

Scope and Cost of Victimization

National

- In 2005, 23 million crimes were committed in the United States; of these, 5.2 million were violent and 18 million were property crimes.
- In 2005, teens ages 12 to 19 and young adults ages 20 to 24 experienced the highest rates of violent crime.
- In 2005, 47 percent of violent victimizations and 40 percent of property crimes were reported to the police.
- In 2004, the total economic loss to victims was \$1.1 billion for violent crime and almost \$15 billion for property crime.
- State compensation programs paid crime victims and their families \$426 million in benefits in federal fiscal year 2004.
- The direct cost of child abuse and neglect in the United States totals more than \$24 billion annually (including law enforcement, judicial system, child welfare, and mental and physical health costs).
- In 2003, the United States (at federal, state, and local levels) spent a record \$185 billion for police protection, corrections, and judicial and legal activities. Since 1982, expenditures for operating the criminal justice system increased 418 percent, not accounting for inflation.
- Many school districts report losses in excess of \$250,000 because of school closings and costs of bomb search squads.

Source: United States Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime
www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc

Minnesota

- The crime index (including murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft/larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson) in Minnesota totaled 173,960 offenses during 2005, which was an increase of 2.6 percent from the 169,575 offenses occurring in 2004.
- Violent crime accounted for 9 percent of the crime index offenses in 2005, an 11.5 percent increase from the previous year.
- Property crime accounted for 91 percent of the crime index offenses in 2005, a 1.8 percent decrease from the previous year. Larceny was the largest category of serious crime reported for Minnesota in 2004 and 2005.
- Law enforcement agencies in Minnesota made 210,955 total arrests in 2005. Seventy-five percent of the arrests were for adults and 25 percent for juveniles.

Source: Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Minnesota Crime Information 2005