population age 12 and older	252,242,520	X	123,071,020	X	129,171,510	X

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. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see [Appendix 8](#).

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.

^bEstimate is based on 10 or fewer sample cases.

^cIncludes verbal threats of rape.

^dIncludes threats.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Criminal Victimization in the United States, 2008 Statistical Tables*, NCJ 231173, Table 2 [Online]. Available: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cvus08.pdf> [May 21, 2011].