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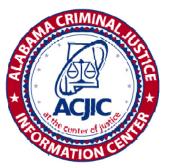
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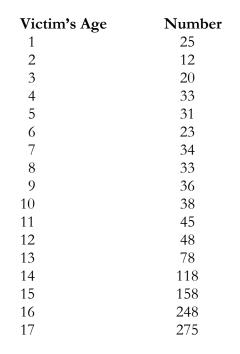
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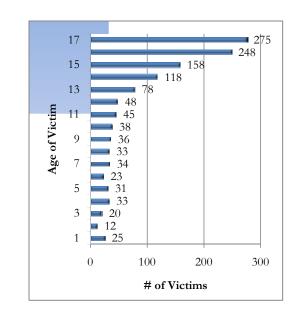
# Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime

- Of the **20,446** violent offenses\* reported in 2008, **11%** of the victims were juveniles. There were **2,321** juvenile victims: **28** juvenile homicide victims; **706** juvenile rape victims; **332** juvenile robbery victims; and **1,255** juvenile victims of aggravated assault.
- There were **9,279** juvenile victims of simple assault, representing **11%** of all victims of simple assaults reported in 2008.
- 45% of the victims were males, and 55% were females. 56% of the victims were black, and 44% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in **22%** of the offenses; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in **54%**; a knife was the weapon used in **6%**; and other dangerous weapons were used in **18%**.
- 36% of the victims suffered injuries: 17% were injured with a firearm; 7% were injured with a knife; 50% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 26% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 71% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 8% of the offenders were strangers; and in 21% of the offenses the offender was unknown. In 35% of the offenses, the offender was also a juvenile.
- 57% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 17% occurred in a street or alley; 5% occurred at a school; 6% occurred in a parking lot; and 15% occurred in other locations.

\*Excluding simple assaults

## Juvenile Victims of Aggravated Assault





The Victim was:	Percent
Acquaintance	40%
Friend	5%
Relative	26%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	3%
Stranger	8%
Unknown	18%



#### **Juvenile Victims of Assault**

#### Aggravated

- There were 1,255 juvenile assault victims in 2008, representing 11% of all victims of the 11,513 aggravated assaults reported in Alabama for that year. 63% of the victims were males, and 37% were females. 61% of the victims were black, and 39% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 24% of the assaults; hands, fists, or feet ٠ were used as a weapon in 41%; a knife was the weapon used in 10%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 25%.
- 48% of the victims were injured: 16% with a firearm; 9% with a knife; 41% . with fists, feet or hands; and 34% 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 30% of the assaults the offender was also a juvenile.
- 54% of the assaults occurred at a residence; 21% occurred in a street or alley; • 7% occurred at a school; and 18% occurred in other locations.

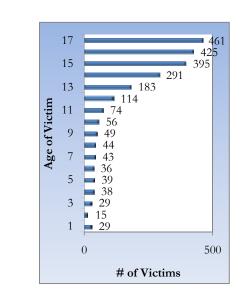
## Simple

- There were 9,279 juvenile victims of simple assault in 2008, or 11% of all victims of simple assaults for that year. 52% of the victims were females and 48% were males; 55% were black and 45% were white.
- 81% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 4% were • strangers; and in 15% of the offenses the offender was unknown.

By definition, a simple assault is an assault which did not involve the use of a firearm, knife, cutting instrument or other dangerous weapon and in which the victim did not sustain serious or aggravated injuries.

# **Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime**

Victim's Age	Number
1	29
2	15
3	29
4	38
5	39
6	36
7	43
8	44
9	49
10	56
11	74
12	114
13	183
14	291
15	395
16	425
17	461



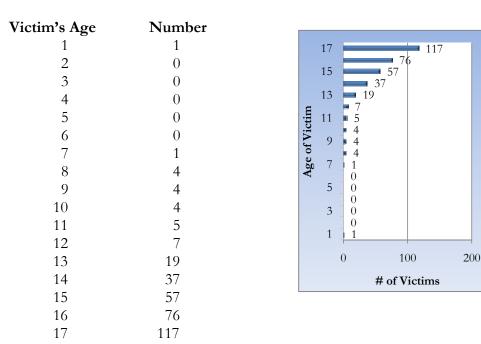
The Victim was:	Percent
Acquaintance	33%
Friend	7%
Relative	21%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	8%
Stranger	8%
Unknown	21%



## Juvenile Victims of Homicide

- There were **28** juvenile homicide victims in 2008, representing **8%** of the victims of the **342** homicides reported in Alabama for that year. Five juveniles were killed by another juvenile.
- **89%** of the victims were males, and **11%** were females. **75%** of the victims were black, and **25%** were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in **64%** of the homicides; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in **25%**; a knife was the weapon used in **7%**; and other dangerous weapons were used in **4%**.
- In 65% of the homicides the victim was related to or acquainted with the offender; in 14% the victim and offender were strangers; and in 21% the offender was unknown.
- 59% of the homicides occurred at a residence; 27% occurred in a street or alley; and 14% occurred in other locations.
- In **18%** of the homicides the offender was also a juvenile.

## Juvenile Victims of Robbery



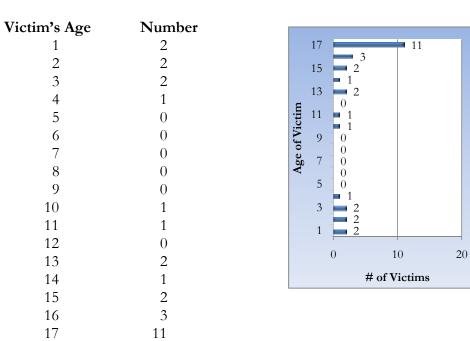
The Victim was:	Percent
Acquaintance	27%
Friend	3%
Stranger	20%
Unknown	50%



## Juvenile Victims of Homicide

## Juvenile Victims of Robbery

- There were **7,067** robberies reported in 2008, and **332** juveniles were robbery victims, representing **5%** of all robbery victims in Alabama for that year. **64%** of the victims were black and **36%** were white; **86%** were males, and **14%** were females.
- A firearm was the weapon used in **53%** of the robberies; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in **39%**; a knife was the weapon used in **2%**; and other dangerous weapons were used in **6%**.
- 17% of the victims suffered injuries: 36% were injured with a firearm; 2% were injured with a knife; 55% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 7% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- **30%** of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; **20%** of the offenders were strangers; and in **50%** of the offenses the offender was unknown.
- 22% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 37% occurred in a street or alley; 6% occurred at a school; 13% occurred in a parking lot; 2% occurred at a store; and 20% occurred in other locations.
- In **30%** of the robberies, the offender was also a juvenile.



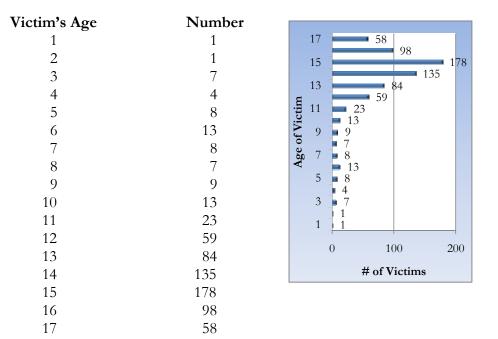
The Victim was:	Percent
Acquaintance	32%
Friend	4%
Relative	29%
Stranger	14%
Unknown	21%



## Juvenile Victims of Rape

- There were 706 juvenile female rape victims in 2008, representing 46% of the • 1,524 rapes reported in Alabama for that year. 71 juvenile victims were 10 years of age or younger. 45% of the victims were black females and 55% were white females.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 5% of the rapes; hands, fists, or feet were • used as a weapon in 84%; a knife was the weapon used in 1%; and unknown weapons were used in 10%.
- 25% of the victims suffered injuries: 6% were injured with a firearm; 0% were • injured with a knife; 83% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 11% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 79% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 3% of the • offenders were strangers; and in 18% of the rapes the offender was unknown.
- 76% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 3% occurred in a street or alley; • 1% occurred at a school; and 20% occurred in other locations.
- In **20%** of the rapes the offender was also a juvenile.

# **Juvenile Victims of Rape**



The Victim was:	Percent
Acquaintance	34%
Friend	12%
Relative	20%
Girlfriend	13%
Stranger	3%
Unknown	18%

