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### National Crime Victimization Survey

# Violent Victimization by Race or Ethnicity, 2005-2019

#### Rate of violent victimizations

From 2005 to 2019—

- The overall rate of violent victimization fell 26% (from 28.4 to 21.0 victimizations per 1,000 U.S. residents age 12 or older).
- The rate of violent victimization against black persons fell 43% (from 32.7 to 18.7 violent victimizations per 1,000 black persons age 12 or older).
- The rate of violent victimization against white persons fell 24% (from 27.7 to 21.0 victimizations per 1,000 white persons age 12 or older).

#### Number of violent victimizations

From 2005 to 2019—

- The overall number of violent victimizations fell 16% (falling by 1.1 million).
- The number of violent victimizations against black persons fell 32% (from 913,000 to 623,000).
- The number of violent victimizations against white persons fell 24% (from 4.8 million to 3.6 million).

**TABLE 1**  
**Rate of violent victimizations, by victim race or ethnicity, 2005-2019**

Victim race/ ethnicity	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019*
Total	28.4 †	--	27.2 †	25.3 †	22.3	19.3	22.6	26.1 †	23.2	20.1	18.6	19.7	20.6	23.2	21.0
White <sup>a</sup>	27.7 †	--	26.8 †	25.9 †	21.5	18.3	21.6	25.2 ‡	22.2	20.3	17.4	19.6	20.8	24.7 ‡	21.0
Black <sup>a</sup>	32.7 †	--	34.9 †	28.5 †	30.6 †	25.9 ‡	26.4 ‡	34.2 †	25.1	22.5	22.6	22.3	21.8	20.4	18.7
Hispanic	25.9	--	22.4	20.3	22.2	16.8	23.9	24.5	24.8	16.2	16.7	18.2	20.7	18.6	21.3
Other <sup>a,b</sup>	34.3 ‡	--	28.9	24.1	15.6 ‡	22.7	23.2	23.6	25.2	23.0	25.7	19.0	17.4	25.3	24.0

Note: Rates are per 1,000 persons age 12 or older. Violent-crime categories include rape or sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault, and they include threatened, attempted, and completed occurrences of those crimes. BJS created standard errors and presented testing for statistically significant differences among National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) estimates in this table using generalized variance function parameters. See appendix table 1 for standard errors.

--Estimates for 2006 should not be compared to other years and are excluded from this table. See *Criminal Victimization, 2007* (NCJ 224390, BJS, December 2008).

\*Comparison year.

†Difference with comparison year is significant at the 95% confidence level.

‡Difference with comparison year is significant at the 90% confidence level.

<sup>a</sup>Excludes persons of Hispanic origin (e.g., “white” refers to non-Hispanic whites and “black” refers to non-Hispanic blacks).

<sup>b</sup>Includes Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and persons of two or more races.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, NCVS Victimization Analysis Tool, 2005-2019.

**TABLE 2****Number of violent victimizations, by victim race or ethnicity, 2005-2019**

Victim race/ ethnicity	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019*
Total	6,947,800 †	--	6,814,180 †	6,393,470	5,669,240	4,935,980 ‡	5,812,520	6,842,600 †	6,126,420	5,359,570	5,006,610 ‡	5,353,820	5,612,670	6,385,520	5,813,410
White <sup>a</sup>	4,751,150 †	--	4,606,610 †	4,499,130 †	3,737,220	3,182,170	3,719,730	4,351,420 ‡	3,832,530	3,517,460	3,016,220	3,391,570	3,561,030	4,238,940 ‡	3,591,900
Black <sup>a</sup>	912,640 †	--	997,890 †	823,100	905,020 ‡	786,810	812,170	1,096,540 †	815,060	738,530	752,750	749,820	712,970	675,330	622,960
Hispanic	821,700	--	771,790	701,530 †	785,590	603,800 †	895,430	976,320	1,015,670	669,380 †	724,720 ‡	810,100	940,720	872,550	1,019,880
Other <sup>a,b</sup>	462,310	--	437,890	369,710 †	241,400 †	363,200 †	385,190 †	418,320	463,160	434,210	512,930	402,330 ‡	397,950 ‡	598,700	578,680

Note: Details may not sum to totals due to rounding. Violent-crime categories include rape or sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault, and they include threatened, attempted, and completed occurrences of those crimes. BJS created standard errors and presented testing for statistically significant differences among National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) estimates in this table using generalized variance function parameters. See appendix table 2 for standard errors.

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**APPENDIX TABLE 1****Standard errors for table 1: Rate of violent victimizations, by victim race or ethnicity, 2005-2019**

Victim race/ ethnicity	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total	1.63	~	1.55	1.60	1.31	1.44	1.38	1.20	1.62	1.22	1.16	0.95	1.03	1.30	1.15
White	1.99	~	2.12	1.97	1.96	1.74	1.71	1.66	2.03	1.64	1.54	1.36	1.40	1.76	1.52
Black	3.79	~	4.01	3.70	4.14	3.55	3.21	3.43	3.48	2.89	3.02	2.44	2.42	2.49	2.32
Hispanic	3.13	~	2.81	2.81	3.18	2.53	2.83	2.59	3.23	2.17	2.28	1.96	2.10	2.10	2.25
Other	4.94	~	4.14	4.16	3.29	3.90	3.55	3.36	4.09	3.50	3.86	2.57	2.38	3.17	3.02

Note: BJS created the standard errors in this table using generalized variance function parameters.

~Not applicable.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, NCVS Victimization Analysis Tool, 2005-2019.

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**APPENDIX TABLE 2****Standard errors for table 2: Number of violent victimizations, by victim race or ethnicity, 2005-2019**

Victim race/ ethnicity	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total	399,741	~	388,012	404,138	332,673	368,833	356,534	313,834	427,599	326,328	312,236	259,442	279,729	358,555	318,922
White	343,801	~	368,749	346,765	345,851	305,456	299,982	290,013	355,777	289,072	270,281	238,717	243,775	306,561	265,028
Black	111,654	~	122,803	111,674	129,532	113,699	103,885	115,810	118,919	99,148	104,693	85,657	82,495	85,933	80,347
Hispanic	103,996	~	101,834	100,573	117,504	94,305	111,171	107,299	138,998	92,756	102,043	90,220	99,215	102,496	112,071
Other	70,664	~	67,290	66,472	52,741	65,957	62,099	61,980	79,746	69,306	80,873	56,628	56,231	79,125	76,472

Note: BJS created the standard errors in this table using generalized variance function parameters.

~Not applicable.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, NCVS Victimization Analysis Tool, 2005-2019.

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