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Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime

- In the 24,651 violent offenses* reported in 1997, 11% of the victims were juveniles. There were 2,588 juvenile victims: 23 juvenile homicide victims; 481 juvenile rape victims; 376 juvenile robbery victims; and 1,708 juvenile victims of aggravated assault.
- There were 7,592 juvenile victims of simple assault, which represent 12% of all victims of simple assaults reported in 1997.
- 49% of the victims were males, and 51% were females. 53% of the victims were black, and 47% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 8% of the offenses; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 75%; a knife was the weapon used in 4%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 13%.
- 45% of the victims suffered injuries: 5% were injured with a firearm; 4% were injured with a knife; 74% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 17% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 83% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 8% of the offenders were strangers; and in 9% of the offenses the offender was unknown. In 30% of the offenses, the offender was also a juvenile.
- 51% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 20% occurred in a street or alley; 10% occurred at a school; 5% occurred in a parking lot; and 14% occurred in other locations.

*Excluding simple assaults

Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	13
2	28
3	37
4	38
5	45
6	44
7	46
8	62
9	62
10	88
11	64
12	154
13	212
14	303
15	354
16	464
17	574

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	49%
Friend	6%
Relative	21%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	7%
Stranger	8%
Unknown	9%

Juvenile Victims of Homicide

- There were 23 juvenile homicide victims in 1997, representing 6% of the victims of the 413 homicides reported in Alabama for that year. Six juveniles died as a result of child abuse, and 2 juveniles were killed by other juveniles.
- 70% of the victims were males, and 30% were females. 65% of the victims were black, and 35% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 61% of the homicides; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 9%; a knife was the weapon used in 4%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 26%.
- In 57% of the homicides the victim was related to or acquainted with the offender; in 13% the victim and offender were strangers; and in 30% the offender was unknown.
- 67% of the homicides occurred at a residence; 10% occurred in a street or alley; and 23% occurred in other locations.
- In 9% of the homicides the offender was also a juvenile.

Juvenile Victims of Homicide

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

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	22%
Friend	4%
Relative	30%
Stranger	13%
Unknown	30%

Juvenile Victims of Rape

- There were 481 juvenile female rape victims in 1997, representing 36% of the 1,345 rapes reported in Alabama for that year. 65 juvenile victims were 10 years of age or younger. 50% of the victims were black females and 50% were white females.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 3% of the rapes; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 88%; a knife was the weapon used in 2%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 7%.
- 39% of the victims suffered injuries: 3% were injured with a firearm; 2% were injured with a knife; 91% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 4% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 80% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 10% of the offenders were strangers; and in 10% of the rapes the offender was unknown.
- 67% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 6% occurred in a street or alley; 3% occurred at a school; and 24% occurred in other locations.
- In 19% of the rapes the offender was also a juvenile.

Juvenile Victims of Rape

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	0
2	2
3	6
4	5
5	5
6	9
7	9
8	12
9	10
10	7
11	17
12	39
13	60
14	95
15	90
16	62
17	53

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	36%
Friend	13%
Relative	22%
Girlfriend	8%
Stranger	10%
Unknown	10%

Juvenile Victims of Robbery

- There were 6,843 robberies reported in 1997, and 376 juveniles were robbery victims, representing 6% of all robbery victims in Alabama for that year. 59% of the victims were black and 41% were white; 84% were males, and 16% were females.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 50% of the robberies; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 37%; a knife was the weapon used in 5%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 8%.
- 20% of the victims suffered injuries: 22% were injured with a firearm; 4% were injured with a knife; 60% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 14% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 32% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 38% of the offenders were strangers; and in 30% of the offenses the offender was unknown.
- 17% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 38% occurred in a street or alley; 6% occurred at a school; 9% occurred in a parking lot; 4% occurred at a store; and 26% occurred in other locations.
- In 34% of the robberies, the offender was also a juvenile.

Juvenile Victims of Robbery

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	1
2	1
3	1
4	2
5	0
6	0
7	1
8	2
9	6
10	8
11	2
12	17
13	34
14	44
15	42
16	96
17	119

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	27%
Friend	5%
Stranger	38%
Unknown	30%

Juvenile Victims of Assault

Aggravated

- There were 1,708 juvenile assault victims in 1997, representing 11% of all victims of the 16,050 aggravated assaults reported in Alabama for that year. 60% of the victims were males, and 40% were females. 64% of the victims were black, and 36% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 23% of the assaults; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 29%; a knife was the weapon used in 13%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 35%.
- 55% of the victims were injured: 14% with a firearm; 14% with a knife; 26% with fists, feet or hands; and 46% with other dangerous weapons
- 80% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 8% of the offenders were strangers; and in 12% of the assaults the offender was unknown. In 30% of the assaults the offender was also a juvenile.
- 54% of the assaults occurred at a residence; 22% occurred in a street or alley; 7% occurred at a school; and 17% occurred in other locations.

Simple

- There were 7,592 juvenile victims of simple assault in 1997, or 12% of all victims of simple assaults for that year. 52% of the victims were females and 48% were males; 50% were black and 50% were white.
- 86% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 6% were strangers; and in 8% of the offenses the offender was unknown.

Juvenile Victims of Aggravated Assault

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	10
2	25
3	30
4	30
5	37
6	35
7	34
8	48
9	46
10	73
11	44
12	98
13	117
14	161
15	221
16	301
17	398

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	46%
Friend	8%
Relative	23%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	3%
Stranger	8%
Unknown	12%