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Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime

- In the 19,873 violent offenses* reported in 2001, 13% of the victims were juveniles. There were 2,535 juvenile victims: 28 juvenile homicide victims; 632 juvenile rape victims; 261 juvenile robbery victims; and 1,614 juvenile victims of aggravated assault.
- There were 8,954 juvenile victims of simple assault, which represent 12% of all victims of simple assaults reported in 2001.
- 48% of the victims were males, and 52% were females. 56% of the victims were black, and 44% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 18% of the offenses; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 50%; a knife was the weapon used in 9%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 23%.
- 38% of the victims suffered injuries: 11% were injured with a firearm; 11% were injured with a knife; 48% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 30% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 72% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 9% of the offenders were strangers; and in 19% of the offenses the offender was unknown. In 27% of the offenses, the offender was also a juvenile.
- 55% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 18% occurred in a street or alley; 5% occurred at a school; 5% occurred in a parking lot; and 17% occurred in other locations.

*Excluding simple assaults

Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	37
2	23
3	22
4	32
5	45
6	37
7	55
8	62
9	60
10	89
11	113
12	173
13	190
14	315
15	379
16	398
17	504

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	39%
Friend	6%
Relative	22%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	5%
Stranger	9%
Unknown	19%

Juvenile Victims of Homicide

- There were 28 juvenile homicide victims in 2001, representing 8% of the victims of the 349 homicides reported in Alabama for that year. Three juveniles died as a result of child abuse, and 5 juveniles were killed by another juveniles.
- 75% of the victims were males, and 25% were females. 54% of the victims were black, and 46% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 36% of the homicides; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 18%; a knife was the weapon used in 14%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 32%.
- In 49% of the homicides the victim was related to or acquainted with the offender; in 11% the victim and offender were strangers; and in 40% the offender was unknown.
- 69% of the homicides occurred at a residence; 12% occurred in a street or alley; and 19% occurred in other locations.
- In 18% of the homicides the offender was also a juvenile.

Juvenile Victims of Homicide

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

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	21%
Friend	11%
Relative	17%
Stranger	11%
Unknown	40%

Juvenile Victims of Rape

- There were 532 juvenile female rape victims in 2001, representing 47% of the 1,337 rapes reported in Alabama for that year. 71 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 2% of the rapes; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 80%; a knife was the weapon used in 1%; and unknown weapons were used in 17%.
- 17% of the victims suffered injuries: 2% were injured with a firearm; 1% were injured with a knife; 93% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 4% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 77% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 4% of the offenders were strangers; and in 19% of the rapes the offender was unknown.
- 68% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 3% occurred in a street or alley; 2% occurred at a school; and 27% occurred in other locations.
- In 15% of the rapes the offender was also a juvenile.

Juvenile Victims of Rape

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	2
2	1
3	3
4	0
5	13
6	6
7	16
8	5
9	9
10	16
11	26
12	54
13	82
14	129
15	155
16	57
17	58

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	41%
Friend	10%
Relative	18%
Girlfriend	8%
Stranger	4%
Unknown	19%

Juvenile Victims of Robbery

- There were 5,237 robberies reported in 2001, and 261 juveniles were robbery victims, representing 5% of all robbery victims in Alabama for that year. 62% of the victims were black and 38% were white; 85% were males, and 15% were females.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 50% of the robberies; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 42%; a knife was the weapon used in 3%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 5%.
- 19% of the victims suffered injuries: 21% were injured with a firearm; 2% were injured with a knife; 70% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 7% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 29% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 28% of the offenders were strangers; and in 43% of the offenses the offender was unknown.
- 18% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 43% occurred in a street or alley; 3% occurred at a school; 11% occurred in a parking lot; 4% occurred at a store; and 21% occurred in other locations.
- In 25% of the robberies, the offender was also a juvenile.

Juvenile Victims of Robbery

Victim's Age	Number
1	1
2	1
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	2
7	1
8	1
9	2
10	8
11	3
12	12
13	14
14	24
15	30
16	60
17	102

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	25%
Friend	4%
Stranger	28%
Unknown	43%

Juvenile Victims of Assault

Aggravated

- There were 1,614 juvenile assault victims in 2001, representing 12% of all victims of the 12,950 aggravated assaults reported in Alabama for that year. 60% of the victims were males, and 40% were females. 59% of the victims were black, and 41% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 19% of the assaults; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 41%; a knife was the weapon used in 13%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 27%.
- 44% of the victims were injured: 12% with a firearm; 13% with a knife; 39% with fists, feet or hands; and 36% with other dangerous weapons
- 77% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 9% of the offenders were strangers; and in 14% of the assaults the offender was unknown. In 33% of the assaults the offender was also a juvenile.
- 55% of the assaults occurred at a residence; 19% occurred in a street or alley; 7% occurred at a school; and 19% occurred in other locations.

Simple

- There were 8,954 juvenile victims of simple assault in 2001, or 12% of all victims of simple assaults for that year. 51% of the victims were females and 49% were males; 50% were black and 50% were white.
- 79% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 5% were strangers; and in 16% of the offenses the offender was unknown.

Juvenile Victims of Aggravated Assault

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	30
2	20
3	17
4	31
5	32
6	27
7	36
8	56
9	49
10	65
11	82
12	107
13	94
14	160
15	293
16	275
17	340

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	41%
Friend	5%
Relative	27%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	4%
Stranger	9%
Unknown	14%