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OF VIOLENT CRIME**

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## Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime

- In the 22,798 violent offenses\* reported in 1998, 11% of the victims were juveniles. There were 2,600 juvenile victims: 28 juvenile homicide victims; 622 juvenile rape victims; 312 juvenile robbery victims; and 1,638 juvenile victims of aggravated assault.
- There were 8,468 juvenile victims of simple assault, which represent 12% of all victims of simple assaults reported in 1998.
- 47% of the victims were males, and 53% were females. 52% of the victims were black, and 48% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 6% of the offenses; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 75%; a knife was the weapon used in 3%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 16%.
- 40% of the victims suffered injuries: 4% were injured with a firearm; 4% were injured with a knife; 76% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 16% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 77% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 6% of the offenders were strangers; and in 17% of the offenses the offender was unknown. In 42% of the offenses, the offender was also a juvenile.
- 51% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 19% occurred in a street or alley; 11% occurred at a school; 5% occurred in a parking lot; and 14% occurred in other locations.

\*Excluding simple assaults

## Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime

| <u>Victim's Age</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 1                   | 29            |
| 2                   | 26            |
| 3                   | 25            |
| 4                   | 48            |
| 5                   | 28            |
| 6                   | 25            |
| 7                   | 64            |
| 8                   | 48            |
| 9                   | 72            |
| 10                  | 69            |
| 11                  | 95            |
| 12                  | 146           |
| 13                  | 273           |
| 14                  | 335           |
| 15                  | 356           |
| 16                  | 421           |
| 17                  | 540           |

### Relationship of Victim and Offender

| <u>The Victim was:</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Acquaintance           | 45%            |
| Friend                 | 6%             |
| Relative               | 20%            |
| Boyfriend/Girlfriend   | 6%             |
| Stranger               | 6%             |
| Unknown                | 17%            |

## Juvenile Victims of Homicide

- There were 28 juvenile homicide victims in 1998, representing 7% of the victims of the 343 homicides reported in Alabama for that year. Seven juveniles died as a result of child abuse, and 5 juveniles were killed by other juveniles.
- 89% of the victims were males, and 11% were females. 79% of the victims were black, and 21% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 68% of the homicides; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 7%; a knife was the weapon used in 4%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 21%.
- In 49% of the homicides the victim was related to or acquainted with the offender; in 11% the victim and offender were strangers; and in 40% the offender was unknown.
- 61% of the homicides occurred at a residence; 22% occurred in a street or alley; and 17% occurred in other locations.
- In 18% of the homicides the offender was also a juvenile.

## Juvenile Victims of Homicide

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

### Relationship of Victim and Offender

| <u>The Victim was:</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Acquaintance           | 26%            |
| Friend                 | 13%            |
| Relative               | 9%             |
| Stranger               | 13%            |
| Unknown                | 39%            |

## Juvenile Victims of Rape

- There were 622 juvenile female rape victims in 1998, representing 45% of the 1,396 rapes reported in Alabama for that year. 71 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 4% of the rapes; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 81%; a knife was the weapon used in 1%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 14%.
- 20% of the victims suffered injuries: 5% were injured with a firearm; 2% were injured with a knife; 86% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 7% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 78% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 6% of the offenders were strangers; and in 16% of the rapes the offender was unknown.
- 68% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 6% occurred in a street or alley; 2% occurred at a school; and 24% occurred in other locations.
- In 18% of the rapes the offender was also a juvenile.

## Juvenile Victims of Rape

| <u>Victim's Age</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 1                   | 1             |
| 2                   | 0             |
| 3                   | 2             |
| 4                   | 3             |
| 5                   | 5             |
| 6                   | 5             |
| 7                   | 15            |
| 8                   | 13            |
| 9                   | 15            |
| 10                  | 12            |
| 11                  | 18            |
| 12                  | 47            |
| 13                  | 109           |
| 14                  | 117           |
| 15                  | 124           |
| 16                  | 81            |
| 17                  | 55            |

## Relationship of Victim and Offender

| <u>The Victim was:</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Acquaintance           | 38%            |
| Friend                 | 16%            |
| Relative               | 18%            |
| Girlfriend             | 7%             |
| Stranger               | 6%             |
| Unknown                | 5%             |



## Juvenile Victims of Robbery

- There were 5,519 robberies reported in 1998, and 312 juveniles were robbery victims, representing 6% of all robbery victims in Alabama for that year. 59% of the victims were black and 41% were white; 83% were males, and 17% were females.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 39% of the robberies; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 40%; a knife was the weapon used in 5%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 16%.
- 23% of the victims suffered injuries: 19% were injured with a firearm; 6% were injured with a knife; 58% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 17% were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- 28% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 31% of the offenders were strangers; and in 41% of the offenses the offender was unknown.
- 13% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 42% occurred in a street or alley; 7% occurred at a school; 9% occurred in a parking lot; 7% occurred at a store; and 28% occurred in other locations.
- In 48% of the robberies, the offender was also a juvenile.

## Juvenile Victims of Robbery

| <u>Victim's Age</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 1                   | 1             |
| 2                   | 1             |
| 3                   | 1             |
| 4                   | 2             |
| 5                   | 1             |
| 6                   | 0             |
| 7                   | 3             |
| 8                   | 1             |
| 9                   | 6             |
| 10                  | 3             |
| 11                  | 8             |
| 12                  | 22            |
| 13                  | 23            |
| 14                  | 37            |
| 15                  | 50            |
| 16                  | 63            |
| 17                  | 90            |

### Relationship of Victim and Offender

| <u>The Victim was:</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Acquaintance           | 26%            |
| Friend                 | 2%             |
| Stranger               | 31%            |
| Unknown                | 41%            |

# Juvenile Victims of Assault

## Aggravated

- There were 1,638 juvenile assault victims in 1998, representing 11% of all victims of the 15,540 aggravated assaults reported in Alabama for that year. 60% of the victims were males, and 40% were females. 64% of the victims were black, and 36% were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 21% of the assaults; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 31%; a knife was the weapon used in 13%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 35%.
- 53% of the victims were injured: 13% with a firearm; 14% with a knife; 31% with fists, feet or hands; and 42% with other dangerous weapons
- 78% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 9% of the offenders were strangers; and in 13% of the assaults the offender was unknown. In 41% of the assaults the offender was also a juvenile.
- 55% of the assaults occurred at a residence; 21% occurred in a street or alley; 7% occurred at a school; and 17% occurred in other locations.

## Simple

- There were 8,468 juvenile victims of simple assault in 1998, or 12% of all victims of simple assaults for that year. 54% of the victims were females and 46% were males; 50% were black and 50% 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                   | 27            |
| 2                   | 23            |
| 3                   | 19            |
| 4                   | 42            |
| 5                   | 22            |
| 6                   | 19            |
| 7                   | 44            |
| 8                   | 33            |
| 9                   | 51            |
| 10                  | 54            |
| 11                  | 69            |
| 12                  | 76            |
| 13                  | 141           |
| 14                  | 181           |
| 15                  | 181           |
| 16                  | 272           |
| 17                  | 384           |

### Relationship of Victim and Offender

| <u>The Victim was:</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Acquaintance           | 42%            |
| Friend                 | 7%             |
| Relative               | 26%            |
| Boyfriend/Girlfriend   | 3%             |
| Stranger               | 9%             |
| Unknown                | 13%            |