



Robbery

Definition

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program defines robbery as the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Overview

- Nationwide in 2006, there were an estimated 447,403 robbery offenses.
- The estimated number of robbery offenses increased 7.2 percent from the 2005 estimate. However, the estimated number of offenses declined 10.3 percent in a comparison with the data from 10 years earlier (1997 and 2006). (See Table 1 and 1A.)
- By location type, most robberies (44.5 percent) were committed on streets or highways. (See Table 23.)
- The average dollar value of property stolen per robbery offense was \$1,268. By location type, bank robbery had the highest average dollar value taken—\$4,330 per offense.
- Losses estimated at \$567 million were attributed to robberies during 2006. (Based on Tables 1 and 23.)
- Firearms were used in 42.2 percent of robberies for which the UCR Program received supplementary data. (Based on Table 19.)

Expanded robbery data

Expanded offense data are the details of the various offenses that the Program collects beyond the count of how many crimes law enforcement agencies report. These details may include the type of weapons used in a crime, type or value of items stolen, and so forth. In addition, expanded data include trends (for example, 2-year comparisons) and rates per 100,000 inhabitants.

Expanded information regarding robbery is available in the following tables:

Trends (2-year): Tables 12, 13, 14, and 15

Rates (per 100,000 inhabitants): Tables 16, 17, 18, and 19

Weapons: Tables 15, 19, and 21

Location type, average value of items stolen per robbery offense: Table 23

Robbery Table 1, "Robbery, Location, Percent Distribution by Region, 2006"

Robbery Table 2, "Robbery, Location, Percent Distribution by Population Group, 2006"

Robbery Table 3, "Robbery, Types of Weapons Used, Percent Distribution by Region, 2006"

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Clearance and arrest data for robbery offenses.