



CARJACKING 1993-2002

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Results of the National Crime Victimization Survey show that on average, between 1993-2002, there were about 34,000 carjacking incidents per year.

- ◆ Victims:
 - Men more often victimized than women
 - Blacks more often victimized than Whites
 - Hispanics more often victimized than non-Hispanics
 - 67 percent of victims resisted the carjacker(s)
 - About 32 percent of victims of completed carjackings and 17 percent of attempted carjackings were injured
 - Serious injuries occurred in 9 percent; minor injuries occurred in 15 percent
 - About 15 murders a year involve auto theft. It is not possible to determine how many of these murders meet the definition of carjacking (i.e., was the carjacking incidental to the murder?)
- ◆ Characteristics of carjacking incidents:
 - Rates were highest in urban areas, followed by suburban and rural areas. 93 percent occurred in cities or suburbs.
 - 68 percent of incidents occurred between 6p.m.- 6a.m.
 - 44 percent of incidents occurred in an open area, such as on the street or near public transportation, and 24 percent occurred in parking lots or garages or near commercial places.
 - Partial or complete recovery of property occurred in 78 percent of completed carjacking incidents.
 - A weapon was used in 74 percent of the incidents:
 - 45 percent involved firearms; 11 percent involved knives

- ♦ Characteristics of the carjacker(s)
 - 56 percent involve more than one perpetrator
 - 93 percent are male
 - Victims identified 56 percent of perpetrators as Black, 21 percent as White, and 16 percent as other races, such as Asians or American Indians.

A link to the full report can be found on the Bureau of Justice Statistics' web site:
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/c02.pdf>.