



Assault

Juveniles are substantially more likely than adults to be assaulted.

- The assault rate for youth 12 through 17 is 2.7 times (or 167%) greater than for adults, or 50 per 1,000 versus 19 per 1,000, according to the National Crime Victimization Survey for 2000.

CCRC data analysis using NCVS 2000.

- Other self-report surveys suggest the actual assault rate for youth is higher than estimates from the National Crime Victimization Survey. Annual estimates for youth assault victimization from other surveys are as follows:

Study	% Assaulted in Previous Year
National Crime Victimization Survey	8.0%
Monitoring the Future	25.8%
National Youth Survey	26.7%
National Youth Victimization Prevention Study	15.6%

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- Juveniles under age 12 also have high assault victimization rates, according to several national and local studies.

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