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Table 3.18

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

By person taking measure and type of crime, United States, 1998<sup>a</sup>

Person taking measure and type of crime	Number of victimizations	Total	Percent of victimizations					Don't know	Not available
			Helped situation	Hurt situation	Both helped and hurt situation	Neither helped nor hurt situation			
<b>Measure taken by victim</b>									
Crimes of violence	5,653,020	100%	64.0%	8.7%	7.4%	11.0%	8.5%	0.3% <sup>b</sup>	
Rape/sexual assault <sup>c</sup>	262,820	100	54.7	17.9	8.0 <sup>b</sup>	11.6	7.8 <sup>b</sup>	0.0 <sup>b</sup>	
Robbery	553,790	100	57.2	11.1	9.0	15.8	6.4	0.5 <sup>b</sup>	
Assault	4,836,410	100	65.3	8.0	7.2	10.4	8.8	0.3 <sup>b</sup>	
Aggravated	1,231,790	100	68.6	6.0	7.1	9.2	9.0	0.0 <sup>b</sup>	
Simple	3,604,620	100	64.2	8.6	7.3	10.9	8.7	0.4 <sup>b</sup>	
<b>Measure taken by others</b>									
Crimes of violence	5,298,290	100	35.0	12.1	2.7	42.6	6.8	0.7	
Rape/sexual assault <sup>c</sup>	86,740	100	22.1 <sup>b</sup>	24.4 <sup>b</sup>	0.0 <sup>b</sup>	42.7	10.9 <sup>b</sup>	0.0 <sup>b</sup>	
Robbery	436,880	100	24.8	15.6	3.7 <sup>b</sup>	49.1	6.8	0.0 <sup>b</sup>	
Assault	4,774,670	100	36.2	11.5	2.7	42.0	6.7	0.8	
Aggravated	1,216,510	100	41.2	9.4	2.4	39.7	6.4	0.9 <sup>b</sup>	
Simple	3,558,160	100	34.5	12.3	2.8	42.9	6.8	0.8	

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 8](#).

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, **Criminal Victimization in the United States, 1998 Statistical Tables**, NCJ 181585 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cvusst.htm> [May 25, 2000], Table 72.

<sup>a</sup>Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup>Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.

<sup>c</sup>Includes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.