

Attachment 15

Crime Facts

Other Crime Facts

- Violent crime has gone down 41% in the last ten years (Rand, 2008: Table 2)
- 70% of the violent crimes that occur against women involve a non-stranger. Males are less likely to be a victim of a crime with a non-stranger (49%). (Rand, 2009: Table 6)
- 80% of motor vehicle thefts are reported to the police. Common theft is the least likely to be reported to the police (33%) (Rand, 2009: Text Table 4).
- In approximately 60% of the violent crimes, victims took some type of measure to protect themselves (Table 68). Only a small percentage of the time did victims use a weapon when protecting themselves (less than 2% of the time) (BJS, 2010: Table 70).
- Physical injuries were sustained in a violent crime around 25% of the time (BJS, 2010: Table 75). About 7% of violent crimes resulted in incurring some medical expenses (BJS, 2010: Table 77).
- Around 18% of victims incurred some type of economic loss from a crime (BJS, 2010: Table 81). This amounted to approximately \$1.8 billion for all victims (BJS, 2010: Table 82). The median loss for property crimes was around \$250 per household for each incident (BJS, 2010: Table 82).
- Around 8% of personal crime victims lost time from work (BJS, 2010: Table 87).

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