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Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime

- In the 19,257 violent offenses* reported in 2002, 13% of the victims were juveniles. There were 2,477 juvenile victims: 14 juvenile homicide victims; 767 juvenile rape victims; 267 juvenile robbery victims; and 1,429 juvenile victims of aggravated assault.
- There were 9,272 juvenile victims of simple assault, which represent 12% of all victims of simple assaults reported in 2002.
- 43% of the victims were males, and 57% were females. 55% of the victims were black, and 45% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 18% of the offenses; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 56%; a knife was the weapon used in 7%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 19%.
- 36% of the victims suffered injuries: 11% were injured with a firearm; 9% were injured with a knife; 58% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 22% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 69% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 9% of the offenders were strangers; and in 22% of the offenses the offender was unknown. In 26% 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	25
2	24
3	37
4	33
5	57
6	30
7	41
8	48
9	59
10	83
11	97
12	153
13	245
14	330
15	374
16	376
17	465

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	36%
Friend	7%
Relative	21%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	5%
Stranger	9%
Unknown	22%

Juvenile Victims of Homicide

- There were 14 juvenile homicide victims in 2002, representing 5% of the victims of the 295 homicides reported in Alabama for that year. Two juveniles died as a result of child abuse, and 2 juveniles were killed by another juvenile.
- 77% of the victims were males, and 23% were females. 50% of the victims were black, 36% were white, and 14% were other or unknown.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 64% of the homicides; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 7%; a knife was the weapon used in 7%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 22%.
- In 57% of the homicides the victim was related to or acquainted with the offender; in 14% the victim and offender were strangers; and in 29% the offender was unknown.
- 60% of the homicides occurred at a residence; 10% occurred in a street or alley; and 30% occurred in other locations.
- In 14% of the homicides the offender was also a juvenile.

Juvenile Victims of Homicide

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

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	21%
Friend	7%
Relative	29%
Stranger	14%
Unknown	29%

Juvenile Victims of Rape

- There were 767 juvenile female rape victims in 2002, representing 49% of the 1,567 rapes reported in Alabama for that year. 78 juvenile victims were 10 years of age or younger. 47% of the victims were black females and 53% were white females.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 3% of the rapes; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 81%; a knife was the weapon used in 2%; and unknown weapons were used in 14%.
- 19% of the victims suffered injuries: 3% were injured with a firearm; 1% were injured with a knife; 90% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 6% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 73% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 5% of the offenders were strangers; and in 22% of the rapes the offender was unknown.
- 69% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 4% occurred in a street or alley; 1% occurred at a school; and 26% 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	3
5	14
6	3
7	9
8	9
9	12
10	20
11	33
12	67
13	111
14	177
15	146
16	91
17	64

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	37%
Friend	9%
Relative	19%
Girlfriend	8%
Stranger	5%
Unknown	22%

Juvenile Victims of Robbery

- There were 5,702 robberies reported in 2002, and 267 juveniles were robbery victims, representing 5% of all robbery victims in Alabama for that year. 54% of the victims were black and 46% were white; 83% were males, and 17% were females.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 48% of the robberies; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 39%; a knife was the weapon used in 3%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 10%.
- 17% of the victims suffered injuries: 17% were injured with a firearm; 2% were injured with a knife; 73% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 8% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 25% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 26% of the offenders were strangers; and in 49% of the offenses the offender was unknown.
- 17% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 36% occurred in a street or alley; 5% occurred at a school; 15% occurred in a parking lot; 6% occurred at a store; and 21% occurred in other locations.
- In 27% of the robberies, the offender was also a juvenile.

Juvenile Victims of Robbery

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	0
2	0
3	1
4	0
5	2
6	0
7	0
8	1
9	2
10	8
11	6
12	10
13	13
14	23
15	44
16	55
17	102

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	21%
Friend	4%
Stranger	26%
Unknown	49%

Juvenile Victims of Assault

Aggravated

- There were 1,429 juvenile assault victims in 2002, representing 12% of all victims of the 11,693 aggravated assaults reported in Alabama for that year. 61% of the victims were males, and 39% were females. 59% of the victims were black, and 41% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 21% of the assaults; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 44%; a knife was the weapon used in 12%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 23%.
- 46% of the victims were injured: 12% with a firearm; 12% with a knife; 48% with fists, feet or hands; and 28% with other dangerous weapons
- 73% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 8% of the offenders were strangers; and in 19% of the assaults the offender was unknown. In 29% of the assaults the offender was also a juvenile.
- 52% of the assaults occurred at a residence; 22% occurred in a street or alley; 7% occurred at a school; and 19% occurred in other locations.

Simple

- There were 9,272 juvenile victims of simple assault in 2002, or 12% of all victims of simple assaults for that year. 51% of the victims were females and 49% were males; 52% were black and 48% were white.
- 78% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 5% 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	22
2	20
3	30
4	30
5	41
6	27
7	32
8	38
9	45
10	55
11	57
12	75
13	121
14	130
15	180
16	230
17	296

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	42%
Friend	6%
Relative	21%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	4%
Stranger	8%
Unknown	19%