

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- Methodological issues worth noting:
  - Throughout the report, a violent incident “includes any time when a household member may have been intentionally, hit, slapped, pushed, or kicked by someone, or had a weapon used against them, or was otherwise hurt by another person.” This included being hurt by other household members as well as by people from outside the household.
  - The information that was reported on violent incidents was collected from a small number of households. As a result, the 95% confidence intervals for the population estimates in this report tend to be wide.
  - The information presented here describes households where violence occurred and incidents of violence. It does not describe persons who were victims of violence.
- Overall, 9.1% of all households surveyed (an estimated 58,700 Utah households) reported at least one incident of violence in the previous 12 months. In those households, there was a median of three violent incidents in the last year.
- In 46% of violent incidents a person was injured, defined as “...a bruise, broken bone or tooth, a cut or a scrape.”
- Violent incidents most often involved a perpetrator and victim who were age 18 or over (40.4%) or a perpetrator and victim who were under age 18 (see table below).

	Perpetrator Was a Child, Age 12 or Under	Perpetrator Was an Adolescent, Age 13 to 17	Perpetrator Was an Adult, Age 18 or Over
Victim was 17 or Under	31%	18%	9%
Victim was 18 or Over	1%	1%	40%

- Estimates from the survey indicate that approximately 701,700<sup>1</sup> incidents of interpersonal violence occurred in Utah in 1996. The 95% confidence interval for this estimate is 263,200 to 1,140,200 violent incidents.
- Households that were more likely to have had at least one violent incident were:
  - Households at or below the Federal Poverty Level (28% of such households),
  - Households where the occupants were renting (14% of such households),

<sup>1</sup> This estimate was based on the number of incidents reported by respondents. Nearly 11% of those respondents indicated that members of their household had experienced 97 or more incidents of violence during the previous year. For those households, a value of 97 was used to estimate the total number of incidents and the 95% confidence interval for the total number of incidents.

- Households with more members,
  - Households with children,
  - Households that include members whose self-reported health was fair or poor (14%).
- Of all violent incidents, 57% were perpetrated on children age 17 or under. Of those violent incidents involving victims who were children,
    - Almost all (97%) victims knew the perpetrator,
    - Most perpetrators were age 17 or under (84%),
    - Most victims (74%) were male,
    - Most incidents happened at the victims home, yard, or property (53%),
    - About a third of the incidents (34%) were reported to have resulted in an injury, and
    - One-third of the incidents (33%) were reported to the police or other authorities.
  - 43% of all violent incidents were perpetrated on adults (age 18 or over). Of those incidents,
    - About half (45%) were perpetrated by another household member, and three-quarters (74%) of the time the victim knew the perpetrator,
    - Nearly all incidents (95%) were perpetrated by another adult,
    - The victims were about equally likely to be male or female (46% and 54%, respectively),
    - Most of the incidents happened away from the victims house, yard, or property (60%),
    - About two-thirds of the incidents (63%) were reported to have resulted in an injury, and
    - Almost half the incidents (45%) were reported to the police or other authorities.
  - In 62% of all violent incidents, the victim was male. Of those incidents,
    - 39% were perpetrated by another household member,
    - Most (62%) incidents were perpetrated by a child, age 17 or under,
    - Most (69%) were perpetrated on a child, age 17 or under,
    - About half (45%) occurred at the victims home (house, yard, or property),
    - About half (43%) the incidents resulted in injury, and
    - About half (44%) were reported to the police or other authorities.
  - In 38% of all violent incidents, the victim was female. Of those incidents involving female victims,
    - 60% were perpetrated by another household member,
    - Most (68%) incidents were perpetrated by an adult, age 18 or over,
    - Most (61%) were perpetrated on an adult, age 18 or over,
    - Half (50%) of these violent incidents occurred at home (house, yard, or property),
    - About half (51%) resulted in injury, and
    - Less than a third (30%) of the violent incidents were reported to the police or other authorities.
  - 62% of reported violent incidents were not reported to the police or other authorities. Of those incidents that were not reported,
    - Almost all (97%) violent incidents were perpetrated by a person known to the victim,
    - Most perpetrators were under age 18 (57%),
    - Most (62%) victims were children age 17 or under,
    - Most victims were male (57%),
    - About half (55%) these incidents occurred away from the victims home,
    - Injury was a result of these incidents about half the time (47%), and
    - Injured victims were rarely examined by a doctor.