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**Victim-offender relationship in violent victimization**

By type of crime and sex of victim, United States, 2010<sup>a</sup>

Relationship of victim to offender	Violent crime		Rape/ sexual assault		Robbery		Aggravated assault		Simple assault	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male victims, total	1,956,320	100%	15,020 <sup>b</sup>	100% <sup>b</sup>	302,400	100%	420,460	100%	1,218,440	100%
Nonstranger	781,300	40	11,730 <sup>b</sup>	78 <sup>b</sup>	51,780	17	208,020	49	509,770	42
Intimate partner <sup>c</sup>	101,530	5	(d)	(d)	22,110 <sup>b</sup>	7 <sup>b</sup>	29,290 <sup>b</sup>	7 <sup>b</sup>	50,140	4
Other relative	111,680	6	(d)	(d)	1,900 <sup>b</sup>	1 <sup>b</sup>	41,710	10	68,070	6
Friend/acquaintance	568,090	29	11,730 <sup>b</sup>	78 <sup>b</sup>	27,780 <sup>b</sup>	9 <sup>b</sup>	137,020	33	391,560	32
Stranger	934,520	48	1,220 <sup>b</sup>	8 <sup>b</sup>	216,330	72	154,680	37	562,290	46
Unknown <sup>e</sup>	240,500	12	2,070 <sup>b</sup>	14 <sup>b</sup>	34,280 <sup>b</sup>	11 <sup>b</sup>	57,760	14	146,380	12
Female victims, total	1,854,980	100	169,370	100	176,270	100	304,720	100	1,204,620	100
Nonstranger	1,182,330	64	124,030	73	76,140	43	163,150	54	819,010	68
Intimate partner <sup>c</sup>	407,700	22	29,010 <sup>b</sup>	17 <sup>b</sup>	36,540	21	71,640	24	270,510	22
Other relative	162,510	9	12,920 <sup>b</sup>	8 <sup>b</sup>	18,540 <sup>b</sup>	11 <sup>b</sup>	14,510 <sup>b</sup>	5 <sup>b</sup>	116,530	10
Friend/acquaintance	612,130	33	82,100	48	21,070 <sup>b</sup>	12 <sup>b</sup>	76,990	25	431,970	36
Stranger	562,580	30	41,950	25	93,760	53	114,460	38	312,410	26
Unknown <sup>e</sup>	110,070	6	3,390 <sup>b</sup>	2 <sup>b</sup>	6,360 <sup>b</sup>	4 <sup>b</sup>	27,110 <sup>b</sup>	9 <sup>b</sup>	73,210	6

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 2010 survey, approximately 73,283 residents in 40,974 households were interviewed; each household was interviewed twice during the year. Response rates were 92.3% of eligible housing units and 87.5% of eligible individuals in interviewed households. In 2010, the total U.S. population age 12 and older was 255,961,940. The total number of households in the United States in 2010 was 122,885,160. 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 2007-2010 are consistent with years previous to 2006. 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, or coefficient of variation is greater than 50%.

<sup>c</sup>Includes current or former spouses, boyfriends, or girlfriends.

<sup>d</sup>Very small cell count and percent rounds to less than 0.5%.

<sup>e</sup>Includes relationship unknown and number of offenders unknown.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Criminal Victimization, 2010*, Bulletin NCJ 235508 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, September 2011), p. 9.