

# Summary of Criminal Victimization, 2014

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This summary is based on data using the National Crime Victimization Survey conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics. The summary highlights findings that may be useful to the Arizona Department of Health Program Manager and funded Contractors for the Sexual Violence Prevention & Education Program. The full report can be retrieved from <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/cv14.pdf>. The report was published in August 2015 and was revised in Sept 2015.

## Background and Methods

In 2014, 143,120 persons age 12 or older from 90,380 households across the country completed the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS). Participants self-reported experiences with several different types of crime. Household property crimes included burglary, motor vehicle theft, and other theft. Violent crimes included rape/sexual assault, robbery, assault, domestic violence, stranger violence, and violent crime resulting in injury. Serious violent crimes included serious domestic violence, serious stranger violence, serious violent crime involving weapons, and serious violent crime involving injury. Participants described characteristics of themselves, the offender, the crime, whether the crime was reported to police, reasons for reporting or not, and experiences with the criminal justice system.

## Key Findings of Criminal Victimization in 2014

- U.S. residents age 12 or older experienced an estimated 5.4 million violent victimizations.
- The rate of rape/sexual assault remained stable from 2013 to 2014 (1.1 per 1,000 persons age 12 or older; see Table 1 in full report). An estimated 284,350 rape/sexual assault victimizations occurred in 2014 compared to 300,170 in 2013.
- The rate of intimate partner violence decreased from 2013 to 2014 (2.4 per 1,000 versus 2.8 per 1,000; see Table 1). An estimated 634,610 intimate partner victimizations occurred in 2014 compared to 748,800 in 2013.
- 33.6% of rapes/sexual assaults were reported to the police (Table 6).

In the full report, prevalence rates were calculated based on the number of unique persons in the population who experienced a specific type of crime during a specified time period. The number of victims and prevalence rates by type of crime are provided below.

Violent Crime Type	Number of Persons Victimized			Prevalence Rate		
	2005	2013	2014	2005	2013	2014
Rape/Sexual Assault	118,700	173,610	150,420	0.05	0.07	0.06
Intimate Partner Violence	323,060	369,310	319,950	0.13	0.14	0.12
Stranger Violence	1,601,500	1,244,560	1,274,100	0.65	0.47	0.48