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**Estimated rate (per 1,000 persons in each age group) of personal victimization**

By type of crime and age of victim, United States, 2008<sup>a</sup>

| Type of crime                  | Age of victim (in years) |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                | 12 to 15                 | 16 to 19         | 20 to 24         | 25 to 34         | 35 to 49         | 50 to 64         | 65 and older     |
| All personal crimes            | 43.6                     | 37.4             | 38.4             | 23.8             | 17.4             | 11.1             | 3.5              |
| Crimes of violence             | 42.2                     | 37.0             | 37.8             | 23.4             | 16.7             | 10.7             | 3.1              |
| Completed violence             | 12.3                     | 12.7             | 15.1             | 6.0              | 4.2              | 1.7              | 0.5 <sup>b</sup> |
| Attempted/threatened violence  | 29.9                     | 24.3             | 22.6             | 17.4             | 12.6             | 9.0              | 2.6              |
| Rape/sexual assault            | 1.6 <sup>b</sup>         | 2.2              | 2.1              | 0.7 <sup>b</sup> | 0.8              | 0.2 <sup>b</sup> | 0.2 <sup>b</sup> |
| Rape/attempted rape            | 1.1 <sup>b</sup>         | 1.5 <sup>b</sup> | 0.8 <sup>b</sup> | 0.4 <sup>b</sup> | 0.6 <sup>b</sup> | 0.1 <sup>b</sup> | 0.2 <sup>b</sup> |
| Rape                           | 0.0 <sup>b</sup>         | 0.8 <sup>b</sup> | 0.5 <sup>b</sup> | 0.2 <sup>b</sup> | 0.3 <sup>b</sup> | 0.0 <sup>b</sup> | 0.1 <sup>b</sup> |
| Attempted rape <sup>c</sup>    | 1.1 <sup>b</sup>         | 0.7 <sup>b</sup> | 0.3 <sup>b</sup> | 0.2 <sup>b</sup> | 0.3 <sup>b</sup> | 0.1 <sup>b</sup> | 0.1 <sup>b</sup> |
| Sexual assault <sup>d</sup>    | 0.5 <sup>b</sup>         | 0.7 <sup>b</sup> | 1.4 <sup>b</sup> | 0.3 <sup>b</sup> | 0.2 <sup>b</sup> | 0.1 <sup>b</sup> | 0.1 <sup>b</sup> |
| Robbery                        | 5.5                      | 4.8              | 5.4              | 2.3              | 1.9              | 0.8              | 0.2 <sup>b</sup> |
| Completed/property taken       | 3.5                      | 3.7              | 3.9              | 1.3              | 1.2              | 0.5 <sup>b</sup> | 0.2 <sup>b</sup> |
| With injury                    | 1.1 <sup>b</sup>         | 1.6 <sup>b</sup> | 1.4 <sup>b</sup> | 0.8 <sup>b</sup> | 0.4 <sup>b</sup> | 0.1 <sup>b</sup> | 0.1 <sup>b</sup> |
| Without injury                 | 2.5                      | 2.1 <sup>b</sup> | 2.5              | 0.5 <sup>b</sup> | 0.8              | 0.5 <sup>b</sup> | 0.1 <sup>b</sup> |
| Attempted to take property     | 1.9 <sup>b</sup>         | 1.1 <sup>b</sup> | 1.4 <sup>b</sup> | 1.0              | 0.7              | 0.2 <sup>b</sup> | 0.0 <sup>b</sup> |
| With injury                    | 1.0 <sup>b</sup>         | 0.6 <sup>b</sup> | 0.4 <sup>b</sup> | 0.3 <sup>b</sup> | 0.2 <sup>b</sup> | 0.1 <sup>b</sup> | 0.0 <sup>b</sup> |
| Without injury                 | 0.9 <sup>b</sup>         | 0.5 <sup>b</sup> | 1.1 <sup>b</sup> | 0.6 <sup>b</sup> | 0.5 <sup>b</sup> | 0.2 <sup>b</sup> | 0.0 <sup>b</sup> |
| Assault                        | 35.2                     | 30.0             | 30.3             | 20.5             | 14.1             | 9.7              | 2.7              |
| Aggravated                     | 6.1                      | 5.6              | 8.7              | 4.0              | 2.7              | 2.0              | 0.4 <sup>b</sup> |
| With injury                    | 1.8 <sup>b</sup>         | 2.9              | 3.9              | 1.0              | 0.5 <sup>b</sup> | 0.3 <sup>b</sup> | 0.0 <sup>b</sup> |
| Threatened with weapon         | 4.3                      | 2.7              | 4.9              | 2.9              | 2.2              | 1.7              | 0.4 <sup>b</sup> |
| Simple                         | 29.0                     | 24.5             | 21.5             | 16.5             | 11.4             | 7.7              | 2.3              |
| With minor injury              | 6.5                      | 4.7              | 5.9              | 3.2              | 2.0              | 0.8              | 0.1 <sup>b</sup> |
| Without injury                 | 22.5                     | 19.8             | 15.6             | 13.3             | 9.4              | 6.9              | 2.1              |
| Purse snatching/pocket picking | 1.4 <sup>b</sup>         | 0.4 <sup>b</sup> | 0.6 <sup>b</sup> | 0.4 <sup>b</sup> | 0.6              | 0.4 <sup>b</sup> | 0.5 <sup>b</sup> |
| Population in each age group   | 16,414,550               | 17,280,270       | 20,547,620       | 40,649,500       | 65,123,030       | 55,116,320       | 37,111,240       |

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](#).

<sup>a</sup>Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

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

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

<sup>d</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 3 [Online]. Available: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cvus08.pdf> [May 21, 2011].