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# Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime 2003

In the 18,602 violent offenses\* reported in 2003, 13% of the victims were juveniles. There were 2,390 juvenile victims: 14 juvenile homicide victims; 704 juvenile rape victims; 273 juvenile robbery victims; and 1,399 juvenile victims of aggravated assault.

There were 9,442 juvenile victims of simple assault, which represent 12% of all victims of simple assaults reported in 2003.

46% of the victims were males, and 54% were females. 56% of the victims were black, and 44% were white.

A firearm was the weapon used in 19% of the offenses; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 54%; a knife was the weapon used in 6%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 21%.

37% of the victims suffered injuries: 12% were injured with a firearm; 9% were injured with a knife; 52% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 27% were injured with other dangerous weapons.

67% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 10% of the offenders were strangers; and in 23% of the offenses the offender was unknown. In 29% of the offenses, the offender was also a juvenile.

53% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 18% occurred in a street or alley; 6% occurred at a school; 5% occurred in a parking lot; and 18% occurred in other locations.

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\*Excluding simple assaults

# Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	25
2	23
3	37
4	37
5	42
6	45
7	39
8	47
9	63
10	59
11	100
12	126
13	257
14	308
15	351
16	356
17	475

## Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	38%
Friend	7%
Relative	18%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	4%
Stranger	10%
Unknown	23%

# Juvenile Victims of Assault 2003

## Aggravated

There were 1,399 juvenile assault victims in 2003, representing 13% of all victims of the 10,966 aggravated assaults reported in Alabama for that year. 62% of the victims were males, and 38% were females. 61% of the victims were black, and 39% were white.

A firearm was the weapon used in 20% of the assaults; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 44%; a knife was the weapon used in 10%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 26%.

46% of the victims were injured: 14% with a firearm; 11% with a knife; 41% with fists, feet or hands; and 34% with other dangerous weapons

74% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 9% of the offenders were strangers; and in 17% of the assaults the offender was unknown. In 36% of the assaults the offender was also a juvenile.

52% of the assaults occurred at a residence; 20% occurred in a street or alley; 9% occurred at a school; and 19% occurred in other locations.

## Simple

There were 9,442 juvenile victims of simple assault in 2003, or 12% of all victims of simple assaults for that year. 51% of the victims were females and 49% were males; 53% were black and 47% were white.

79% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 5% were strangers; and in 16% of the offenses the offender was unknown.

## Juvenile Victims of Aggravated Assault

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	20
2	15
3	32
4	32
5	40
6	37
7	31
8	39
9	52
10	49
11	63
12	74
13	127
14	134
15	157
16	197
17	300

### Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	45%
Friend	6%
Relative	20%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	3%
Stranger	9%
Unknown	17%

# **Juvenile Victims of Homicide 2003**

There were 14 juvenile homicide victims in 2003, representing 5% of the victims of the 297 homicides reported in Alabama for that year. Four juveniles died as a result of child abuse, and 4 juveniles were killed by another juvenile.

64% of the victims were males, and 36% were females. 79% of the victims were black, and 21% were white.

A firearm was the weapon used in 43% of the homicides; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 36%; a knife was the weapon used in 14%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 7%.

In 43% of the homicides the victim was related to or acquainted with the offender; in 14% the victim and offender were strangers; and in 43% the offender was unknown.

71% of the homicides occurred at a residence; 14% occurred in a street or alley; and 15% occurred in other locations.

In 29% of the homicides the offender was also a juvenile.

# Juvenile Victims of Homicide

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

## Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	22%
Friend	7%
Relative	14%
Stranger	14%
Unknown	43%

# Juvenile Victims of Robbery 2003

There were 5,778 robberies reported in 2003, and 273 juveniles were robbery victims, representing 5% of all robbery victims in Alabama for that year. 50% of the victims were black and 50% were white; 85% were males, and 15% were females.

A firearm was the weapon used in 52% of the robberies; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 37%; a knife was the weapon used in 3%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 8%.

16% of the victims suffered injuries: 16% were injured with a firearm; 0% were injured with a knife; 74% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 10% were injured with other dangerous weapons.

30% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 25% of the offenders were strangers; and in 45% of the offenses the offender was unknown.

14% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 43% occurred in a street or alley; 4% occurred at a school; 11% occurred in a parking lot; 4% occurred at a store; and 24% occurred in other locations.

In 26% of the robberies, the offender was also a juvenile.

# Juvenile Victims of Robbery

<u>Victim's Age</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	2
2	1
3	1
4	2
5	0
6	1
7	0
8	1
9	3
10	2
11	9
12	4
13	18
14	19
15	45
16	69
17	96

## Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	25%
Friend	5%
Stranger	25%
Unknown	45%

## **Juvenile Victims of Rape 2003**

There were 704 juvenile female rape victims in 2003, representing 45% of the 1,561 rapes reported in Alabama for that year. 49 juvenile victims were 10 years of age or younger. 53% of the victims were black females and 47% were white females.

A firearm was the weapon used in 2% of the rapes; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 81%; a knife was the weapon used in 1%; and unknown weapons were used in 16%.

26% of the victims suffered injuries: 1% were injured with a firearm; 2% were injured with a knife; 91% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 6% were injured with other dangerous weapons.

72% of the victims were acquainted with or related to the offender; 6% of the offenders were strangers; and in 22% of the rapes the offender was unknown.

70% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 4% occurred in a street or alley; 1% occurred at a school; and 25% 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	4
3	4
4	3
5	2
6	7
7	7
8	6
9	8
10	8
11	28
12	47
13	112
14	155
15	149
16	89
17	75

## Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquaintance	35%
Friend	11%
Relative	18%
Girlfriend	8%
Stranger	6%
Unknown	22%