

# Crime in America

## The Need for Volunteer Victim Service

Why do citizens like you need to get involved with crime prevention and serving crime victims? Because crime touches us all.

One out of every seven Americans is the victim of violent or property crime, according to the International Association of Chiefs of Police and as many as 31 million U.S. citizens are victims of violent or property crime every year.

Worse still, the great majority of crime goes unreported. That means that untold victims of crimes associated with drug abuse, alcoholism, domestic violence, child abuse, and abuse of older people and persons with disabilities never get help.

## CRIME CLOCK



Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation 1997 statistics  
<http://www.fbi.gov/stats/press/040497a.html>