

Scope and Cost of Victimization

National

In 2006, 25 million crimes were committed in the United States; of these, 6 million were violent and 19 million were property crimes.

More than a quarter of people with severe mental illness had been victims of violent crime in the past year, a rate more than 11 times higher than that of the general population even after controlling for demographic differences.

In 2006, 117,760 persons over the age of 65 were victims of non-fatal violent crime in 2005.

Each year an estimated 14,500 to 17,500 foreign nationals are trafficked into the United States.

The direct cost of child abuse and neglect in the U.S. totals more than \$33 billion annually (including law enforcement, judicial system, child welfare, and mental and physical health costs). When factoring in indirect costs, the figures raises to more than \$103 billion annually.

More than 1 million women and almost 400,000 men are stalked annually in the United States.

In 2007, consumers reporting fraud to the Federal Trade Commission lost a total of more than \$103 billion annually.

Victim compensation programs distributed \$453 million in 2007. This amount is an increase over the \$444 million paid in 2006 and \$427 million paid in 2005.

In 2006, the total economic loss to victims was \$1.8 billion for violent crime and \$16.5 billion for property crime.

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 168,271 offenses during 2007, which was a decrease of 2.6 percent from the 172,793 offenses occurring in 2006.

Violent crime accounted for 9 percent of the crime index offenses in 2007, a 9 percent decrease from the previous year.

Property crime accounted for 91 percent of the crime index offenses in 2007, a 1.9 percent decrease from the previous year.

Law enforcement agencies in Minnesota made 213,350 total arrests in 2007. Seventy-nine percent of the arrests were for adults and twenty-one percent for juveniles.

Source: Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Minnesota Crime Information 2007