



Robbery

Definition

The FBI's 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 2009, there were an estimated 408,217 robberies.
- The estimated number of robberies decreased from the 2008 and the 2005 estimates—8.0 percent and 2.2 percent, respectively. However, the 2009 robbery estimate increased slightly from the 2000 number.
- The 2009 estimated robbery rate of 133.0 per 100,000 inhabitants reflected a decrease of 8.8 percent when compared with the 2008 rate. (See Tables 1 and 1A.)
- An estimated \$508 million in losses were attributed to robberies in 2009.
- The average dollar value of property stolen per reported robbery was \$1,244. The highest average dollar loss was for banks, which lost \$4,029 per offense. (See Table 23.)
- Firearms were used in 42.6 percent of the robberies for which the UCR Program received additional information in 2009. Strong-arm tactics were used in 41.1 percent of the total number of robberies, knives and cutting instruments were used in 7.7 percent, and other dangerous weapons were used in 8.7 percent of robberies in 2009. (Based on Table 19.)

Expanded robbery data

Expanded offense data are the details of the various offenses that the UCR Program collects beyond the count of how many crimes law enforcement agencies report. These details may include the type of weapon 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 by location per robbery: Table 23

Robbery Table 1, "Robbery, Location, Percent Distribution by Region, 2009"

Robbery Table 2, "Robbery, Location, Percent Distribution by Population Group, 2009"

Robbery Table 3, "Robbery, Types of Weapons Used, Percent Distribution by Region, 2009"

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Clearance and arrest data for robbery offenses.