

Race and Crime in America: the Facts

HOW WE KNOW

Each year, in the **National Crime Victimization Survey** (NCVS), the Bureau of Justice Statistics asks a nationally representative sample of up to 75,000 Americans what crimes they were victims of, and who the perpetrator was.

From 2004–2008, black Americans, who made up <13% of the population, committed about **30%** of aggravated assaults, **60%** of robberies (muggings), and **35%** of rapes & sexual assaults.

Hence, blacks are about **3.6** times as likely as whites to commit aggravated assault, **13** times as likely to commit robbery, **4.6** times as likely to commit rape & sexual assault, and overall about **4.0** times as likely to attempt violence and **5.7** times as likely to succeed.

These multiples are actually too low because the NCVS counts nearly all Hispanics as “white,” which artificially increases “white” crime rates.

WHAT ABOUT ARRESTS?

In the **Uniform Crime Reporting Program** (UCR), the FBI keeps track of what crimes are reported to the police, and who gets arrested for them.

From 2004–2008, black Americans accounted for **34%** of aggravated assault arrests (vs. about 30% of aggravated assaults), **56%** of robbery arrests (vs. 60% of robberies), and **33%** of rape arrests (vs. 35% of rapes). Overall: **39%** of arrests vs. 42% of crimes.

Compare them: it all adds up. For each type of violent crime, whether you ask victims, read police reports, or check arrest records, you find a **similar percentage** of blacks. This shows that the police are doing their jobs: arresting criminals, not picking on minorities. Blacks are arrested more often than whites **because they commit crime more often**.

This is true of violent crime, white-collar crime (like fraud and bribery), drug crime, drunk driving, etc.

INTERRACIAL CRIME

The NCVS shows that **black criminals target whites**. In 2008, for example, blacks committed **83%** of single-offender violent interracial (B/W) crimes.

Most victims of black violent crime are WHITE. Black criminals chose white victims **54%** of the time. White criminals chose black victims <5% of the time.

Blacks were **32** times as likely to attack whites as whites were to attack blacks; for robbery, **67** times.

There were about 19,000 black-on-white rapes in 2008; that’s about **53 every day**. The NCVS found **ZERO CASES** of white-on-black rape.

For **multiple-offender** crimes, the NCVS found **ZERO CASES** of white-on-black crime of **any kind**. It did, however, find **142,000** black-on-white crimes, including **89,000** gang assaults, **49,000** gang robberies, and **4,000** gang rapes (about 10 a day).

“THAT’S BECAUSE WHITES ARE RICHER”

Good try, but only 21% of black-on-white violent crimes were robberies. The rest were assaults and rapes — presumably with no economic motive.

“BLACK CRIME IS CAUSED BY POVERTY”

We already know this is wrong, because the black poverty rate is only about **2.7** times the white rate. As we’ve seen, black crime rates are **way higher**.

(By the way, the typical person living in “poverty” in the US has a car, air conditioning, two TVs, more living space than the average European, more than enough food, and access to necessary medical care.)

Anyway, race differences in crime rates **persist** after **controlling** for socioeconomic status (Lauritsen & Sampson, ‘Minorities, Crime, and Criminal Justice,’ 2000). That’s why the single **best indicator** of violent crime levels in an area is the percentage of the population that is black and Hispanic, with a startling **81%** correlation (*The Color of Crime*, 2005).

The next best indicators are lack of education (with only a **37%** correlation), poverty (a **36%** correlation), and unemployment (a **35%** correlation).

Control for **all three**, and the race/crime correlation only drops to **78%**. In the simplest terms: if blacks had the same jobs, incomes, and educations as whites, the link between race and crime would be **almost exactly as strong** as it is now. It is easy to blame “society” for black crime, but it doesn’t fit the facts.

Think about it: how can poverty cause rape? What about unemployment causing arson? And **why** are we concocting implausible excuses for violent criminals, anyway? Who or what are we protecting?

“ALMOST ALL SERIAL KILLERS ARE WHITE”

Contrary to that popular myth, Justin Cottrell (*Rise of the Black Serial Killer*, 2012) found that blacks have **never** made up less than **27%** of American serial killers in any given decade, **increasing** over time to a startling **88%** from 2000–2010. So blacks commit these crimes at a much higher rate than whites, too.

WHAT DO THESE FINDINGS EXPLAIN?

As of 2010, according to FBI data, the five **most dangerous** cities were Flint, MI (57% black), Detroit, MI (83% black), St. Louis, MO (49% black), New Haven, CT (35% black; 27% Hispanic), and Memphis, TN (63% black). Interesting...

Here are the five **safest** cities: Irvine, CA (2% black), Temecula, CA (4% black), Cary, NC (8% black), Murrietta, CA (5% black), and Gilbert, AZ (3% black). Notice anything? (Noticing things is “racist.”)

This is, of course, **exactly what you would expect** from the NCVS, the UCR, etc. It’s one more piece of supporting evidence for the one theory that fits all the data: black people are **more criminal** than white people. “Politically incorrect,” but factually accurate.

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