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Preliminary Victimization Estimates from the NCVS, 2025

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Violent victimization estimates

- In 2025, U.S. residents age 12 or older experienced 7.5 million violent victimizations—a rate of 25.7 victimizations per 1,000 persons age 12 or older ([table 1](#)).
- The rate of violent crime excluding simple assault declined 25%, from 9.9 per 1,000 persons age 12 or older in 2024 to 7.4 per 1,000 in 2025.¹
- The rate of aggravated assault declined 31%, from 4.5 per 1,000 persons age 12 or older in 2024 to 3.1 per 1,000 in 2025.

¹In this report, statistical significance is reported at both the 90% and 95% confidence levels. All comparisons made in text are statistically significant unless otherwise stated. See tables for testing on specific findings.

Property crime estimates

- Households in the United States experienced 14.9 million property victimizations in 2025 ([table 2](#)).
- The rate of property victimization declined 19%, from 138.0 per 1,000 households in 2024 to 111.2 per 1,000 in 2025.
- The rates of burglary or trespassing (down 25%), motor vehicle theft (down 30%), and other types of household theft (down 19%) decreased from 2024 to 2025.

In this report, victimization estimates reflect the total number of times that persons or households were victims of crime.

TABLE 1
Number and rate of violent victimizations, by type of crime, 2024 and 2025

Type of violent crime	Number		Rate per 1,000 ^a	
	2024	2025*	2024	2025*
Total violent crime ^b	8,206,700	7,496,300	28.7	25.7
Rape/sexual assault ^c	910,530	804,180	3.2	2.8
Robbery	626,420	453,870	2.2	1.6
Assault	6,669,750	6,238,260	23.3	21.4
Aggravated assault	1,297,010 †	906,590	4.5 †	3.1
Simple assault	5,372,740	5,331,660	18.8	18.3
Violent crime excluding simple assault ^d	2,833,960 †	2,164,640	9.9 †	7.4

Note: Includes threatened, attempted, and completed occurrences of crimes. Estimates for 2025 are preliminary and appear in green. Estimates for 2024 are final and appear in black. Details may not sum to totals due to rounding. See appendix table 1 for standard errors.

*Comparison year.

†Difference with comparison year is significant at the 95% confidence level.

^aRate is per 1,000 persons age 12 or older. Total population of persons age 12 or older was 286,415,910 in 2024 and 291,522,610 in 2025.

^bIncludes rape or sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault. Excludes homicide because the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) is based on interviews with victims.

^cSee *Methodology in Victimization Estimates from the Redesigned NCVS Instrument*, 2024 (NCJ 312200, BJS, October 2026) for details on the measurement of rape or sexual assault in the NCVS.

^dIncludes rape or sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, Redesign Version, 2024 and National Crime Victimization Survey, 2025.



This report presents preliminary estimates from the redesigned National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS-R) instrument. These estimates may change when the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) publishes final estimates from the 2025 NCVS in *Criminal Victimization, 2025* (forthcoming in 2027). The NCVS is administered to persons age 12 or older from a nationally representative sample of U.S. households. The survey collects information on nonfatal personal and household property crimes, including those that are reported and not reported to police.

BJS fully transitioned to the NCVS-R in January 2025. The NCVS-R estimates are not comparable to legacy NCVS estimates.² For more information on differences in victimization estimates between the two instruments and the instrument redesign methodology, see *Victimization Estimates from the Redesigned NCVS Instrument, 2024* Ⓞ (NCJ 312200, BJS, October 2026) and *Update on the NCVS Instrument Redesign: Full Implementation of New Instrument* Ⓞ (NCJ 310991, BJS, October 2026).

²The legacy NCVS instrument was administered from 1992 to 2024.

TABLE 2
Number and rate of property victimizations, by type of crime, 2024 and 2025

Type of property crime	Number		Rate per 1,000 ^a	
	2024	2025*	2024	2025*
Total property crime	18,372,820 †	14,887,570	138.0 †	111.2
Burglary/trespassing ^b	1,868,170 †	1,407,250	14.0 †	10.5
Burglary ^c	1,287,180 †	1,012,480	9.7 †	7.6
Trespassing ^d	580,990 †	394,770	4.4 †	2.9
Motor vehicle theft	1,190,520 †	841,130	8.9 †	6.3
Other theft ^e	13,930,220 †	11,406,270	104.6 †	85.2
Vandalism ^f	1,383,900	1,232,910	10.4	9.2

Note: Estimates for 2025 are preliminary and appear in green. Estimates for 2024 are final and appear in black. Details may not sum to totals due to rounding. See appendix table 1 for standard errors.

*Comparison year.

†Difference with comparison year is significant at the 95% confidence level.

^aRate is per 1,000 households. Total number of households was 133,119,480 in 2024 and 133,936,580 in 2025.

^bCalled household burglary in prior reports. Includes unlawful or forcible entry or attempted entry of places, including a permanent residence, other residence (e.g., a hotel room or vacation residence), or other structure (e.g., a garage or shed). Includes victimizations where the offender stole, attempted to steal, or did not attempt to steal. Excludes trespassing on land.

^cIncludes only crimes where the offender committed or attempted a theft.

^dIncludes crimes where the offender did not commit or attempt a theft. Excludes trespassing on land.

^eIncludes other unlawful taking or attempted unlawful taking of property or cash without personal contact with the victim.

^fIncludes deliberate damage or destruction of something belonging to the victim. Examples include breaking windows, slashing tires, or painting graffiti on walls.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, Redesign Version, 2024 and National Crime Victimization Survey, 2025.

Methodology

National Crime Victimization Survey

Data used to produce the statistical estimates in this report are from the Bureau of Justice Statistics’ (BJS) National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), the nation’s primary source of information on criminal victimization occurring in the United States. Data are obtained annually from a nationally representative sample of U.S. households, and persons age 12 or older are interviewed on the frequency, characteristics, and consequences of criminal victimization. For details on the NCVS research methodology used in this report and more information on the NCVS, see *Methodology in Victimization Estimates from the Redesigned NCVS Instrument, 2024* [🔗](#) (NCJ 312200, BJS, October 2026) and BJS’s National Crime Victimization Survey data collection webpage [🔗](#).

Nonresponse and weighting adjustments

The 2025 NCVS data file includes 101,980 household interviews. Overall, 53% of eligible households completed interviews. Within participating households, interviews with 152,150 persons were completed in 2025, representing a 78% unweighted response rate among eligible persons from responding households. Victimizations that occurred outside of the United States were excluded from this report.

The 2025 NCVS weights used in this report include a one-time adjustment to account for the absence of data due to missing interviews in October and November, during the lapse in federal government appropriations. This adjustment enables the 4 months of data collected in July, August, September, and December of 2025 to represent the second half of 2025. Each sample unit had their base weights multiplied by 1.5, with the 50% increase needed for the 4 months of data to represent 6 months. Annual NCVS data files are processed as two 6-month data files, and the first and second half of the year are weighted separately. Therefore, the weighting for the first half of 2025 was not affected by this adjustment. For more information on NCVS weights, see *National Crime Victimization Survey, 2016 Technical Documentation* [🔗](#) (NCJ 251442, BJS, December 2017).

APPENDIX TABLE 1
Standard errors for tables 1 and 2: Number and rate of violent victimizations and property victimizations, by type of crime, 2024 and 2025

Type of crime	Number		Rate per 1,000 ^a	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
Total violent crime	539,244	460,088	1.89	1.58
Rape/sexual assault	138,359	75,380	0.48	0.26
Robbery	116,392	72,192	0.41	0.25
Assault	430,959	410,044	1.51	1.41
Aggravated assault	153,095	83,853	0.53	0.29
Simple assault	358,817	387,192	1.25	1.33
Violent crime excluding simple assault	287,259	152,007	1.00	0.52
Total property crime	491,653	324,008	3.63	2.41
Burglary/trespassing	138,227	85,563	1.04	0.64
Burglary	123,863	79,826	0.93	0.60
Trespassing	64,967	37,479	0.49	0.28
Motor vehicle theft	88,352	61,105	0.67	0.46
Other theft	408,257	274,338	3.00	2.03
Vandalism	90,781	73,804	0.68	0.55

Note: Estimates for 2025 are preliminary and appear in green. Estimates for 2024 are final and appear in black.
^aRates are per 1,000 persons age 12 or older for violent crime and per 1,000 households for property crime.
Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, Redesign Version, 2024 and National Crime Victimization Survey, 2025.

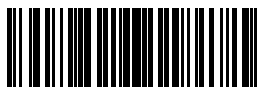


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