Juvenile Victims of Violent Crimes in Alabama 2017

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Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime

- Of the 26,892 violent offenses* reported in 2017, 3 percent of the victims were juveniles. There were 8,769 juvenile victims: 26 juvenile homicide victims; 826 juvenile rape victims; 203 juvenile robbery victims; and 1,298 juvenile victims of aggravated assault.
- There were 6,416 juvenile victims of simple assault, representing 12 percent of all victims of simple assaults reported in 2016.
- 46 percent of the victims were males, and 54 percent were females. 48 percent of the victims were black, and 49 percent were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 8 percent of the offenses; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 61 percent; a knife was the weapon used in 2 percent; and other dangerous weapons were used in 27 percent.
- 82 percent of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 2 percent of the offenders were strangers; and in 16 percent of the offenses the offender was unknown.
- 53 percent of the offenses occurred at a residence; 11 percent occurred in a street or alley; 17 percent occurred at a school; 4 percent occurred in a parking lot; and 15 percent occurred in other locations.

*Excluding simple assault
Juvenile Victims of Homicide

- There were 26 juvenile homicide victims in 2017, representing 6 percent of the victims of the 432 homicides reported in Alabama for that year.
- 65 percent of the victims were males, and 35 percent were females. 69 percent of the victims were black, and 23 percent were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 54 percent of the homicides; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 11 percent; a knife was the weapon used in 0 percent; and other dangerous weapons were used in 35 percent.
- In 58 percent of the homicides the victim was related to or acquainted with the offender; in 0 percent the victim and offender were strangers; and in 38 percent the offender was unknown.
- 58 percent of the homicides occurred at a residence; 31 percent occurred in a street or alley; and 11 percent occurred in other locations.
There were 818 juvenile female rape victims in 2017, representing 44 percent of the 1,873 rapes reported in Alabama for that year.

277 juvenile victims were 10 years of age or younger. 86 percent of the victims were females and 14 percent were males. 61 percent were white and 39 percent were black.

A firearm was the weapon used in 1 percent of the rapes; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 87 percent; a knife was the weapon used in 3 percent; and unknown weapons were used in 9 percent.

89 percent of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 2 percent of the offenders were strangers; and in 9 percent of the rapes the offender was unknown.

82 percent of the offenses occurred at a residence; 2 percent occurred in a street or alley; 4 percent occurred at a school; and 12 percent 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 2016 compared to 2012.
There were 4,557 robberies reported in 2017, and 196 juveniles were robbery victims, representing 4 percent of all robbery victims in Alabama for that year.

67 percent of the victims were black and 33 percent were white; 78 percent were males, and 22 percent were females.

A firearm was the weapon used in 63 percent of the robberies; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 31 percent; a knife was the weapon used in 1 percent; and other dangerous weapons were used in 5 percent.

41 percent of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 11 percent of the offenders were strangers; and in 48 percent of the offenses the offender was unknown.

23 percent of the offenses occurred at a residence; 35 percent occurred in a street or alley; 7 percent occurred at a school; 12 percent occurred in a parking lot; 3 percent occurred in a park or playground; and 20 percent occurred in other locations.
**Juvenile Victims of Assault**

### Aggravated
- There were **1,306** juvenile assault victims in 2017, representing **7 percent** of all victims of the **18,362** aggravated assaults reported in Alabama for that year. **58 percent** of the victims were males, and **42 percent** were females. **52 percent** of the victims were black, and **48 percent** were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in **25 percent** of the assaults; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in **48 percent**; a knife was the weapon used in **7 percent**; and other dangerous weapons were used in **20 percent**.
- **75 percent** of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; **3 percent** of the offenders were strangers; and in **22 percent** of the assaults the offender was unknown.
- **53 percent** of the assaults occurred at a residence; **17 percent** occurred in a street or alley; **14 percent** occurred at a school; and **16 percent** occurred in other locations.

### Simple
- There were **6,742** juvenile victims of simple assault in 2016, or **8 percent** of all victims of simple assaults for that year. **52 percent** of the victims were females and **48 percent** were males; **50 percent** were black and **50 percent** were white.
- **84 percent** of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; **2 percent** were strangers; and in **14 percent** 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.*
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