Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime in Alabama 2013

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The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) was created by Act 2013-67 and represents the consolidation and realignment of 12 state law enforcement agencies/functions into one entity. ALEA is currently in a transition period, and upon full implementation on January 1, 2015, will be responsible for the functions and missions of the Alabama Department of Homeland Security, Department of Public Safety, Alabama Bureau of Investigation, Fusion Center, Criminal Justice Information Center, Marine Police, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Enforcement, Department of Revenue Enforcement, Forestry Commission Investigations, Agricultural and Industry Investigations, Public Service Commission Enforcement, and Office of Prosecution Service Computer Forensics Lab.
Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime

- Of the 20,222 violent offenses* reported in 2013, 11% of the victims were juveniles. There were 2,199 juvenile victims: 24 juvenile homicide victims; 974 juvenile rape victims; 224 juvenile robbery victims; and 977 juvenile victims of aggravated assault.

- There were 7,074 juvenile victims of simple assault, representing 8% of all victims of simple assaults reported in 2013.

- 46% of the victims were males, and 54% were females. 45% of the victims were black, and 55% were white.

- A firearm was the weapon used in 15% of the offenses; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 61%; a knife was the weapon used in 5%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 19%.

- 76% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 3% of the offenders were strangers; and in 21% of the offenses the offender was unknown.

- 64% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 13% occurred in a street or alley; 8% occurred at a school; 3% occurred in a parking lot; and 12% occurred in other locations.

*Excluding simple assaults
Juvenile Victims of Homicide

- There were 24 juvenile homicide victims in 2013, representing 7% of the victims of the 342 homicides reported in Alabama for that year.
- 63% of the victims were males, and 37% were females. 63% of the victims were black, and 37% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 42% of the homicides; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 17%; a knife was the weapon used in 8%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 37%.
- In 70% of the homicides the victim was related to or acquainted with the offender; in 13% the victim and offender were strangers; and in 17% the offender was unknown.
- 58% of the homicides occurred at a residence; 25% occurred in a street or alley; and 17% occurred in other locations.
There were 974 juvenile female rape victims in 2013, representing 49% of the 1,978 rapes reported in Alabama for that year.

281 juvenile victims were 10 years of age or younger. 83% of the victims were females and 17% were males. 71% were white and 29% were black.

A firearm was the weapon used in 1% 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 14%.

86% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 1% of the offenders were strangers; and in 13% of the rapes the offender was unknown.

84% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 2% occurred in a street or alley; 3% occurred at a school; and 11% occurred in other locations.

*Prior to 2013, Rape included only female victims. In 2013 the definition of rape was expanded by the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reporting Program to include male victims and other types of sexual assault offenses. Because of this change, the number of reported rapes increased in 2013 compared to 2012.
Juvenile Victims of Robbery

- There were 4,513 robberies reported in 2013, and 224 juveniles were robbery victims, representing 5% of all robbery victims in Alabama for that year.
- 67% of the victims were black and 33% were white; 87% were males, and 13% were females.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 48% of the robberies; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 43%; a knife was the weapon used in 3%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 6%.
- 32% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 9% of the offenders were strangers; and in 59% of the offenses the offender was unknown.
- 24% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 41% occurred in a street or alley; 8% occurred at a school; 7% occurred in a parking lot; 3% occurred in a park or playground; and 17% occurred in other locations.
Juvenile Victims of Assault

Aggravated

- There were 977 juvenile assault victims in 2013, representing 7% of all victims of the 13,389 aggravated assaults reported in Alabama for that year. 65% of the victims were males, and 35% were females. 44% of the victims were black, and 56% were white.

- A firearm was the weapon used in 21% of the assaults; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 43%; a knife was the weapon used in 10%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 26%.

- 73% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 3% of the offenders were strangers; and in 24% of the assaults the offender was unknown.

- 52% of the assaults occurred at a residence; 18% occurred in a street or alley; 13% occurred at a school; and 17% occurred in other locations.

Simple

- There were 7,074 juvenile victims of simple assault in 2013, or 8% 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.

- 85% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 2% were strangers; and in 13% 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.