

Table 3.17

Estimated percent distribution of the effectiveness of self-protective measures employed by victims of violent crime

By person taking measure, outcome of action, and type of crime, United States, 1994^a

Person taking action and type of crime	Number of victimizations	Total	Percent of victimizations					Not available
			Helped situation	Hurt situation	Both helped and hurt situation	Neither helped nor hurt situation	Don't know	
<u>Measure taken by victim</u>								
Crimes of violence	7,849,250	100%	64.5%	8.8%	8.9%	11.3%	6.4%	0.2%
Rape/sexual assault ^b	354,420	100	54.5	10.5	7.7	17.2	10.1	0.0 ^c
Robbery	819,320	100	64.9	12.4	6.8	10.9	4.8	0.3 ^c
Assault	6,675,510	100	65.0	8.2	9.2	11.0	6.4	0.2 ^c
Aggravated	1,832,660	100	66.0	8.7	8.4	10.5	6.3	0.1 ^c
Simple	4,842,850	100	64.6	8.1	9.5	11.2	6.4	0.2 ^c
<u>Measure taken by others</u>								
Crimes of violence	7,348,310	100	35.4	12.3	2.5	42.5	5.3	2.1
Rape/sexual assault ^c	117,400	100	27.7	14.9 ^c	2.0 ^c	38.4	6.1 ^c	10.9 ^c
Robbery	680,010	100	26.6	15.1	1.4 ^c	49.2	5.4	2.3 ^c
Assault	6,550,900	100	36.4	11.9	2.6	41.8	5.3	1.9
Aggravated	1,819,710	100	35.0	12.2	2.5	42.2	6.3	1.8
Simple	4,731,190	100	36.9	11.8	2.7	41.7	4.9	1.9

Note: See Note, table 3.1. Table excludes victimizations in which no self-protective actions were taken. Of those victimizations in which a self-protective measure or measures was/were employed, the victim and/or someone else may have taken action. Therefore, the above categories are not mutually exclusive. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 9.

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

^cEstimate 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 72.

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.