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# **Criminal Victimization in the United States, 2002 Statistical Tables**

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Table 50. Violent crimes, 2002:

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**Victimization rates for persons age 12 and over,  
by type of crime and number of years lived at current residence**

Type of crime	Rate per 1,000 persons age 12 and over							
	Total	Less than 6 months/a	6 months to 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years or more
<b>Crimes of violence</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>14.2</b>
Completed violence	7.6	25.8	14.6	10.0	9.6	6.2	6.3	3.9
Attempted/threatened violence	15.5	36.6	30.3	17.7	20.2	17.6	9.8	10.3
Rape/Sexual assault/b	1.1	4.4	1.8 *	1.2 *	1.3 *	1.4 *	0.2 *	0.5
Robbery	2.2	6.5	3.9	2.4	3.1	2.3	1.6 *	1.3
Completed/property taken	1.7	5.2	3.1	1.8 *	2.5	1.6 *	0.8 *	1.0
Attempted to take property	0.6	1.4 *	0.8 *	0.6 *	0.7 *	0.8 *	0.8 *	0.3
Assault	19.8	51.5	39.2	24.2	25.4	20.1	14.3	12.4
Aggravated	4.3	12.3	8.7	7.7	4.5	3.7	3.0	2.5
With injury	1.4	6.8	2.2	2.5	1.3 *	0.5 *	1.1 *	0.5
Threatened with weapon	2.9	5.5	6.5	5.1	3.2	3.2	1.9 *	1.9
Simple	15.5	39.2	30.5	16.5	20.9	16.4	11.3	9.9
With minor injury	3.9	10.6	8.1	5.1	4.9	3.7	4.2	2.2
Without injury	11.6	28.6	22.4	11.4	16.0	12.6	7.1	7.7
Total population age 12 and over	230,192,000	18,272,270	14,254,430	15,643,060	20,387,820	17,525,070	13,173,330	130,936,020

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.  
 Excludes data on persons whose mobility was not ascertained.  
 \*Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.  
 a/These numbers are unbounded estimates.  
 b/Includes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.

Table 51. Property crimes, 2002:

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**Victimization rates by type of crime and number of years lived at current residence**

Type of crime	Rate per 1,000 households							
	Total	Less than 6 months/a	6 months to 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years or more
<b>Property crimes</b>	<b>170.5</b>	<b>345.2</b>	<b>270.7</b>	<b>222.5</b>	<b>192.5</b>	<b>167.3</b>	<b>163.9</b>	<b>127.5</b>
Household burglary	29.7	66.6	49.7	34.6	28.4	27.3	29.7	22.5
Completed	25.2	59.2	38.0	29.3	24.5	23.5	26.5	19.0
Forcible entry	9.9	24.3	12.6	12.6	12.6	11.3	8.5	6.9
Unlawful entry without force	15.3	34.9	25.4	16.7	11.9	12.2	18.0	12.1
Attempted forcible entry	4.5	7.4	11.7	5.3	3.8	3.7 *	3.2 *	3.5
Motor vehicle theft	9.6	19.3	15.0	14.1	11.8	10.4	6.1	7.1
Completed	7.6	16.2	11.3	12.5	9.4	8.0	5.2 *	5.4
Attempted	2.0	3.1 *	3.7 *	1.7 *	2.5 *	2.4 *	0.9 *	1.7
Theft	131.2	259.4	206.0	173.7	152.3	129.5	128.0	97.9
Completed	126.8	253.4	199.9	167.2	148.0	125.4	120.8	94.3
Less than \$50	40.6	65.0	54.4	51.4	54.0	38.6	40.1	32.8
\$50 - \$249	43.4	89.5	78.2	59.8	46.8	46.7	46.7	30.1
\$250 or more	31.8	85.8	52.6	41.3	33.9	28.3	22.4	22.1
Amount not available	11.0	13.2	14.7	14.7	13.4	11.8	11.7	9.3
Attempted	4.4	5.9	6.1	6.6	4.2	4.1	7.2	3.5

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.  
 Excludes data on persons whose mobility was not ascertained.  
 \*Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.  
 a/These numbers are unbounded estimates.

Table 52. Personal crimes, 2002:

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**Victimization rates for persons age 12 and over,  
by type of crime and locality of residence of victims**

Type of crime	Rates per 1,000 persons age 12 and over						
	All areas	Total		50,000-249,999		250,000-499,999	
		Urban	Suburban	Urban	Suburban	Urban	Suburban
<b>Personal Crimes</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>20.7</b>
Crimes of violence	23.1	33.1	20.0	37.5	15.9	38.3	19.9
Completed violence	7.6	11.6	6.3	11.9	5.0	17.0	6.0
Attempted/threatened violence	15.5	21.6	13.7	25.6	10.8	21.3	13.9
Rape/Sexual assault/a	1.1	2.2	0.7	2.4	0.4 *	0.6 *	1.2
Robbery	2.2	4.3	1.8	2.6	1.8	7.6	1.6
Completed/property taken	1.7	3.3	1.3	2.0	1.3	6.8	1.2
With injury	0.7	1.2	0.7	0.8 *	0.9	3.4	0.7 *
Without injury	0.9	2.1	0.6	1.2 *	0.4 *	3.4	0.5 *
Attempted to take property	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.7 *	0.5 *	0.9 *	0.4 *
With injury	0.2	0.2 *	0.2 *	0.1 *	0.3 *	0.0 *	0.2 *
Without injury	0.4	0.8	0.2 *	0.5 *	0.2 *	0.9 *	0.2 *
Assault	19.8	26.7	17.6	32.6	13.7	30.1	17.1
Aggravated	4.3	6.5	3.5	6.3	3.4	9.7	2.6
With injury	1.4	2.0	1.1	1.5 *	0.9 *	4.3	1.2
Threatened with weapon	2.9	4.5	2.4	4.7	2.5	5.4	1.5
Simple	15.5	20.2	14.1	26.3	10.3	20.3	14.4
With minor injury	3.9	5.1	3.6	7.1	2.7	5.3	3.0
Without injury	11.6	15.1	10.5	19.2	7.6	15.0	11.4
Purse snatching/ Pocket picking	0.7	1.2	0.6	0.4 *	0.3 *	1.3 *	0.8 *
Population age 12 and over	231,589,260	64,533,840	111,164,070	19,377,970	33,918,960	9,774,350	26,924,760

Personal Crimes	Rate per 1,000 persons age 12 and over				
	500,000-999,999		1,000,000 or more		Rural
	Urban	Suburban	Urban	Suburban	
<b>Personal Crimes</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>17.6</b>
Crimes of violence	33.0	26.1	26.9	18.8	17.5
Completed violence	12.2	8.9	8.3	5.4	5.4
Attempted/threatened violence	20.8	17.2	18.5	13.3	12.1
Rape/Sexual assault/a	2.7	0.6 *	2.4	0.5 *	0.6
Robbery	5.0	2.0	3.8	1.7	0.7
Completed/property taken	3.6	1.7	2.6	0.8 *	0.5 *
With injury	1.3 *	0.7 *	0.5 *	0.4 *	0.3 *
Without injury	2.3	1.1	2.2	0.4 *	0.2 *
Attempted to take property	1.4 *	0.3 *	1.2 *	0.9 *	0.1 *
With injury	0.5 *	0.1 *	0.2 *	0.3 *	0.0 *
Without injury	0.9 *	0.2 *	0.9 *	0.5 *	0.1 *
Assault	25.3	23.5	20.7	16.6	16.2
Aggravated	6.3	5.2	5.3	2.5	3.3
With injury	2.1 *	1.4	1.3 *	0.8 *	1.2
Threatened with weapon	4.2	3.8	4.0	1.7	2.1
Simple	19.0	18.3	15.4	14.1	12.9
With minor injury	4.5	5.4	3.5	3.6	3.1
Without injury	14.5	12.9	11.9	10.5	9.8
Purse snatching/ Pocket picking	1.4 *	0.7 *	1.9	0.6 *	0.2 *
Population age 12 and over	14,047,610	28,545,860	21,333,930	21,774,480	55,891,360

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

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The term "Rural" is used to denote "Nonmetropolitan areas."

The population range categories shown for "Urban" and "Suburban" are based on the size of the core city of a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and do not reflect the population of the entire MSA.

\*Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.

a/Includes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.



Table 53. Property crimes, 2002:

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Victimization rates by type of crime and locality of residence

Type of crime	Rate per 1,000 households						
	All areas	Total		50,000-249,999		250,000-499,999	
		Urban	Suburban	Urban	Suburban	Urban	Suburban
<b>Property crimes</b>	<b>159.0</b>	<b>215.3</b>	<b>145.3</b>	<b>223.1</b>	<b>137.0</b>	<b>238.7</b>	<b>136.7</b>
Household burglary	27.7	40.5	22.4	45.1	20.7	39.3	22.7
Completed	23.5	34.1	19.1	37.8	17.2	33.8	18.4
Forcible entry	9.2	16.4	6.1	16.3	4.6	18.0	7.8
Unlawful entry without force	14.3	17.8	12.9	21.6	12.6	15.8	10.6
Attempted forcible entry	4.2	6.4	3.4	7.3	3.4	5.4 *	4.3
Motor vehicle theft	9.0	17.1	7.5	9.3	5.3	19.6	7.2
Completed	7.1	13.1	6.0	9.0	4.3	14.9	5.9
Attempted	1.9	4.0	1.4	0.3 *	1.0 *	4.7 *	1.3 *
Theft	122.3	157.7	115.4	168.7	111.1	179.9	106.7
Completed	118.2	151.5	111.6	164.3	105.7	170.6	103.8
Less than \$50	37.9	42.5	37.1	49.3	40.6	44.4	34.2
\$50 - \$249	40.4	55.3	36.5	62.2	35.4	57.9	32.0
\$250 or more	29.6	40.3	28.0	42.5	22.2	49.1	26.9
Amount not available	10.2	13.4	10.0	10.3	7.6	19.2	10.7
Attempted	4.1	6.2	3.8	4.4	5.4	9.3	2.9
Total number of households	110,323,840	31,937,800	51,446,980	9,207,710	15,382,280	4,982,290	12,670,550

Type of crime	Rates per 1,000 households				
	500,000-999,999		1,000,000 or more		Rural
	Urban	Suburban	Urban	Suburban	
<b>Property crimes</b>	<b>202.3</b>	<b>156.3</b>	<b>206.2</b>	<b>154.4</b>	<b>118.3</b>
Household burglary	45.6	22.2	33.5	25.2	22.6
Completed	38.0	19.9	28.3	21.6	19.5
Forcible entry	19.5	5.9	13.5	6.7	6.7
Unlawful entry without force	18.5	14.0	14.8	14.9	12.9
Attempted forcible entry	7.5	2.3 *	5.2	3.5	3.0
Motor vehicle theft	19.9	8.2	20.7	10.2	2.2
Completed	15.6	6.8	14.0	7.9	2.0
Attempted	4.4	1.4 *	6.6	2.3 *	0.3 *
Theft	136.8	125.9	152.0	119.0	93.5
Completed	130.7	121.9	145.6	116.6	91.3
Less than \$50	38.6	36.5	38.5	36.4	34.1
\$50 - \$249	47.4	40.4	53.5	38.5	30.1
\$250 or more	33.9	33.0	38.5	31.7	20.1
Amount not available	10.7	12.0	15.1	10.1	7.0
Attempted	6.2	4.0	6.3	2.4 *	2.2
Total number of households	7,195,150	13,385,490	10,552,650	10,008,660	26,939,060

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

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\*Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.

Table 54. Personal crimes, 2002:

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**Victimization rates for persons age 12 and over,  
by locality of residence, race, gender and ethnicity  
of victims and type of crime**

Locality of residence, race, gender and ethnicity	Total population	All personal crimes	Rate per 1,000 persons age 12 and over						
			Crimes of violence	Completed violence	Attempted/ threatened violence	Rape/ Sexual assault/a	Robbery		
							Total	With injury	Without injury
<b>All areas</b>									
White male	94,313,900	26.1	25.4	7.2	18.1	0.2 *	2.5	1.1	1.4
White female	98,643,080	20.9	20.3	7.6	12.7	1.5	1.4	0.5	0.8
Black male	13,164,830	29.3	29.0	8.1	20.9	0.7 *	5.7	2.2 *	3.5
Black female	15,706,600	27.9	27.0	10.4	16.5	4.0	2.7	1.3 *	1.4 *
Hispanic male	13,746,320	28.0	27.9	10.3	17.5	0.3 *	4.3	1.1 *	3.2
Hispanic female	13,245,160	19.8	19.2	7.1	12.1	1.2 *	2.0 *	0.2 *	1.8 *
Non-Hispanic male	97,772,940	25.8	25.1	6.8	18.3	0.3 *	2.7	1.2	1.5
Non-Hispanic female	105,289,940	21.8	21.1	7.9	13.2	1.9	1.5	0.7	0.8
<b>Urban</b>									
White male	22,587,130	37.5	36.4	12.8	23.5	0.5 *	5.0	1.7	3.4
White female	23,524,140	33.2	31.4	11.4	20.0	2.6	2.9	1.0 *	1.9
Black male	6,458,570	37.6	37.6	10.1	27.5	1.5 *	8.5	2.3 *	6.2
Black female	8,056,700	34.3	32.9	12.9	20.0	6.4	2.6 *	1.2 *	1.4 *
Hispanic male	6,197,410	33.3	32.9	13.8	19.1	0.0 *	5.6	0.7 *	4.9 *
Hispanic female	6,212,580	28.4	27.5	10.0	17.5	1.9 *	3.8 *	0.4 *	3.4 *
Non-Hispanic male	24,543,570	37.6	36.7	11.4	25.3	0.7 *	5.8	2.1	3.8
Non-Hispanic female	27,149,150	33.2	31.5	11.6	19.8	3.9	2.7	1.2	1.5
<b>Suburban</b>									
White male	47,767,880	24.1	23.5	6.1	17.3	0.1 *	2.4	1.3	1.1
White female	49,270,350	17.3	16.8	6.6	10.2	1.1	1.1	0.5 *	0.6 *
Black male	4,275,780	25.9	24.9	5.5 *	19.4	0.0 *	3.5 *	2.6 *	0.9 *
Black female	4,900,090	23.9	23.1	8.2	14.9	2.2 *	3.1 *	1.6 *	1.5 *
Hispanic male	6,310,840	24.0	24.0	8.9	15.2	0.0 *	3.9 *	1.7 *	2.2 *
Hispanic female	5,876,360	12.5	12.2	4.4 *	7.8	0.6 *	0.5 *	0.0 *	0.5 *
Non-Hispanic male	47,802,700	23.7	23.0	5.6	17.4	0.2 *	2.2	1.3	1.0
Non-Hispanic female	50,403,600	18.2	17.6	6.8	10.8	1.2	1.3	0.7	0.6
<b>Rural</b>									
White male	23,958,890	19.3	18.9	4.2	14.7	0.0 *	0.3 *	0.2 *	0.1 *
White female	25,848,590	16.7	16.7	5.9	10.8	1.2 *	0.5 *	0.1 *	0.4 *
Black male	2,430,480	13.3	13.3	7.5 *	5.8 *	0.0 *	2.2 *	1.3 *	0.9 *
Black female	2,749,810	16.5	16.5	7.3 *	9.3 *	0.0 *	2.1 *	0.7 *	1.4 *
Hispanic male	1,238,070	21.9 *	21.9 *	0.0 *	21.9 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Hispanic female	1,156,220	10.3 *	10.3 *	5.1 *	5.2 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Non-Hispanic male	25,426,660	18.4	18.0	4.6	13.3	0.0 *	0.5 *	0.3 *	0.2 *
Non-Hispanic female	27,737,180	17.3	17.3	6.4	10.9	1.2	0.8 *	0.3 *	0.5 *

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Excludes data on persons of "Other" races and data on persons whose ethnicity was not ascertained.

\*Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.

a/Includes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.

Table 54. Personal crimes, 2002: (continued)

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Locality of residence, race, gender and ethnicity	Assault			Purse snatching/ Pocket picking
	Total	Aggra- vated	Simple	
<b>All areas</b>				
White male	22.7	5.2	17.5	0.7
White female	17.4	3.1	14.4	0.7
Black male	22.5	7.4	15.1	0.3 *
Black female	20.3	6.0	14.3	0.9 *
Hispanic male	23.3	8.6	14.7	0.2 *
Hispanic female	16.0	3.5	12.6	0.6 *
Non-Hispanic male	22.2	4.8	17.3	0.7
Non-Hispanic female	17.7	3.4	14.3	0.7
<b>Urban</b>				
White male	30.8	7.9	22.9	1.1 *
White female	25.9	4.1	21.8	1.7
Black male	27.6	9.6	18.1	0.0 *
Black female	23.8	9.6	14.3	1.4 *
Hispanic male	26.7	11.5	15.2	0.4 *
Hispanic female	21.8	4.0 *	17.8	1.0 *
Non-Hispanic male	30.2	7.1	23.1	0.9 *
Non-Hispanic female	24.8	5.5	19.4	1.8
<b>Suburban</b>				
White male	20.9	4.4	16.5	0.6 *
White female	14.6	2.8	11.8	0.5 *
Black male	21.3	6.7 *	14.6	1.0 *
Black female	17.8	1.6 *	16.2	0.7 *
Hispanic male	20.2	5.6	14.5	0.0 *
Hispanic female	11.1	2.9 *	8.2	0.3 *
Non-Hispanic male	20.6	4.3	16.3	0.7
Non-Hispanic female	15.1	2.6	12.5	0.6 *
<b>Rural</b>				
White male	18.5	4.0	14.5	0.5 *
White female	15.0	2.7	12.4	0.0 *
Black male	11.1 *	3.1 *	8.0 *	0.0 *
Black female	14.4	3.6 *	10.8 *	0.0 *
Hispanic male	21.9 *	9.0 *	13.0 *	0.0 *
Hispanic female	10.3 *	3.5 *	6.8 *	0.0 *
Non-Hispanic male	17.4	3.7	13.8	0.4 *
Non-Hispanic female	15.2	2.7	12.5	0.0 *

Table 55. Property crimes, 2002:

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**Victimization rates by locality of residence,  
race of head of household and type of crime**

Locality and race	Total households	Rate per 1,000 households			
		Property crimes	Household burglary	Motor vehicle theft	Theft
<b>All areas</b>					
White	92,182,320	157.6	26.0	7.5	124.1
Black	14,013,850	173.7	41.3	17.2	115.2
<b>Urban</b>					
White	22,867,860	220.0	37.0	15.0	168.1
Black	7,354,200	211.7	53.6	22.8	135.4
<b>Suburban</b>					
White	45,038,270	145.9	22.3	6.6	116.9
Black	4,390,810	150.4	28.9	15.8	105.7
<b>Rural</b>					
White	24,276,190	120.6	22.5	2.3	95.8
Black	2,268,840	95.7	25.5	2.1 *	68.1

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

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The term "Rural" is used to denote "Nonmetropolitan areas."

Excludes data on persons of "Other" races.

\*Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.

Table 56. Property crimes, 2002:

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Victimization rates by type of crime, form of tenure, race of head of household, and locality of residence

Type of crime	Rate per 1,000 households							
	All races/a				White			
	Owned or being bought				Owned or being bought			
	All areas	Urban	Suburban	Rural	All areas	Urban	Suburban	Rural
<b>Property crimes</b>	<b>136.4</b>	<b>196.9</b>	<b>131.0</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>135.8</b>	<b>200.7</b>	<b>132.1</b>	<b>98.6</b>
Household burglary	23.9	39.1	20.0	19.2	23.3	36.4	20.5	19.4
Completed	20.8	33.9	16.9	17.5	20.4	32.2	17.3	18.1
Forcible entry	7.6	15.2	5.5	5.4	6.5	12.7	5.2	4.9
Unlawful entry without force	13.2	18.7	11.4	12.2	13.8	19.5	12.1	13.2
Attempted forcible entry	3.2	5.2	3.1	1.7	2.9	4.2	3.3	1.3 *
Motor vehicle theft	6.5	13.0	6.0	2.3	5.6	11.3	5.2	2.4
Completed	5.0	9.1	4.7	2.1	4.3	8.1	4.0	2.2
Attempted	1.5	3.9	1.2	0.2 *	1.3	3.2	1.2	0.1 *
Theft	105.9	144.9	105.0	76.5	106.9	153.0	106.4	76.8
Completed	102.2	138.3	101.5	74.5	103.1	145.4	103.0	74.7
Less than \$50	35.3	43.4	35.5	28.6	36.2	46.7	36.2	29.0
\$50 - \$249	33.7	49.5	32.1	23.8	33.8	51.9	32.5	23.8
\$250 or more	24.0	33.3	24.2	16.2	24.4	35.6	24.9	15.8
Amount not available	9.2	12.1	9.7	6.0	8.8	11.2	9.3	6.1
Attempted	3.7	6.6	3.5	1.9	3.8	7.6	3.4	2.1
Total number of households	75,023,210	16,337,340	38,340,760	20,345,100	66,051,630	12,666,220	34,661,180	18,724,230

Type of crime	Rate per 1,000 households							
	Owned or being bought				Rented			
	Black				All races/a			
	All areas	Urban	Suburban	Rural	All areas	Urban	Suburban	Rural
<b>Property crimes</b>	<b>148.3</b>	<b>189.2</b>	<b>135.0</b>	<b>86.2</b>	<b>207.0</b>	<b>234.5</b>	<b>187.3</b>	<b>181.0</b>
Household burglary	32.0	52.5	14.8	19.1 *	35.7	41.9	29.6	32.9
Completed	25.7	42.9	12.5 *	12.6 *	29.4	34.4	25.4	25.7
Forcible entry	18.4	29.6	8.3 *	12.6 *	12.7	17.6	8.0	10.6
Unlawful entry without force	7.3	13.3	4.1 *	0.0 *	16.7	16.7	17.4	15.1
Attempted forcible entry	6.3	9.5 *	2.3 *	6.5 *	6.2	7.6	4.2	7.2
Motor vehicle theft	13.7	17.7	15.9	1.4 *	14.2	21.4	11.8	1.9 *
Completed	10.4	12.6	13.8	0.0 *	11.6	17.2	9.9	1.6 *
Attempted	3.2 *	5.0 *	2.1 *	1.4 *	2.6	4.2	2.0 *	0.3 *
Theft	102.7	119.1	104.3	65.7	157.1	171.2	145.9	146.1
Completed	99.6	115.9	99.5	65.7	152.2	165.4	141.0	143.0
Less than \$50	28.3	30.0	29.9	22.0	43.5	41.7	41.9	51.2
\$50 - \$249	35.7	46.6	30.1	22.6	54.7	61.4	49.1	49.6
\$250 or more	21.8	25.4	20.9	15.8 *	41.7	47.7	39.3	32.3
Amount not available	13.8	13.9	18.6	5.3 *	12.3	14.6	10.7	10.0
Attempted	3.1 *	3.2 *	4.9 *	0.0 *	4.9	5.8	4.9	3.1 *
Total number of households	6,791,730	2,936,580	2,444,970	1,410,180	35,300,630	15,600,460	13,106,210	6,593,960

Type of crime	Rate per 1,000 households							
	White				Black			
	Rented				Rented			
	All areas	Urban	Suburban	Rural	All areas	Urban	Suburban	Rural
<b>Property crimes</b>	<b>212.7</b>	<b>244.0</b>	<b>191.8</b>	<b>194.4</b>	<b>197.6</b>	<b>226.7</b>	<b>169.9</b>	<b>111.2</b>
Household burglary	32.9	37.7	28.2	33.0	50.1	54.3	46.8	36.0
Completed	28.1	32.3	24.3	27.7	37.3	40.0	39.4	18.8 *
Forcible entry	11.3	15.4	7.4	11.1	18.8	22.9	13.4 *	9.6 *
Unlawful entry without force	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.6	18.6	17.1	26.0	9.2 *
Attempted forcible entry	4.8	5.4	3.9	5.3 *	12.7	14.2	7.4 *	17.2 *
Motor vehicle theft	12.5	19.5	11.3	1.8 *	20.6	26.2	15.6 *	3.1 *
Completed	10.2	16.1	9.1	1.4 *	16.7	20.4	14.3 *	3.1 *
Attempted	2.3	3.4	2.2	0.4 *	3.9 *	5.8 *	1.3 *	0.0 *
Theft	167.3	186.8	152.2	159.6	126.9	146.2	107.5	72.0
Completed	162.4	181.2	147.3	156.0	121.9	139.2	104.5	72.0
Less than \$50	48.1	46.5	45.8	55.2	30.1	34.0	22.8	26.7 *
\$50 - \$249	56.9	66.4	49.3	53.8	49.3	55.7	44.6	26.9 *
\$250 or more	44.2	51.1	41.5	36.7	34.4	39.6	32.9	10.8 *
Amount not available	13.2	17.2	10.7	10.3	8.1	9.9	4.2 *	7.6 *
Attempted	4.9	5.6	4.9	3.6 *	5.0	6.9	3.0 *	0.0 *
Total number of households	26,130,690	10,201,640	10,377,090	5,551,970	7,222,120	4,417,620	1,945,840	858,660

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

\*Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.

a/Includes data on persons of "Other" races, not shown separately.

Table 57. Personal crimes, 2002:

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Victimization rates for persons age 12 and over,  
by type of crime, region and locality of residence

Type of crime	Rate per 1,000 persons age 12 and over							
	All regions				Northeast			
	All areas	Urban	Suburban	Rural	All areas	Urban	Suburban	Rural
<b>Personal crimes</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>25.3</b>
Crimes of violence	23.1	33.1	20.0	17.5	18.8	21.2	15.6	24.4
Completed violence	7.6	11.6	6.3	5.4	5.9	6.9	5.3	5.8
Attempted/threatened violence	15.5	21.6	13.7	12.1	13.0	14.3	10.3	18.5
Rape/Sexual assault/a	1.1	2.2	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8 *	0.4 *	1.6 *
Robbery	2.2	4.3	1.8	0.7	1.5	2.1 *	1.4	0.8 *
Completed/property taken	1.7	3.3	1.3	0.5 *	1.1	1.4 *	1.1 *	0.3 *
With injury	0.7	1.2	0.7	0.3 *	0.9	0.7 *	1.1 *	0.3 *
Without injury	0.9	2.1	0.6	0.2 *	0.2 *	0.7 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Attempted to take property	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.1 *	0.4 *	0.7 *	0.2 *	0.5 *
With injury	0.2	0.2 *	0.2 *	0.0 *	0.1 *	0.2 *	0.1 *	0.0 *
Without injury	0.4	0.8	0.2 *	0.1 *	0.3 *	0.5 *	0.1 *	0.5 *
Assault	19.8	26.7	17.6	16.2	16.7	18.3	13.8	22.0
Aggravated	4.3	6.5	3.5	3.3	2.7	3.6	2.1	3.2 *
With injury	1.4	2.0	1.1	1.2	0.6 *	1.0 *	0.7 *	0.0 *
Threatened with weapon	2.9	4.5	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.6	1.4	3.2 *
Simple	15.5	20.2	14.1	12.9	13.9	14.8	11.7	18.8
With minor injury	3.9	5.1	3.6	3.1	3.6	3.9	3.3	3.9
Without injury	11.6	15.1	10.5	9.8	10.3	10.8	8.4	14.9
Purse snatching/Pocket picking	0.7	1.2	0.6	0.2 *	1.2	2.3 *	0.6 *	1.0 *
Population age 12 and over	231,589,260	64,533,840	111,164,070	55,891,360	43,705,120	12,868,760	22,776,040	8,060,320

Type of crime	Rate per 1,000 persons age 12 and over							
	Midwest				South			
	All areas	Urban	Suburban	Rural	All areas	Urban	Suburban	Rural
<b>Personal crimes</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>13.4</b>
Crimes of violence	25.7	41.7	22.0	18.3	19.7	27.1	19.7	13.3
Completed violence	9.1	15.2	7.5	6.5	6.8	9.8	5.9	5.6
Attempted/threatened violence	16.6	26.6	14.5	11.8	12.9	17.3	13.8	7.8
Rape/Sexual assault/a	1.0	2.8	0.5 *	0.3 *	1.0	1.7	0.8 *	0.6 *
Robbery	2.2	5.5	1.6	0.4 *	2.6	4.6	2.6	0.8 *
Completed/property taken	1.7	4.4	1.0 *	0.4 *	2.0	3.8	1.8	0.7 *
With injury	0.8	1.6 *	0.7 *	0.2 *	0.6	0.8 *	0.6 *	0.4 *
Without injury	0.9	2.7	0.3 *	0.3 *	1.4	3.0	1.2	0.3 *
Attempted to take property	0.5 *	1.1 *	0.5 *	0.0 *	0.6	0.8 *	0.8 *	0.1 *
With injury	0.2 *	0.2 *	0.2 *	0.0 *	0.3 *	0.2 *	0.5 *	0.0 *
Without injury	0.4 *	0.9 *	0.3 *	0.0 *	0.3 *	0.6 *	0.3 *	0.1 *
Assault	22.6	33.5	20.0	17.5	16.2	20.8	16.4	11.9
Aggravated	4.3	7.6	3.6	2.6	4.7	7.0	3.9	3.9
With injury	1.7	3.0	1.5	0.9 *	1.5	2.0	0.8 *	2.0
Threatened with weapon	2.6	4.5	2.1	1.7 *	3.2	5.0	3.1	1.9
Simple	18.3	25.9	16.4	14.8	11.5	13.8	12.5	7.9
With minor injury	5.3	6.6	4.6	5.2	2.7	2.8	3.0	2.2
Without injury	13.0	19.4	11.8	9.7	8.8	11.0	9.5	5.7
Purse snatching/Pocket picking	0.5 *	1.1 *	0.5 *	0.0 *	0.6	1.0 *	0.7 *	0.1 *
Population age 12 and over	54,065,070	13,385,840	24,171,470	16,507,750	83,470,930	20,698,120	38,290,700	24,482,110

Type of crime	Rate per 1,000 persons age 12 and over			
	West			
	All areas	Urban	Suburban	Rural
<b>Personal crimes</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>22.1</b>
Crimes of violence	29.4	42.4	22.6	22.1
Completed violence	8.7	14.3	6.7	1.6 *
Attempted/threatened violence	20.8	28.1	15.8	20.5
Rape/Sexual assault/a	1.6	3.3	0.9 *	0.0 *
Robbery	2.3	4.6	1.3	0.4 *
Completed/property taken	1.7	3.2	1.0 *	0.4 *
With injury	0.8	1.5 *	0.5 *	0.4 *
Without injury	0.8	1.7 *	0.5 *	0.0 *
Attempted to take property	0.6	1.4 *	0.3 *	0.0 *
With injury	0.1 *	0.3 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Without injury	0.5 *	1.1 *	0.3 *	0.0 *
Assault	25.5	34.6	20.4	21.7
Aggravated	5.0	7.2	4.1	2.5 *
With injury	1.5	2.0	1.4	0.4 *
Threatened with weapon	3.5	5.2	2.7	2.1 *
Simple	20.6	27.4	16.3	19.2
With minor injury	4.7	7.5	3.9	0.8 *
Without injury	15.8	19.9	12.4	18.4
Purse snatching/Pocket picking	0.5 *	0.8 *	0.5 *	0.0 *
Population age 12 and over	50,348,150	17,581,120	25,925,860	6,841,170

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.  
\*Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.

a/Includes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.

Table 58. Property crimes, 2002:

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Victimization rates by type of crime, region and locality of residence

Type of crime	Rate per 1,000 households							
	All regions				Northeast			
	All areas	Urban	Suburban	Rural	All areas	Urban	Suburban	Rural
<b>Property crimes</b>	<b>159.0</b>	<b>215.3</b>	<b>145.3</b>	<b>118.3</b>	<b>117.0</b>	<b>126.7</b>	<b>108.0</b>	<b>125.7</b>
Household burglary	27.7	40.5	22.4	22.6	18.4	23.2	14.0	22.7
Completed	23.5	34.1	19.1	19.5	15.0	18.8	11.3	19.3
Forcible entry	9.2	16.4	6.1	6.7	4.8	8.7	3.5	1.8 *
Unlawful entry without force	14.3	17.8	12.9	12.9	10.3	10.1	7.8	17.5
Attempted forcible entry	4.2	6.4	3.4	3.0	3.4	4.3 *	2.7 *	3.4 *
Motor vehicle theft	9.0	17.1	7.5	2.2	6.4	11.2	5.7	0.6 *
Completed	7.1	13.1	6.0	2.0	5.5	9.7	4.8	0.6 *
Attempted	1.9	4.0	1.4	0.3 *	0.9 *	1.5 *	0.9 *	0.0 *
Theft	122.3	157.7	115.4	93.5	92.1	92.3	88.3	102.4
Completed	118.2	151.5	111.6	91.3	88.3	88.0	84.9	98.3
Less than \$50	37.9	42.5	37.1	34.1	33.0	27.8	33.5	40.0
\$50 - \$249	40.4	55.3	36.5	30.1	28.9	28.6	28.3	30.9
\$250 or more	29.6	40.3	28.0	20.1	17.5	19.6	16.1	17.8
Amount not available	10.2	13.4	10.0	7.0	9.0	12.1	6.9	9.6
Attempted	4.1	6.2	3.8	2.2	3.8	4.3 *	3.4	4.1 *
Total number of households	110,323,840	31,937,800	51,446,980	26,939,060	20,821,680	6,354,700	10,628,640	3,838,340

Type of crime	Rate per 1,000 households							
	Midwest				South			
	All areas	Urban	Suburban	Rural	All areas	Urban	Suburban	Rural
<b>Property crimes</b>	<b>155.8</b>	<b>221.6</b>	<b>135.7</b>	<b>128.3</b>	<b>147.8</b>	<b>222.3</b>	<b>140.9</b>	<b>94.2</b>
Household burglary	30.7	57.1	19.4	24.4	28.2	45.3	22.2	22.3
Completed	25.9	46.9	17.1	20.4	24.1	38.8	18.4	19.9
Forcible entry	10.5	24.4	5.0	6.4	10.7	20.1	6.0	9.7
Unlawful entry without force	15.4	22.5	12.1	14.0	13.4	18.7	12.4	10.2
Attempted forcible entry	4.8	10.1	2.3 *	3.9	4.1	6.6	3.8	2.4 *
Motor vehicle theft	7.9	20.7	4.8	1.2 *	7.9	16.0	6.4	3.3
Completed	6.0	15.5	3.9	0.9 *	6.1	11.6	5.0	2.9
Attempted	1.8	5.2	1.0 *	0.3 *	1.8	4.4	1.4 *	0.4 *
Theft	117.2	143.8	111.5	102.7	111.8	161.0	112.3	68.6
Completed	113.4	137.0	108.1	100.8	108.0	155.4	107.5	67.8
Less than \$50	40.3	41.1	38.9	41.5	31.9	40.5	35.5	19.1
\$50 - \$249	38.5	50.8	35.1	33.0	37.6	58.7	35.5	22.7
\$250 or more	24.9	31.3	25.2	19.0	29.7	44.8	27.3	20.2
Amount not available	9.7	13.8	8.9	7.3	8.8	11.4	9.2	5.8
Attempted	3.8	6.8	3.4	1.9 *	3.8	5.6	4.8	0.8 *
Total number of households	26,238,340	6,822,000	11,482,180	7,934,160	40,202,070	10,310,590	17,922,400	11,969,080

Type of crime	Rate per 1,000 households			
	West			
	All areas	Urban	Suburban	Rural
<b>Property crimes</b>	<b>219.9</b>	<b>268.3</b>	<b>196.7</b>	<b>175.0</b>
Household burglary	31.9	34.2	33.8	19.0
Completed	27.6	29.6	29.3	16.5
Forcible entry	9.3	11.0	10.0	1.9 *
Unlawful entry without force	18.4	18.6	19.3	14.7
Attempted forcible entry	4.2	4.6	4.4	2.4 *
Motor vehicle theft	14.3	19.8	13.5	2.6 *
Completed	11.4	15.3	11.0	2.6 *
Attempted	2.9	4.5	2.4 *	0.0 *
Theft	173.8	214.2	149.5	153.4
Completed	168.5	206.3	146.4	147.5
Less than \$50	50.4	57.3	41.3	64.7
\$50 - \$249	57.6	75.0	46.9	50.0
\$250 or more	45.9	57.7	43.0	25.5
Amount not available	14.5	16.3	15.1	7.3 *
Attempted	5.3	7.9	3.1	5.9 *
Total number of households	23,061,760	8,450,520	11,413,760	3,197,480

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.  
 The term "Urban" is used to denote "Central cities."  
 The term "Suburban" is used to denote "Outside central cities."  
 The term "Rural" is used to denote "Nonmetropolitan areas."  
 \*Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.

## **Criminal Victimization Glossary**

**Age** - The appropriate age category is determined by the respondent's age on the last day of the month before the interview.

**Annual household income** - The total income of the household head and all members of the household for the 12 months preceding the interview. Includes wages, salaries, net income from businesses or farms, pensions, interest, dividends, rent, and any other form of monetary income.

**Aggravated assault** - Attack or attempted attack with a weapon, regardless of whether or not an injury occurred and attack without a weapon when serious injury results.

*With injury* - An attack without a weapon when serious injury results or an attack with a weapon involving any injury. Serious injury includes broken bones, lost teeth, internal injuries, loss of consciousness, and any unspecified injury requiring two or more days of hospitalization.

*Threatened with a weapon* - Threat or attempted attack by an offender armed with a gun, knife, or other object used as a weapon, not resulting in victim injury.

**Assault** - An unlawful physical attack or threat of attack. Assaults may be classified as aggravated or simple. Rape, attempted rape, and sexual assaults are excluded from this category, as well as robbery and attempted robbery. The severity of assaults ranges from minor threat to incidents which are nearly fatal.

**Burglary** ( also *Household burglary*) - Unlawful or forcible entry or attempted entry of a residence. This crime usually, but not always, involves theft. The illegal entry may be by force, such as breaking a window or slashing a screen, or may be without force by entering through an unlocked door or an open window. As long as the person entering has no legal right to be present in the structure a burglary has occurred. Furthermore, the structure need not be the house itself for a burglary to take place; illegal entry of a garage, shed, or any other structure on the premises also constitutes household burglary. If breaking and entering occurs in a hotel or vacation residence, it is still classified as a burglary for the household whose member or members were staying there at the time the entry occurred.

*Completed burglary* - A form of burglary in which a person who has no legal right to be present in the structure successfully gains entry to a residence, by use of force, or without force.

*Forcible entry* - A form of completed burglary in which force is used to gain entry to a residence. Some examples include breaking a window or slashing a screen.

*Unlawful entry without force* - A form of completed burglary committed by someone having no legal right to be on the premises, even though no force is used.

*Attempted forcible entry* - A form of burglary in which force is used in an attempt to gain entry.

**Collection year** - The set of victimizations reported to NCVS in interviews conducted during the same calendar year. This set may include victimizations which occurred in the previous calendar year, due to the retrospective nature of the NCVS interview. Collection year data are used in tables beginning in 1996. See "Data year."

**Commercial crimes** - Crimes against commercial establishments of any type are not included in the survey. Commercial establishments include stores, restaurants, businesses, service stations, medical offices or hospitals, or other similar establishments. For victimizations occurring in commercial establishments, the crime is included or not included depending upon whether the survey respondent was threatened or harmed in some way or personal property was taken.



**Crime classification** - Victimitizations and incidents are classified based upon detailed characteristics of the event provided by the respondent. Neither victims nor interviewers classify crimes at the time of interview. During data processing, a computer program classifies each event into one type of crime, based upon the entries on a number of items on the survey questionnaire. This ensures that similar events will be classified using a standard procedure. The glossary definition for each crime indicates the major characteristics required to be so classified. If an event can be classified as more than one type of crime, a hierarchy is used which classifies the crime according to the most serious event that occurred. The hierarchy is: rape, sexual assault, robbery, assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, theft.

**Data year** - The set of victimizations reported to NCVS all of which occurred within the same calendar year. For all years prior to 1996, NCVS data are based upon data year. Beginning in 1996 and later years, data are based upon collection year. See "Collection Year."

**Ethnicity** - A classification based on Hispanic culture and origin, regardless of race.

**Head of household** - A classification which defines one and only one person in each housing unit as the head. Head of household implies that the person rents or owns (or is in the process of buying), the housing unit. The head of household must be at least 18, unless all members of the household are under 18, or the head is married to someone 18 or older.

**Hispanic** - A person who describes himself as Mexican-American, Chicano, Mexican, Mexicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central American, South American, or from some other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

**Household** - A person or group of people meeting either of the following criteria: (1) people whose usual place of residence is the same housing unit, even if they are temporarily absent; (2) people staying in a housing unit who have no usual place of residence elsewhere.

**Household Burglary** - See burglary.

**Incident** - A specific criminal act involving one or more victims and offenders. For example, if two people are robbed at the same time and place, this is classified as two robbery victimizations but only one robbery incident.

**Marital status** - Every person is assigned to one of the following classifications: (1) married, which includes persons in common-law unions and those who are currently living apart for reasons other than marital discord (employment, military service, etc.); (2) separated or divorced, which includes married persons who are legally separated and those who are not living together because of marital discord; (3) widowed; and (4) never married, which includes persons whose marriages have been annulled and those who are living together and not in a common-law union.

**Metropolitan area** - See "Metropolitan Statistical Area."

**Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)** - The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) defines this as a population nucleus of 50,000 or more, generally consisting of a city and its immediate suburbs, along with adjacent communities having a high degree of economic and social integration with the nucleus. MSA's are designated by counties, the smallest geographic units for which a wide range of statistical data can be attained. However, in New England, MSA's are designated by cities and towns since these subcounty units are of great local significance and considerable data is available for them. Currently, an area is defined as an MSA if it meets one of two standards:

(1) a city has a population of at least 50,000; (2) the Census Bureau defines an urbanized area of at least 50,000 people with a total metropolitan population of at least 100,000 (or 75,000 in New England). The Census Bureau's definition of urbanized areas, data on commuting to work, and the strength of the economic and social ties between the surrounding counties and the central city determine which

counties not containing a main city are included in an MSA. For New England, MSA's are determined by a core area and related cities and towns, not counties. A metropolitan statistical area may contain more than one city of 50,000 and may cross State lines.

**Motor vehicle** - An automobile, truck, motorcycle, or any other motorized vehicle legally allowed on public roads and highways.

**Motor vehicle theft** - Stealing or unauthorized taking of a motor vehicle, including attempted thefts.

*Completed motor vehicle theft* - The successful taking of a vehicle by an unauthorized person.

*Attempted motor vehicle theft* - The unsuccessful attempt by an unauthorized person to take a vehicle.

**Multiple offenders** - Two or more persons inflicting some direct harm to a victim. The *victim-offender relationship* is determined by the offender with the closest relationship to the victim. The following list ranks the different relationships from closest to most distant: spouse, ex-spouse, parent, child, other relative, nonrelative well-known person, casual acquaintance, or stranger (See *Nonstranger* and *Stranger*).

**Non-Hispanic** - Persons who report their culture or origin as something other than "Hispanic" as defined above. This distinction is made regardless of race.

**Nonstranger** - A classification of a crime victim's relationship to the offender. An offender who is either related to, well known to, or casually acquainted with the victim is a nonstranger. For crimes with more than one offender, if any of the offenders are nonstrangers, then the group of offenders as a whole is classified as nonstranger. This category only applies to crimes which involve contact between the victim and the offender; the distinction is not made for crimes of theft since victims of this offense rarely see the offenders.

**Offender** - The perpetrator of a crime; this term usually applies to crimes involving contact between the victim and the offender.

**Offense** - A crime. When referring to personal crimes, the term can be used to refer to both victimizations and incidents.

**Personal crimes** - Rape, sexual assault, personal robbery, assault, purse snatching and pocket picking. This category includes both attempted and completed crimes.

**Place of occurrence of crime** - The location at which a crime occurred, as specified by the victim. Survey measures of crimes occurring in commercial establishments, restaurants, nightclubs, public transportation and other similar places include only those crimes involving NCVS measured crimes against persons, not the establishments. Crimes against commercial establishments and other places are not measured by the survey.

**Property crimes** - Property crimes including burglary, motor vehicle theft, or theft. This category includes both attempted and completed crimes.

**Purse snatching/Pocket picking** - Theft or attempted theft of property or cash directly from the victim by stealth, without force or threat of force.

**Race** - Racial categories for this survey are white, black, and other. The "other" category is composed mainly of Asian Pacific Islanders, and American Indian, Aleut, and Eskimo. The race of the head of household is used in determining the race of the household for computing household crime demographics.

**Rape** - Forced sexual intercourse including both psychological coercion as well as physical force. Forced sexual intercourse means vaginal, anal or oral penetration by the offender(s). This category also includes incidents where the penetration is from a foreign object such as a bottle. Includes attempted rapes, male as well as female victims and both heterosexual and homosexual rape. Attempted rape includes verbal threats of rape.

**Rate of victimization** - see "Victimization rate."

**Region** - The States have been divided into four groups or census regions:

*Midwest* - Includes the 12 States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

*Northeast* - Includes the 9 states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

*South* - Includes the District of Columbia and the 16 States of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

*West* - Includes the 13 states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

**Robbery** - Completed or attempted theft, directly from a person, of property or cash by force or threat of force, with or without a weapon, and with or without injury.

*Completed/property taken* - The successful taking of property from a person by force or threat of force, with or without a weapon, and with or without injury.

*Completed with injury* - The successful taking of property from a person, accompanied by an attack, either with or without a weapon, resulting in injury.

*Completed without injury* - The successful taking of property from a person by force or the threat of force, either with or without a weapon, but not resulting in injury.

*Attempted to take property* - The attempt to take property from a person by force or threat of force without success, with or without a weapon, and with or without injury.

*Attempted without injury* - The attempt to take property from a person by force or the threat of force without success, either with or without a weapon, but not resulting in injury.

*Attempted with injury* - The attempt to take property from a person without success, accompanied by an attack, either with or without a weapon, resulting in injury.

**Rural area** - A place not located inside the Metropolitan Statistical Area. This category includes a variety of localities, ranging from sparsely populated rural areas to cities with populations less than 50,000.

**Sample** - The set of housing units selected by the U. S. Census Bureau to be interviewed for the survey. All occupants of the household age 12 or older are interviewed. See methodology for sample inclusions and exclusions.

**Series** - Six or more similar but separate events, which the respondent is unable to describe separately in detail to an interviewer.

**Sexual assault** - A wide range of victimizations, separate from rape or attempted rape. These crimes include attacks or attempted attacks generally involving unwanted sexual contact between victim and offender. Sexual assaults may or may not involve force and include such things as grabbing or fondling. Sexual assault also includes verbal threats.

**Simple assault** - Attack without a weapon resulting either in no injury, minor injury (for example, bruises, black eyes, cuts, scratches or swelling) or in undetermined injury requiring less than 2 days of hospitalization. Also includes attempted assault without a weapon.

*With minor injury* - An attack without a weapon resulting in such injuries as bruises, black eyes, cuts or in undetermined injury requiring less than 2 days of hospitalization.

*Without injury* - An attempted assault without a weapon not resulting in injury.

**Stranger** - A classification of the victim's relationship to the offender for crimes involving direct contact between the two. Incidents are classified as involving strangers if the victim identifies the offender as a stranger, did not see or recognize the offender, or knew the offender only by sight. Crimes involving multiple offenders are classified as involving nonstrangers if any of the offenders was a nonstranger. Since victims of theft without contact rarely see the offender, no distinction is made between strangers and nonstrangers for this crime.

**Suburban areas** - A county or counties containing a central city, plus any contiguous counties that are linked socially and economically to the central city. On data tables, suburban areas are categorized as those portions of metropolitan areas situated "outside central cities."

**Tenure** - The NCVS recognizes two forms of household tenancy: (1) owned, which includes dwellings that are mortgaged, and (2) rented, which includes rent-free quarters belonging to a party other than the occupants, and situations where rental payments are in kind or services.

**Theft** - Completed or attempted theft of property or cash without personal contact. Incidents involving theft of property from within the sample household would classify as theft if the offender has a legal right to be in the house (such as a maid, delivery person, or guest). If the offender has no legal right to be in the house, the incident would classify as a burglary.

*Completed* - To successfully take without permission property or cash without personal contact between the victim and offender.

*Attempted* - To unsuccessfully attempt to take property or cash without personal contact.

**Urban areas** - The largest city (or grouping of cities) in a Metropolitan Statistical Area (see definition of Metropolitan Statistical Area).

**Victim** - The recipient of a criminal act, usually used in relation to personal crimes, but also applicable to households.

**Victimization** - A crime as it affects one individual person or household. For personal crimes, the number of victimizations is equal to the number of victims involved. The number of victimizations may be greater than the number of incidents because more than one person may be victimized during an incident. Each crime against a household is assumed to involve a single victim, the affected household.

**Victimization rate** - A measure of the occurrence of victimizations among a specified population group. For personal crimes, this is based on the number of victimizations per 1,000 residents age 12 or older. For household crimes, the victimization rates are calculated using the number of incidents per 1,000 households.

**Victimize** - To commit a crime against a person or household.

**Violence, crimes of** - Rape, sexual assault, personal robbery or assault. This category includes both attempted and completed crimes. It does not include purse snatching and pocket picking. Murder is not measured by the NCVS because of an inability to question the victim.

*Completed violence* - The sum of all completed rapes, sexual assaults, robberies, and assaults. See individual crime types for definition of completed crimes.

*Attempted/threatened violence* - The unsuccessful attempt of rape, sexual assault, personal robbery or assault. Includes attempted attacks or sexual assaults by means of verbal threats. See individual crime types for definition of attempted crimes.