



Alabama Crime Information for 2004*

Crimes Occur at Home, at School, at Work, and in Our Neighborhoods

There were 195,958 Part 1 Offenses in Alabama in 2004: Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Larceny & Motor Vehicle Theft.

There are 4,530,182 people in Alabama (2004 U.S. Census estimate)

Based on these statistics, each person in Alabama has a 1 in 23 chance of experiencing a serious crime each year (calculations verified by the accounting firm of WebbMorgan & Co.).

Property Crimes

There were 176,497 property crimes reported – these criminals came to citizens' homes and stole money, jewelry, cars, office equipment, electronics, firearms, livestock. The total value of property stolen in 2004 was over \$236 million. The total recovered was over \$37 million.

Homicides

13% of homicide victims were related to the offender. 30% of homicide victims knew the offender. 12% of homicides were domestic. 23% of the homicides were the result of an argument. 57% took place in someone's home.

Rape

There was an average of 4.6 rapes reported each day in Alabama in 2004. In 67% of the rapes, the victim and offender knew or were related to each other. 32% of the rapes occurred in the victim's home and 15% in the offender's home.

Robbery

There was an average of 15.9 robberies reported each day in Alabama in 2004. These robberies involved the taking of anything of value from a person by force or the threat of force. 25% of robberies took place in a home; 19% on a street, 11% in a parking lot.

Assault

There was an average of 31 assaults reported each day in Alabama in 2004. These assaults are attacks on a person with the purpose of inflicting severe bodily injury. 72% of victims were assaulted by people they knew – friends, acquaintances, family members, or boyfriend/girlfriend. 60% of these assaults occurred at a home and 19% occurred on a street.

Burglary (unlawful entry of a building to commit a felony or theft)

62% of burglaries occurred at a home, most of them during the day. The remaining 38% occurred at businesses—most of these during the night.

Larceny (the stealing of property without the use of force)

66% of larcenies involved stealing items from the victim's car or home. The value of total property stolen in larcenies was over \$92 million.

Motor Vehicle Theft

Over \$84 million worth of motor vehicles were stolen in Alabama in 2004 – 54% of these occurred at the home of the victim.

Arson

Over 52% of arson fires were set to burn down the homes of citizens of Alabama. Almost 10% were set to burn down offices, restaurants, churches, schools and hospitals. 27% were set to burn motor vehicles.

*All information compiled from 2004 Crime in Alabama, Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center