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OF VIOLENT CRIME**

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Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime

- In the 22,084 violent offenses* reported in 2000, 12% of the victims were juveniles. There were 2,566 juvenile victims: 15 juvenile homicide victims; 592 juvenile rape victims; 260 juvenile robbery victims; and 1,699 juvenile victims of aggravated assault.
- There were 8,654 juvenile victims of simple assault, which represent 12% of all victims of simple assaults reported in 2000.
- 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%.
- 38% of the victims suffered injuries: 3% were injured with a firearm; 4% were injured with a knife; 78% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 15% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 76% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 5% of the offenders were strangers; and in 19% of the offenses the offender was unknown. In 32% 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.

*Excluding simple assaults

Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime

Victim's Age	Number
1	23
2	18
3	35
4	46
5	40
6	38
7	37
8	55
9	67
10	69
11	97
12	176
13	243
14	342
15	364
16	413
17	503

Relationship of Victim and Offender

The Victim was:	Percent
Acquaintance	45%
Friend	5%
Relative	20%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	6%
Stranger	5%
Unknown	19%

Juvenile Victims of Homicide

- There were 15 juvenile homicide victims in 2000, representing 5% of the victims of the 314 homicides reported in Alabama for that year. Three juveniles died as a result of child abuse, and 2 juveniles were killed by another juveniles.
- 80% of the victims were males, and 20% were females. 67% of the victims were black, and 33% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 40% of the homicides; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 26%; a knife was the weapon used in 10%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 24%.
- In 23% of the homicides the victim was related to or acquainted with the offender; in 31% the victim and offender were strangers; and in 46% the offender was unknown.
- 62% of the homicides occurred at a residence; 15% occurred in a street or alley; and 23% occurred in other locations.
- In 13% of the homicides the offender was also a juvenile.

Juvenile Victims of Homicide

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

Relationship of Victim and Offender

The Victim was:	Percent
Acquaintance	8%
Friend	7%
Relative	8%
Stranger	31%
Unknown	46%

Juvenile Victims of Rape

- There were 592 juvenile female rape victims in 2000, representing 43% of the 1,377 rapes reported in Alabama for that year. 63 juvenile victims were 10 years of age or younger. 51% of the victims were black females and 49% were white females.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 3% of the rapes; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 79%; a knife was the weapon used in 1%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 17%.
- 30% of the victims suffered injuries: 2% were injured with a firearm; 3% were injured with a knife; 83% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 12% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 75% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 5% of the offenders were strangers; and in 20% of the rapes the offender was unknown.
- 70% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 3% occurred in a street or alley; 2% occurred at a school; and 25% occurred in other locations.
- In 20% of the rapes the offender was also a juvenile.

Juvenile Victims of Rape

Victim's Age	Number
1	0
2	1
3	5
4	6
5	7
6	4
7	8
8	6
9	14
10	12
11	20
12	68
13	92
14	135
15	105
16	68
17	41

Relationship of Victim and Offender

The Victim was:	Percent
Acquaintance	35%
Friend	11%
Relative	20%
Girlfriend	9%
Stranger	5%
Unknown	20%

Juvenile Victims of Robbery

- There were 5,271 robberies reported in 2000, and 260 juveniles were robbery victims, representing 5% of all robbery victims in Alabama for that year. 56% of the victims were black and 44% were white; 88% were males, and 12% were females.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 40% of the robberies; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 44%; a knife was the weapon used in 6%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 10%.
- 22% of the victims suffered injuries: 14% were injured with a firearm; 10% were injured with a knife; 67% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 9% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 28% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 23% of the offenders were strangers; and in 49% of the offenses the offender was unknown.
- 15% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 38% occurred in a street or alley; 5% occurred at a school; 11% occurred in a parking lot; 5% occurred at a store; and 26% occurred in other locations.
- In 82% of the robberies, the offender was also a juvenile.

Juvenile Victims of Robbery

Victim's Age	Number
1	3
2	1
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	1
7	1
8	6
9	3
10	0
11	10
12	18
13	15
14	30
15	41
16	57
17	74

Relationship of Victim and Offender

The Victim was:	Percent
Acquaintance	25%
Friend	3%
Stranger	23%
Unknown	49%

Juvenile Victims of Assault

Aggravated

- There were 1,699 juvenile assault victims in 2000, representing 11% of all victims of the 15,122 aggravated assaults reported in Alabama for that year. 56% of the victims were males, and 44% were females. 60% of the victims were black, and 40% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 17% of the assaults; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 37%; a knife was the weapon used in 12%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 34%.
- 51% 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
- 74% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 8% of the offenders were strangers; and in 18% 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; 20% occurred in a street or alley; 7% occurred at a school; and 18% occurred in other locations.

Simple

- There were 8,654 juvenile victims of simple assault in 2000, 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

Victim's Age	Number
1	18
2	15
3	30
4	41
5	34
6	32
7	27
8	43
9	50
10	57
11	67
12	90
13	134
14	176
15	217
16	283
17	385

Relationship of Victim and Offender

The Victim was:	Percent
Acquaintance	40%
Friend	8%
Relative	26%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	6%
Stranger	8%
Unknown	18%