



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

- In 2008, the estimated robbery total (441,855) decreased 0.7 percent from the 2007 estimate. However, the 5-year robbery trend (2004 data compared with 2008 data) showed an increase of 10.1 percent.
- The 2008 estimated robbery rate (145.3 per 100,000 inhabitants) showed a decrease of 1.5 percent when compared with the 2007 rate. (See Tables 1 and 1A.)
- Losses estimated at \$581 million were attributed to robberies in 2008.
- The average dollar loss per robbery offense was \$1,315. The highest average dollar loss was for banks, which lost \$4,854 per offense. (Based on Tables 1 and 23.)
- Firearms were used in 43.5 percent of robberies in 2008. Strong-arm robberies accounted for 40.2 percent of the total. (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, 2008"

Robbery Table 2, "Robbery, Location, Percent Distribution by Population Group, 2008"

Robbery Table 3, "Robbery, Types of Weapons Used, Percent Distribution by Region, 2008"

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Clearance and arrest data for robbery offenses.