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ABOUT 1 IN 5 VIOLENT CRIME VICTIMS EXPERIENCED REPEAT VIOLENCE

WASHINGTON — During the period from 2005 to 2014, an average of 3.2 million persons age 12 or older experienced one or more nonfatal violent victimizations each year, the Bureau of Justice Statistics announced today. About 1 in 5 of these victims (19 percent) experienced repeat victimization, defined as two or more violent victimizations during the year.

Repeat victims accounted for a disproportionate percentage of all violent victimizations that occurred each year. In 2014, the 19 percent of violent crime victims who experienced repeat victimization accounted for 50 percent of all violent victimizations.

The concentration of victimizations was more pronounced among victims who experienced six or more violent crimes during the year. In 2014, five percent of victims experienced six or more violent victimizations and accounted for more than a quarter (27 percent) of total violent victimizations that year.

During 2005-14, victims of intimate partner violence (IPV) experienced a greater percentage of repeat violent victimization (33 percent) than victims of violence committed by a well-known or casual acquaintance (26 percent), relative (25 percent) or stranger (17 percent). A greater percentage of rape or sexual assault victims (31 percent) experienced repeat violent victimization than victims of robbery (19 percent), aggravated assault (21 percent) or simple assault (23 percent).

Findings are from BJS's National Crime Victimization Survey, which collects data on violent victimizations, including rape and sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault, both reported and not reported to police.

The report, *Repeat Violent Victimization, 2005-14* (NCJ 250567) describes the characteristics of victims of repeated violent crime and the types of violence they experienced during the year. It was written by BJS statisticians Barbara A. Oudekerk and Jennifer L. Truman. The report, related documents and additional information about BJS's statistical publications and programs can be found on the BJS website at www.bjs.gov.

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