Crime Victims

The Pennsylvania UCR Program collects information on the characteristics of victims of crime in Pennsylvania. This is in addition to the homicide victim reporting system already in place, the results of which are presented elsewhere in this report. Approximately 84 percent of the reporting agencies in the state provided statistics on age, sex, and race of crime victims by offense classification. This information is summarized below.

Over 60 percent of the reported victims were involved in 3 offense categories: Larceny-Theft (29.0 percent), Vandalism (14.1 percent), and Other Assaults (17.2 percent).

The largest number of crime victims, accounting for 12.4 percent of those reported, were between the ages of 20 and 24.

The offenses showing the highest rate of prevalence among victims under 10 years of age were:

Other Assaults - Not Aggravated (27.0 percent)
Sex Offenses (Except 02 and 160) (25.3 percent)
Offenses Against Family & Children (21.6 percent)

The offenses showing the highest rate of prevalence among victims 65 years of age and over were:

Larceny-Theft (34.4 percent)
Vandalism (20.2 percent)
Burglary (16.4 percent)

The offenses showing the highest rate of prevalence among female victims were:

Rape (92.4 percent)
Forcible Rape (90.2 percent)
Sex Offenses (Except 02 and 160) (77.0 percent)

The offenses showing the highest rate of prevalence among Black victims were:

Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter (63.9 percent)
Aggravated Assault (40.0 percent)
Robbery (37.2 percent)

Although Blacks accounted for only 23.0 percent of the victims of all crimes, 38.5 percent of the victims of Violent Crime were Black.