



CRIME AND THE NATION'S HOUSEHOLDS 2005

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In April 2007, the Bureau of Justice Statistics released the bulletin *Crime and the Nation's Households, 2005*. This report is based on data collected by the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS). The survey collects information on crimes reported and unreported to the police, and includes the violent crimes of rape, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated and simple assault, and the property crimes of purse snatching or pocket picking, household burglary, motor vehicle theft, and property theft. The following data and table come from this report. A link to the full report can be found on the BJS web site: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cnh05.pdf>.

- Fourteen percent of households experienced one or more violent or property victimizations in 2005. In 1994, the percent of U.S. households experiencing one or more crimes was 25 percent.
- Violent crimes were experienced by individuals in 3 percent of households, or about one out of every 36 households. Simple assault was the most frequent reported violent crime, experienced by two percent of households. Less than 1 percent of households reported rape or sexual assault.
- Property crimes were reported by 12 percent of households. Theft was reported most frequently, at more than 9 percent.

Type of victimization	Households	
	Number	Percent
Any NCVS crime	16,330,140	13.9 %
Violent crime	3,271,760	2.8
Rape	79,580	0.1
Sexual assault	44,160	0.0
Robbery	443,520	0.4
Assault	2,796,900	2.4
Aggravated	728,810	0.6
Simple	2,183,110	1.9
Personal theft	177,170	0.2
Property crime	14,085,570	12.0
Household burglary	2,970,000	2.5
Motor vehicle theft	910,690	0.8
Theft	11,109,290	9.5

- One in 320 households, less than 1 percent of all households, reported experiencing intimate partner violence during 2005.
- Vandalism, although not reported in the property crime statistics or overall crime statistics, was reported in 5.1 million U.S. households, or 4.4 percent of U.S. households in 2005.
- In 2005, white households (14 percent) were more likely than households of other races (11 percent) to experience crime. Households headed by Hispanics were more likely to experience crime than those headed by non-Hispanics (18 percent vs. 13 percent, respectively).

- Households in urban areas were more likely to experience crime than those in suburban or rural areas (17 percent vs. 13 percent and 12 percent, respectively).
- Households in the West were more likely than those in other regions of the country to experience violent crime or property crime. This finding is primarily the result of property crime.