

Table 3.14

Estimated percent distribution of type of weapon used by offenders in violent victimization incidents

By type of crime and victim-offender relationship, United States, 1994^a

All incidents	Total incidents		No weapon used	Weapon used										Don't know if weapon present
	Number	Percent		Total	Total firearm	Hand gun	Other gun	Gun type unknown	Knife	Sharp object	Blunt object	Other weapon	Weapon type unknown	
Crimes of violence	9,797,680	100%	64.3%	26.8%	10.9%	10.0%	0.8%	0.1%	5.5%	0.8%	3.8%	4.5%	1.2%	8.9%
Completed violence	2,923,010	100	61.7	30.5	11.9	11.3	0.4	0.2 ^b	5.6	1.3	4.6	5.7	1.4	7.8
Attempted/threatened violence	6,874,670	100	65.4	25.3	10.5	9.5	1.0	0.0 ^b	5.5	0.6	3.5	4.0	1.1	9.3
Rape/sexual assault ^c	426,020	100	78.2	14.7	5.9	5.9	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	7.1	0.5 ^b	0.0 ^b	1.3 ^b	0.0 ^b	7.1
Robbery	1,210,200	100	37.6	46.8	26.1	25.5	0.7 ^b	0.0 ^b	9.8	0.8 ^b	5.2	3.1	1.7 ^b	15.6
Completed/property taken	735,160	100	32.3	51.0	32.3	31.2	1.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	7.6	1.2 ^b	5.1	3.5	1.3 ^b	16.8
With injury	267,440	100	36.9	42.6	11.5	10.6	0.8 ^b	0.0 ^b	10.5	1.0 ^b	12.3	5.5 ^b	1.8 ^b	20.5
Without injury	467,720	100	29.6	55.8	44.1	43.0	1.1 ^b	0.0 ^b	5.9	1.4 ^b	0.9 ^b	2.4 ^b	1.0 ^b	14.6
Attempted to take property	475,030	100	45.7	40.4	16.7	16.5	0.2 ^b	0.0 ^b	13.3	0.0 ^b	5.5	2.5 ^b	2.5 ^b	13.9
With injury	117,600	100	51.9	34.5	5.5 ^b	5.5 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	11.4 ^b	0.0 ^b	9.3 ^b	4.0 ^b	4.3 ^b	13.6 ^b
Without injury	357,430	100	43.7	42.3	20.4	20.1	0.2 ^b	0.0 ^b	13.9	0.0 ^b	4.3 ^b	2.0 ^b	1.8 ^b	14.0
Assault	8,161,470	100	67.5	24.5	8.9	8.0	0.9	0.1 ^b	4.8	0.8	3.8	4.9	1.2	8.0
Aggravated	2,120,370	100	4.9	94.2	34.3	30.6	3.3	0.3 ^b	18.6	3.1	14.8	18.9	4.5	0.8 ^b
With injury	592,690	100	17.6	79.4	15.8	14.0	1.0 ^b	0.8 ^b	13.9	4.5	16.3	23.8	5.1	3.0 ^b
Threatened with weapon	1,527,680	100	NA	100.0	41.5	37.1	4.3	0.1 ^b	20.4	2.6	14.2	17.1	4.3	0.0 ^b
Simple ^d	6,041,100	100	89.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	10.5
With minor injury	1,333,110	100	93.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	6.2
Without injury	4,707,980	100	88.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	11.7
Involving strangers														
Crimes of violence	5,301,590	100	54.6	33.1	15.6	14.6	0.9	0.1 ^b	6.3	1.1	4.6	4.4	1.2	12.4
Rape/sexual assault ^c	152,690	100	66.0	20.3	8.8 ^b	8.8 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	11.5 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	13.7 ^b
Robbery	944,630	100	29.8	51.0	30.5	29.6	0.9 ^b	0.0 ^b	10.6	0.6 ^b	5.6 ^b	2.2	1.5 ^b	19.1
Aggravated assault	1,288,150	100	3.0	96.2	40.7	37.2	3.1	0.4 ^b	16.7	3.9	15.0	16.3	3.6	0.8 ^b
Simple assault ^d	2,916,120	100	84.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	15.2
Involving nonstrangers														
Crimes of violence	4,496,090	100	75.7	19.5	5.4	4.7	0.7	0.0 ^b	4.7	0.5	2.9	4.7	1.2	4.8
Rape/sexual assault ^c	273,330	100	85.0	11.5	4.2 ^b	4.2 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	4.6 ^b	0.8 ^b	0.0 ^b	2.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	3.5 ^b
Robbery	265,560	100	65.1	31.7	10.7	10.7	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	7.0 ^b	1.2 ^b	4.0 ^b	6.3 ^b	2.5 ^b	3.2 ^b
Aggravated assault	832,220	100	7.9	91.2	24.4	20.5	3.7	0.2 ^b	21.5	2.0 ^b	14.5	23.0	5.8	0.9 ^b
Simple assault ^d	3,124,970	100	93.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	6.1

Note: See Note, table 3.1. Responses for weapons use are tallied once, based upon a hierarchy. Prior to 1993, multiple responses for weapons were tallied. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 9.

^cIncludes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.

^dSimple assault, by definition, does not involve the use of a weapon.

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.

^bEstimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Criminal Victimization in the United States, 1994*, NCJ-162126 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 1997), Table 66.