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The National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) collects information from victims on nonfatal violent and property crimes, reported and not reported to the police, against persons age 12 or older from a nationally representative sample of U.S. households. It produces national rates and levels of personal and property victimization.

- Violent crimes measured include rape, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault.
- Property crimes include household burglary, motor vehicle theft, and theft.

Summary findings

- In 2009, U.S. residents age 12 or older experienced approximately 20 million crimes (20 million!), according to findings from the National Crime Victimization Survey.
 - 78% (15.6 million) were property crimes
 - 22% (4.3 million) were crimes of violence
 - 1% (133,000) were personal thefts
- In 2009, for every 1,000 persons age 12 or older, there occurred
 - 1 rape or sexual assault
 - 2 robberies
 - 3 aggravated assaults
 - 11 simple assaults.
- Murders were the least frequent violent victimization -- about 5 murder victims per 100,000 persons in 2009.