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Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime

- In the 24,583 violent offenses* reported in 1996, 11% of the victims were juveniles. There were 2,666 juvenile victims: 31 juvenile homicide victims; 503 juvenile rape victims; 398 juvenile robbery victims; and 1,734 juvenile victims of aggravated assault.
- There were 7,221 juvenile victims of simple assault, which represent 13% of all victims of simple assaults reported in 1996.
- 53% of the victims were males, and 47% were females. 63% of the victims were black, and 37% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 24% of the offenses; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 38%; a knife was the weapon used in 10%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 28%.
- 49% of the victims suffered injuries: 15% were injured with a firearm; 12% were injured with a knife; 35% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 38% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 73% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 15% of the offenders were strangers; and in 12% of the offenses the offender was unknown. In 30% of the offenses, the offender was also a juvenile.
- 48% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 26% occurred in a street or alley; 6% occurred at a school; 5% occurred in a parking lot; and 15% occurred in other locations.

*Excluding simple assaults

Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	24
2	31
3	31
4	43
5	33
6	44
7	44
8	52
9	56
10	65
11	104
12	140
13	232
14	330
15	371
16	517
17	549

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	40%
Friend	9%
Relative	20%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	4%
Stranger	15%
Unknown	12%

Juvenile Victims of Homicide

- There were 31 juvenile homicide victims in 1996, representing 7% of the victims of the 432 homicides reported in Alabama for that year. Eight juveniles died as a result of child abuse, and 9 juveniles were killed by other juveniles.
- 81% of the victims were males, and 19% were females. 81% of the victims were black, and 16% were white, and 3% were unreported.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 65% of the homicides; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 19%; a knife was the weapon used in 7%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 9%.
- In 68% of the homicides the victim was related to or acquainted with the offender; in 26% the victim and offender were strangers; and in 6% the offender was unknown.
- 48% of the homicides occurred at a residence; 28% occurred in a street or alley; and 24% occurred in other locations.
- In 29% of the homicides the offender was also a juvenile.

Juvenile Victims of Homicide

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	1
2	1
3	2
4	1
5	0
6	2
7	0
8	1
9	0
10	0
11	1
12	0
13	2
14	2
15	4
16	7
17	7

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	42%
Friend	13%
Relative	13%
Stranger	26%
Unknown	6%

Juvenile Victims of Rape

- There were 503 juvenile female rape victims in 1996, representing 38% of the 1,329 rapes reported in Alabama for that year. 45 juvenile victims were 10 years of age or younger. 53% of the victims were black females and 47% were white females.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 4% of the rapes; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 83%; a knife was the weapon used in 1%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 12%.
- 39% of the victims suffered injuries: 3% were injured with a firearm; 1% were injured with a knife; 87% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 9% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 77% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 11% of the offenders were strangers; and in 12% of the rapes the offender was unknown.
- 66% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 8% occurred in a street or alley; 2% occurred at a school; and 24% occurred in other locations.
- In 22% of the rapes the offender was also a juvenile.

Juvenile Victims of Rape

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	3
2	1
3	0
4	7
5	4
6	3
7	7
8	4
9	7
10	9
11	19
12	50
13	74
14	101
15	96
16	73
17	45

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	42%
Friend	12%
Relative	17%
Girlfriend	6%
Stranger	11%
Unknown	12%

Juvenile Victims of Robbery

- There were 6,868 robberies reported in 1996, and 398 juveniles were robbery victims, representing 6% of all robbery victims in Alabama for that year. 64% of the victims were black and 36% were white; 86% were males, and 14% were females.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 49% of the robberies; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 35%; a knife was the weapon used in 4%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 12%.
- 18% of the victims suffered injuries: 35% were injured with a firearm; 3% were injured with a knife; 35% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 13% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 33% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 40% of the offenders were strangers; and in 27% of the offenses the offender was unknown.
- 13% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 47% occurred in a street or alley; 8% occurred at a school; 7% occurred in a parking lot; 5% occurred at a store; and 20% occurred in other locations.
- In 35% of the robberies, the offender was also a juvenile.

Juvenile Victims of Robbery

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	2
2	2
3	2
4	1
5	0
6	1
7	3
8	7
9	5
10	8
11	8
12	23
13	17
14	53
15	65
16	89
17	112

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	29%
Friend	4%
Stranger	40%
Unknown	27%

Juvenile Victims of Assault

Aggravated

- There were 1,734 juvenile assault victims in 1996, representing 11% of all victims of the 15,954 aggravated assaults reported in Alabama for that year. 62% of the victims were males, and 38% were females. 66% of the victims were black, and 34% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 24% of the assaults; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 26%; a knife was the weapon used in 14%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 36%.
- 58% of the victims were injured: 14% with a firearm; 15% with a knife; 25% with fists, feet or hands; and 46% with other dangerous weapons
- 78% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 12% of the offenders were strangers; and in 10% of the assaults the offender was unknown. In 31% of the assaults the offender was also a juvenile.
- 49% of the assaults occurred at a residence; 26% occurred in a street or alley; 7% occurred at a school; and 18% occurred in other locations.

Simple

- There were 7,221 juvenile victims of simple assault in 1996, or 13% of all victims of simple assaults for that year. 52% of the victims were females and 48% were males; 51% were black and 49% were white.
- 86% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 7% were strangers; and in 7% of the offenses the offender was unknown.

Juvenile Victims of Aggravated Assault

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	18
2	27
3	27
4	34
5	29
6	38
7	34
8	40
9	44
10	48
11	76
12	67
13	139
14	174
15	206
16	348
17	385

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	41%
Friend	9%
Relative	24%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	4%
Stranger	12%
Unknown	10%