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OF VIOLENT CRIME**

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## Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime

- In the 21,127 violent offenses\* reported in 1999, 12% of the victims were juveniles. There were 2,505 juvenile victims: 23 juvenile homicide victims; 613 juvenile rape victims; 257 juvenile robbery victims; and 1,612 juvenile victims of aggravated assault.
- There were 8,314 juvenile victims of simple assault, which represent 12% of all victims of simple assaults reported in 1999.
- 48% of the victims were males, and 52% were females. 52% of the victims were black, and 48% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 5% of the offenses; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 77%; a knife was the weapon used in 3%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 15%.
- 43% of the victims suffered injuries: 3% were injured with a firearm; 4% were injured with a knife; 77% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 16% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 77% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 5% of the offenders were strangers; and in 18% of the offenses the offender was unknown. In 29% of the offenses, the offender was also a juvenile.
- 51% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 18% occurred in a street or alley; 12% occurred at a school; 5% occurred in a parking lot; and 14% occurred in other locations.

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\*Excluding simple assaults

## Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	23
2	22
3	13
4	42
5	41
6	44
7	47
8	57
9	65
10	91
11	107
12	161
13	224
14	298
15	352
16	399
17	519

### Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	45%
Friend	6%
Relative	20%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	6%
Stranger	5%
Unknown	18%

## Juvenile Victims of Homicide

- There were 23 juvenile homicide victims in 1999, representing 7% of the victims of the 339 homicides reported in Alabama for that year. Five juveniles died as a result of child abuse, and 1 juvenile was killed by another juveniles.
- 48% of the victims were males, and 52% were females. 52% of the victims were black, and 48% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 54% of the homicides; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 26%; a knife was the weapon used in 4%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 16%.
- In 37% of the homicides the victim was related to or acquainted with the offender; in 13% the victim and offender were strangers; and in 50% the offender was unknown.
- 39% of the homicides occurred at a residence; 28% occurred in a street or alley; and 33% occurred in other locations.
- In 4% of the homicides the offender was also a juvenile.

## Juvenile Victims of Homicide

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

### Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	13%
Friend	9%
Relative	15%
Stranger	13%
Unknown	50%

## Juvenile Victims of Rape

- There were 613 juvenile female rape victims in 1999, representing 44% of the 1,380 rapes reported in Alabama for that year. 83 juvenile victims were 10 years of age or younger. 52% of the victims were black females and 48% were white females.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 2% of the rapes; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 81%; a knife was the weapon used in 1%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 16%.
- 20% of the victims suffered injuries: 2% were injured with a firearm; 3% were injured with a knife; 86% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 9% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 79% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 4% of the offenders were strangers; and in 17% of the rapes the offender was unknown.
- 57% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 2% occurred in a street or alley; 2% occurred at a school; and 39% occurred in other locations.
- In 14% of the rapes the offender was also a juvenile.

## Juvenile Victims of Rape

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	2
2	4
3	0
4	5
5	8
6	6
7	14
8	15
9	13
10	16
11	19
12	49
13	93
14	133
15	109
16	64
17	63

## Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	35%
Friend	15%
Relative	21%
Girlfriend	8%
Stranger	4%
Unknown	17%



## Juvenile Victims of Robbery

- There were 5,251 robberies reported in 1999, and 257 juveniles were robbery victims, representing 5% of all robbery victims in Alabama for that year. 55% of the victims were black and 45% were white; 82% were males, and 18% were females.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 37% of the robberies; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 45%; a knife was the weapon used in 4%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 14%.
- 21% of the victims suffered injuries: 22% were injured with a firearm; 6% were injured with a knife; 58% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 14% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 27% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 24% of the offenders were strangers; and in 49% of the offenses the offender was unknown.
- 16% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 39% occurred in a street or alley; 4% occurred at a school; 13% occurred in a parking lot; 3% occurred at a store; and 25% occurred in other locations.
- In 30% of the robberies, the offender was also a juvenile.

## Juvenile Victims of Robbery

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	1
2	0
3	0
4	2
5	0
6	2
7	1
8	6
9	1
10	4
11	9
12	16
13	18
14	19
15	52
16	58
17	68

### Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	24%
Friend	3%
Stranger	24%
Unknown	49%

# Juvenile Victims of Assault

## Aggravated

- There were 1,612 juvenile assault victims in 1999, representing 11% of all victims of the 14,157 aggravated assaults reported in Alabama for that year. 57% of the victims were males, and 43% were females. 60% of the victims were black, and 40% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 18% of the assaults; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 38%; a knife was the weapon used in 12%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 32%.
- 54% of the victims were injured: 11% with a firearm; 15% with a knife; 37% with fists, feet or hands; and 37% with other dangerous weapons
- 77% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 6% of the offenders were strangers; and in 17% of the assaults the offender was unknown. In 29% of the assaults the offender was also a juvenile.
- 56% of the assaults occurred at a residence; 19% occurred in a street or alley; 8% occurred at a school; and 17% occurred in other locations.

## Simple

- There were 8,314 juvenile victims of simple assault in 1999, or 12% 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.
- 79% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 4% were strangers; and in 17% of the offenses the offender was unknown.

## Juvenile Victims of Aggravated Assault

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	17
2	15
3	13
4	35
5	33
6	36
7	32
8	36
9	51
10	70
11	79
12	94
13	113
14	145
15	191
16	273
17	379

### Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	42%
Friend	6%
Relative	26%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	3%
Stranger	6%
Unknown	17%