

Violent victimization of college students

Female college students were more likely to report being victims of rape and sexual assault, while male college students were more likely to report being victims of other violent crime.

With rising concerns about crime against college students, it is encouraging to find that there was a drop in the rate of reported violent victimization against male college students between 1995 and 1997. In spite of this drop, male college students were more likely than female students to report being victims of violent crime except for rape and sexual assault during the period. About two-thirds of the violent crime happening to both males and females involved simple assaults (attacks without weapons).

In 1995, 1996, and 1997, college students who lived on campus were more likely to report being victims of violent crime compared with students who lived off campus. However, most of the crimes reported occurred off campus, regardless of where students lived. Six percent of students who lived on campus and 5 percent who lived off campus reported off-campus crime, whereas 2 percent of students who lived on and 1 percent of students who lived off campus reported being victims of on-campus crime.

Rate of violent victimization¹ against college students, by sex and type of crime: 1995, 1996, and 1997

Type of crime ²	1995			1996			1997		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total	7.2	9.1	5.5	6.3	8.4	4.5	6.0	7.5	4.7
Rape/sexual assault	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.3
Robbery	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4
Aggravated assault	1.2	1.9	0.7	1.6	2.6	0.9	1.3	2.0	0.6
Simple assault	4.9	6.3	3.8	3.8	5.1	2.8	4.1	4.9	3.4

Rate of violent victimization¹ against college students, by sex, type of crime, and location of crime by place of student residence: 1995–97³

Type of crime ² and location of crime by student residence	Total	Male	Female
Total	6.5	8.3	4.9
Rape/sexual assault	0.2	0.0	0.4
Robbery	0.6	0.8	0.4
Aggravated assault	1.4	2.1	0.7
Simple assault	4.3	5.4	3.3
Location of crime by place of student residence			
Reside on campus	7.4	9.6	5.0
Crime on campus	1.7	2.4	1.1
Crime off campus	5.7	7.3	3.9
Reside off campus	6.4	8.1	4.9
Crime on campus	1.4	1.2	1.5
Crime off campus	5.0	6.9	3.4

¹ Represents the ratio of the number of crimes committed against college students to the total number of college students.

² Rape/sexual assault is unwanted sexual contact, forced sexual intercourse, or verbal threats of rape; robbery is the theft or attempted theft by force, with or without a weapon resulting with or without injury; aggravated assault is an attack or attempted attack with a weapon resulting in serious injury; simple assault is an attack or attempted attack without a weapon resulting with or without minor injury.

³ Due to small sample sizes, crime data are aggregated for 3 years: 1995, 1996, and 1997. For example, the average rate

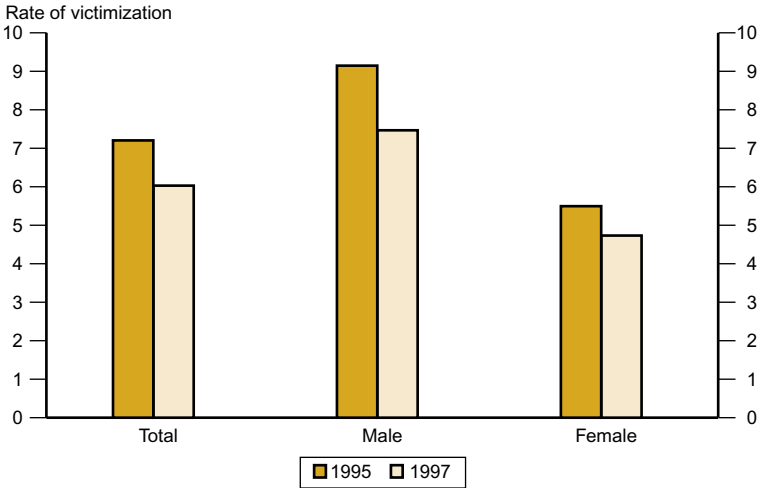
of violent victimization against college students in 1995, 1996, and 1997 was 6.5 percent.

NOTE: Data represent crime that was reported by students and committed in the 6 months prior to the interview. Details may not to totals due to rounding. Percentages less than 0.05 are rounded to 0.0.

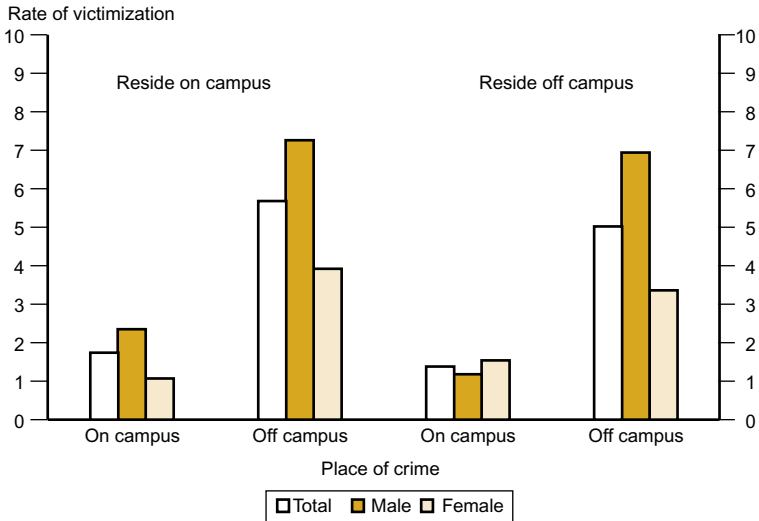
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, The National Crime Victimization Survey: 1995, 1996, and 1997.

Rate of violent victimization¹ against college students

By sex: 1995 and 1997



By sex and location of crime
by place of student residence: 1995–1997²



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