



Robbery

Definition

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program defines robbery as the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Overview

- In 2007, the estimated number of robberies (445,125) decreased 0.5 percent from the 2006 estimate. However, the 5-year robbery trend (2003 data compared with 2007 data) showed an increase of 7.5 percent.
- The 2007 estimated robbery rate (147.6 per 100,000 inhabitants) showed a decrease of 1.2 percent when compared with the 2006 rate. (See Tables 1 and 1A.)
- The average dollar loss per robbery offense was \$1,321. The highest average dollar loss was for banks, which lost \$4,201 per offense.
- Robberies collectively cost victims an estimated \$588 million. (Based on Tables 1 and 23.)
- Firearms were used in 42.8 percent of robberies based on supplemental data received from law enforcement agencies. (See Robbery Table 3.)

Expanded robbery data

Expanded offense data are the details of the various offenses that the Program collects beyond the count of how many crimes law enforcement agencies report. These details may include the type of weapons used in a crime, type or value of items stolen, and so forth. In addition, expanded data include trends (for example, 2-year comparisons) and rates per 100,000 inhabitants.

Expanded information regarding robbery is available in the following tables:

Trends (2-year): Tables 12, 13, 14, and 15

Rates (per 100,000 inhabitants): Tables 16, 17, 18, and 19

Weapons: Tables 15, 19, and 21

Location Type, average value of items stolen per robbery offense: Table 23.

Robbery Table 1, "Robbery, Location, Percent Distribution by Region, 2007"

Robbery Table 2, "Robbery, Location, Percent Distribution by Population Group, 2007"

Robbery Table 3, "Robbery, Types of Weapons Used, Percent Distribution by Region, 2007"

What you won't find on this page:

Clearance and arrest data for robbery offenses.