

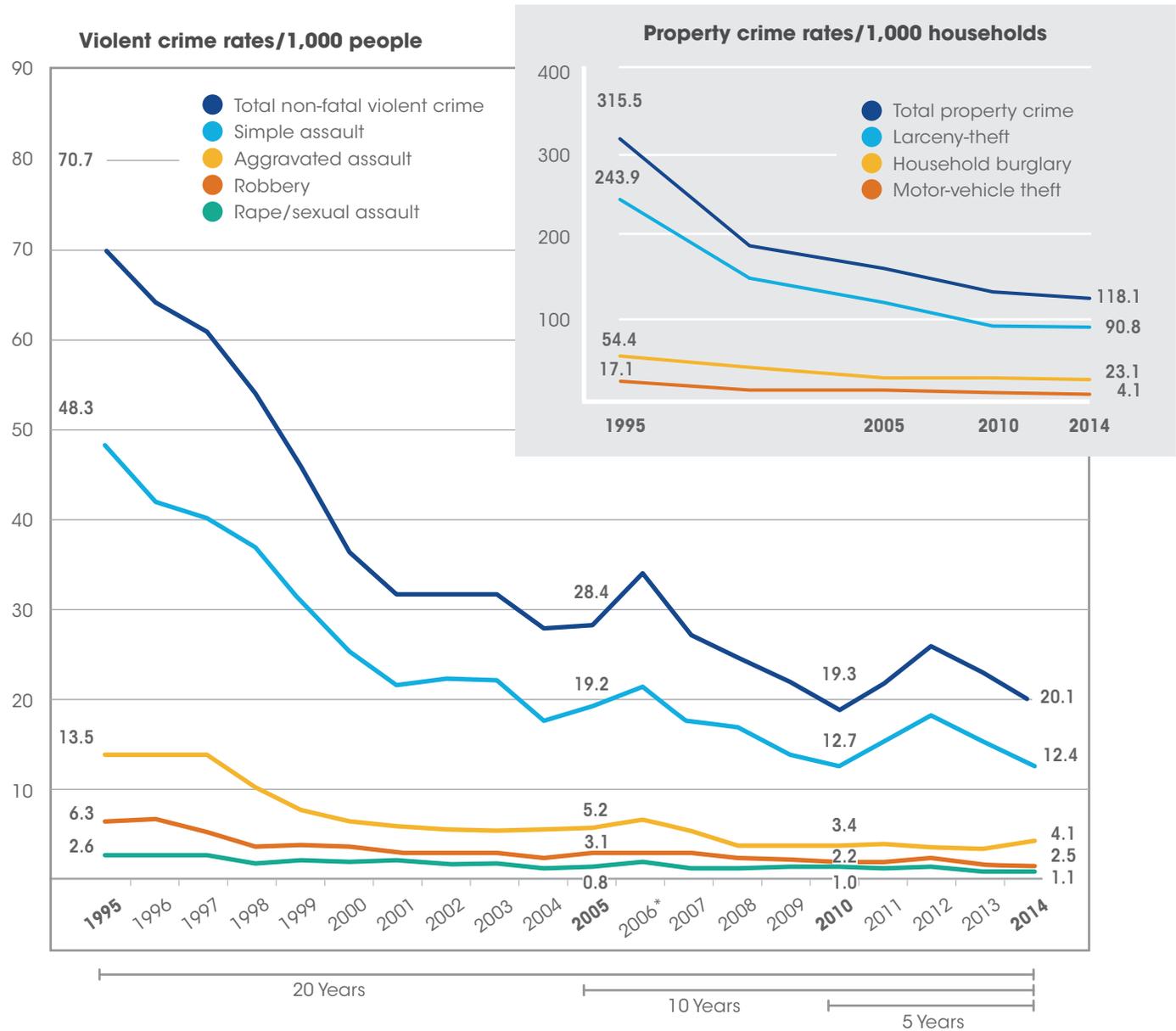
# Crime Trends

Trends in criminal victimization over time can provide useful insights by positioning annual data within a broader context. To estimate these trends, criminologists rely on two national sources of crime data: the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program (UCR) and the Bureau of Justice Statistics's National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS). As both the UCR and NCVS have been collected for decades, these two sources provide the necessary data to better understand crime trends in the United States. Trend data from both sources indicate that crime has decreased substantially, particularly in comparison to crime rates from the 1970s and '80s. UCR and NCVS data from the 2000s also continue to demonstrate a downward trend, although occasional fluctuations occur for some crimes.

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## Crime Rates Over Time

National Crime Victimization Survey<sup>A</sup>



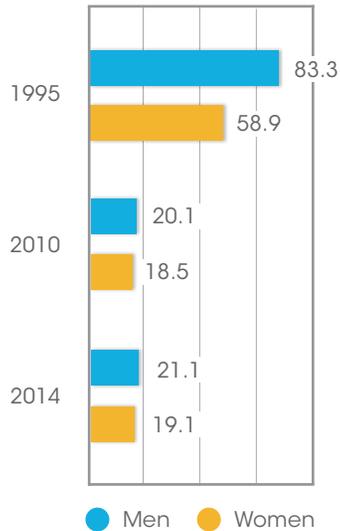
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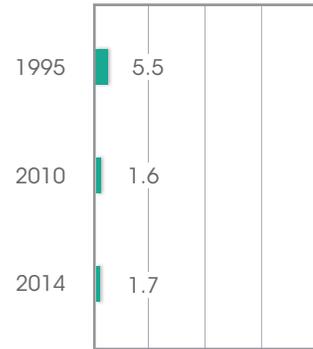


# National Crime Victimization Survey

Rate of **violent victimizations**/ 1,000 people **by sex and year**<sup>A</sup>



Rate of **violent victimizations**/ 1,000 people committed with a **firearm, by year**<sup>A</sup>

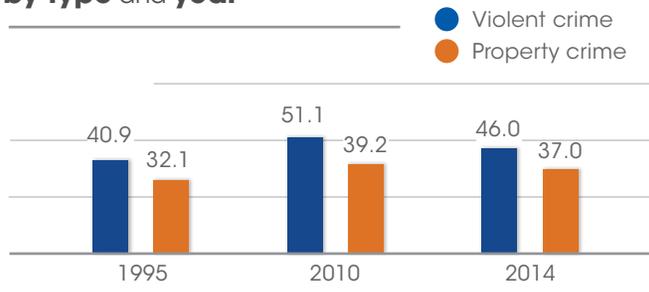


The percentage of violent crime victims who suffer an **injury** has remained relatively stable at about **1/4 of victims**:<sup>A</sup>



- > **23.3%** in 1995
- > **26.1%** in 2010
- > **25.7%** in 2014

Percentage of **victimizations reported to police by type and year**<sup>A</sup>



# Uniform Crime Reports

Percent change in rate of **violent crime**, as reported to law enforcement:<sup>B</sup>

	20 Years (1995-2014)	10 Years (2005-2014)	5 Years (2010-2014)
<b>Total violent crime</b>	<b>-46.6</b>	<b>-22.1</b>	<b>-9.6</b>
Aggravated assault	-44.4	-20.1	-8.0
Robbery	-53.7	-27.4	-14.4
Rape/sexual assault**	-28.8	-17.2	-4.7
Murder/manslaughter***	-45.1	-20.8	-6.1



The rate of murder/non-negligent manslaughter decreased from: **8.2/100,000** people in 1995, to **4.8/100,000** in 2010, to **4.5/100,000** people in 2014<sup>B</sup>

Percent change in rate of **property crime**, as reported to law enforcement:<sup>B</sup>

	20 Years (1995-2014)	10 Years (2005-2014)	5 Years (2010-2014)
<b>Total property crime</b>	<b>-43.4</b>	<b>-24.3</b>	<b>-11.9</b>
Larceny-theft	-39.6	-19.7	-8.4
Burglary	-45.0	-25.4	-22.6
Motor-vehicle theft	-61.4	-48.1	-9.6

## NOTES

\*2006 NCVS methodology differs from other years; data not strictly comparable.

\*\*Legacy definition.

\*\*\*Non-negligent manslaughter.

## SOURCES

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- B Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States*, (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2015), <https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s>