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Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime 2004

In the 19,101 violent offenses* reported in 2004, 13% of the victims were juveniles. There were 2,493 juvenile victims: 16 juvenile homicide victims; 741 juvenile rape victims; 282 juvenile robbery victims; and 1,454 juvenile victims of aggravated assault.

There were 9,329 juvenile victims of simple assault, which represent 12% of all victims of simple assaults reported in 2004.

42% of the victims were males, and 58% were females. 55% of the victims were black, and 45% were white.

A firearm was the weapon used in 16% of the offenses; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 56%; a knife was the weapon used in 6%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 22%.

37% of the victims suffered injuries: 12% were injured with a firearm; 7% were injured with a knife; 53% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 28% were injured with other dangerous weapons.

70% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 8% of the offenders were strangers; and in 22% of the offenses the offender was unknown. In 27% of the offenses, the offender was also a juvenile.

54% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 18% occurred in a street or alley; 6% occurred at a school; 4% occurred in a parking lot; and 18% occurred in other locations.

*Excluding simple assaults

Juvenile Victims of Aggravated Assault

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	29
2	22
3	22
4	37
5	38
6	37
7	39
8	46
9	52
10	55
11	52
12	82
13	100
14	148
15	180
16	238
17	287

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	44%
Friend	5%
Relative	22%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	3%
Stranger	8%
Unknown	18%

Juvenile Victims of Assault 2004

Aggravated

There were 1,454 juvenile assault victims in 2004, representing 13% of all victims of the 11,335 aggravated assaults reported in Alabama for that year. 58% of the victims were males, and 42% were females. 57% of the victims were black, and 43% were white.

A firearm was the weapon used in 18% of the assaults; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 44%; a knife was the weapon used in 9%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 29%.

46% of the victims were injured: 12% with a firearm; 9% with a knife; 43% with fists, feet or hands; and 36% 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 32% of the assaults the offender was also a juvenile.

52% of the assaults occurred at a residence; 23% occurred in a street or alley; 7% occurred at a school; and 18% occurred in other locations.

Simple

There were 9,329 juvenile victims of simple assault in 2004, or 12% of all victims of simple assaults for that year. 50% of the victims were females and 50% were males; 55% were black and 45% were white.

80% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 5% were strangers; and in 15% of the offenses the offender was unknown.

Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	32
2	25
3	35
4	45
5	50
6	33
7	47
8	55
9	63
10	76
11	96
12	144
13	246
14	351
15	361
16	384
17	450

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	40%
Friend	6%
Relative	19%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	5%
Stranger	8%
Unknown	22%

Juvenile Victims of Homicide 2004

There were 16 juvenile homicide victims in 2004, representing 6% of the victims of the 282 homicides reported in Alabama for that year. Three juveniles died as a result of child abuse, and 2 juveniles were killed by another juvenile.

69% of the victims were males, and 31% were females. 69% of the victims were black, and 31% were white.

A firearm was the weapon used in 56% of the homicides; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 13%; a knife was the weapon used in 19%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 12%.

In 31% of the homicides the victim was related to or acquainted with the offender; in 19% the victim and offender were strangers; and in 50% the offender was unknown.

31% of the homicides occurred at a residence; 25% occurred in a street or alley; and 46% occurred in other locations.

In 13% of the homicides the offender was also a juvenile.

Juvenile Victims of Robbery

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	1
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	1
6	0
7	4
8	2
9	2
10	6
11	12
12	12
13	21
14	25
15	33
16	65
17	98

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	26%
Friend	2%
Stranger	28%
Unknown	44%

Juvenile Victims of Robbery 2004

There were 5,819 robberies reported in 2004, and 282 juveniles were robbery victims, representing 5% of all robbery victims in Alabama for that year. 62% of the victims were black and 38% were white; 82% were males, and 18% were females.

A firearm was the weapon used in 44% of the robberies; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 46%; a knife was the weapon used in 3%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 7%.

20% of the victims suffered injuries: 20% were injured with a firearm; 4% were injured with a knife; 72% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 4% were injured with other dangerous weapons.

28% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 28% of the offenders were strangers; and in 44% of the offenses the offender was unknown.

16% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 36% occurred in a street or alley; 7% occurred at a school; 12% occurred in a parking lot; 3% occurred at a store; and 26% occurred in other locations.

In 27% of the robberies, the offender was also a juvenile.

Juvenile Victims of Homicide

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

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	12%
Friend	0%
Relative	19%
Stranger	19%
Unknown	50%

Juvenile Victims of Rape 2004

There were 741 juvenile female rape victims in 2004, representing 45% of the 1,665 rapes reported in Alabama for that year. 74 juvenile victims were 10 years of age or younger. 51% of the victims were black females and 49% were white females.

A firearm was the weapon used in 3% of the rapes; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 78%; a knife was the weapon used in 1%; and unknown weapons were used in 18%.

27% of the victims suffered injuries: 4% were injured with a firearm; 1% were injured with a knife; 84% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 11% were injured with other dangerous weapons.

76% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 4% of the offenders were strangers; and in 20% of the rapes the offender was unknown.

72% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 4% occurred in a street or alley; 1% occurred at a school; and 23% occurred in other locations.

In 16% of the rapes the offender was also a juvenile.

Juvenile Victims of Rape

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	0
2	3
3	11
4	8
5	11
6	6
7	4
8	7
9	9
10	15
11	32
12	50
13	125
14	176
15	145
16	80
17	59

Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	35%
Friend	11%
Relative	20%
Girlfriend	10%
Stranger	4%
Unknown	20%