



## Stalking Victimization: Comparisons between Alaska and U.S. Data

This research overview presents information on stalking victimization in the United States. Alaska-specific data include Alaska State Trooper cases from 1994–2005 as published in the *Alaska Justice Forum* in 2007. Nationwide data are from the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) 2009 “Special Report on National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), Stalking Victimization in the United States”; the survey was conducted in 2006. It is important to note that Alaska does not yet have stalking victimization estimates. This research overview looks at data that are currently available for Alaska and notes contrasts and similarities with nationwide data. Only adult cases were considered for this purpose.

It is also important to emphasize that Alaska data are only from stalking victimizations that were reported to law enforcement. By comparison, the national NCVS data are from all stalking victimizations, those reported to law enforcement and those not reported to law enforcement. Finally, it is important to emphasize that the Alaska data are only from stalking victimizations reported to Alaska State Troopers (the data do not include victimizations reported to municipal or other law enforcement agencies in Alaska).

### Gender of Victim and Offender

- Alaska data show that 89% of stalking victims were female and 11% were male while 88% of offenders were male and 9% were female. In comparison, NCVS data show that nationally 74% of stalking victims were female and 26% male (Table 1).

**Table 1. Gender of Victims and Offenders**

Column percentages

	Victims		Offenders	
	Alaska	U.S.	Alaska	U.S.
Male	10.6 %	26.0 %	88.0 %	60.2 %
Female	89.4	74.0	9.3	28.4
Don't know	—	—	2.8	11.3

Note: Percentages exceed 100% due to rounding errors.

- In Alaska, nearly 90% of female stalking victims and 74% of male stalking victims were victimized by male offenders. According to the NCVS, nationally, 67% of female victims and 41% of male victims were victimized by male offenders (Table 2).

**Table 2. Gender of Stalking Offender, by Victim Gender**

Column percentages except where noted.

Offender gender	Victim gender					
	Alaska			U.S.		
	Male	Female	All offenders	Male	Female	All offenders
Male	73.9 %	89.6 %	<b>88.0 %</b>	41.3 %	66.9 %	<b>60.3 %</b>
Female	26.1	7.3	<b>9.3</b>	42.5	23.5	<b>28.4</b>
Don't know	0.0	3.1	<b>2.8</b>	16.1	9.6	<b>11.3</b>
<b>All victims</b>	<b>10.7 %</b>	<b>89.4 %</b>		<b>25.96 %</b>	<b>74.02 %</b>	
	(row percentages)			(row percentages)		

Note: Percentages may not total to 100% due to rounding.

Age of Victim and Offender

- In Alaska, the most common age group for both stalking victims (39%) and offenders (34%) was 30–39 years. NCVS data show that nationally, the most common age group for stalking victims (28%) was 21–29 years while the most common age of offenders (22%) was 30–39 year-olds (Table 3).

**Table 3. Ages of Victims and Offenders**  
Column percentages.

	Victims		Offenders	
	Alaska	U.S.	Alaska	U.S.
18-20	9.4 %	9.3 %	4.4 %	7.3 %
21-29	20.4	27.7	20.4	21.7
30-39	39.2	22.2	33.7	22.3
40-49	23.8	21.2	30.4	18.7
50 and older	7.2	19.5	11.0	15.7
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3

- NCVS data show that stalking victims are most likely to be victimized by an offender in their own age group (Table 4).
- Victims in Alaska, similarly to victims nationwide, are most likely to be victimized by offenders in the same age group. However, in Alaska, victims aged 50 years and older are most likely to be victimized by an offender in the 30–39 year-old age group (Table 4).

**Table 4. Age of Stalking Offender, by Victim Age**  
Column percentages except where noted.

Offender age	Victim age					All offenders
	18-20	21-29	30-39	40-49	50 or older	
<b>Alaska</b>						
18-20	<b>41.2 %</b>	2.7 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	<b>4.4 %</b>
21-29	29.4	<b>40.5</b>	18.3	9.3	0.0	<b>20.4</b>
30-39	17.6	32.4	<b>42.3</b>	18.6	61.5	<b>33.7</b>
40-49	5.9	18.9	29.6	<b>53.5</b>	23.1	<b>30.4</b>
50 or older	5.9	5.4	9.9	18.6	<b>15.4</b>	<b>11.0</b>
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>
<b>All victims</b>	<b>9.4 %</b>	<b>20.4 %</b>	<b>39.2 %</b>	<b>23.8 %</b>	<b>7.2 %</b>	
	(row percentages)					
<b>United States</b>						
18-20	<b>46.7</b>	5.7	2.3	3.0	1.0	<b>7.3</b>
21-29	26.2	<b>48.5</b>	14.1	9.0	3.9	<b>21.7</b>
30-39	5.7	23.2	<b>38.3</b>	17.1	16.6	<b>22.3</b>
40-49	7.5	7.8	21.2	<b>34.9</b>	19.1	<b>18.7</b>
50 or older	2.7	5.9	10.1	22.1	<b>35.3</b>	<b>15.7</b>
Unknown	11.2	8.9	14.2	14.0	24.1	<b>14.3</b>
<b>All victims</b>	<b>9.3 %</b>	<b>27.7 %</b>	<b>22.2 %</b>	<b>21.2 %</b>	<b>19.5 %</b>	
	(row percentages)					

**Race of Victim and Offender**

- Overall, nearly 86% of all Alaska victims were White and 13% were Alaska Native/American Indian. NCVS data show that nationally 84% of stalking victims were White (Table 5).
- Offenders in the Alaska cases were most likely to be White (79%) or Alaska Native (20%). Nationally, offenders were most likely to be White (73%) or Black (12%) in stalking cases (Table 5).

**Table 5. Race of Victims and Offenders**  
Column percentages

	Victims		Offenders	
	Alaska	U.S.	Alaska	U.S.
White	86.0 %	84.1 %	78.7 %	73.3 %
Black	1.0	10.7	1.0	12.2
Alaska Native/American Indian	12.6	—	20.3	—
Some other race	0.5	5.2	—	9.2
Unknown	—	—	—	5.2

*Note:* Due to rounding errors, percentages may not total 100.  
— Alaska data identified Alaska Native as an individual category. NCVS data includes "Alaska Native/American Indian" data with "Some other race."

- Alaska stalking victims are more commonly stalked by offenders of the same race. NCVS data show that, like in Alaska, Whites are more likely to be victimized by White offenders and Blacks are more likely to be victimized by Black offenders (Table 6).
- NCVS data show that victims of other races were most commonly victimized by White (45%) offenders (Table 6).

**Table 6. Race of Stalking Offender, by Victim Race**  
Column percentages except where noted.

Offender race	Victim race									
	Alaska					U.S.				
	White	Black	Native	Other	All offenders	White	Black	Other	All offenders	
White	<b>88.2 %</b>	0.0 %	19.2 %	100.0 %	<b>78.7 %</b>	82.8 %	12.5 %	45.4 %	<b>73.3 %</b>	
Black	0.0	<b>100.0</b>	0.0	0.0	<b>1.0</b>	5.2	65.6	16.0	<b>12.2</b>	
Alaska Native/American Indian	11.8	2.0	<b>80.8</b>	0.0	<b>20.3</b>	—	—	—	—	
Some other race	—	—	—	—	—	7.6	11.8	29.8	<b>9.2</b>	
Unknown	—	—	—	—	—	4.3	10.1	8.8	<b>5.2</b>	
<b>All victims</b>	<b>86.0 %</b>	<b>1.0 %</b>	<b>12.6 %</b>	<b>0.5 %</b>		<b>84.1 %</b>	<b>10.71 %</b>	<b>5.22 %</b>		
	(row percentages)					(row percentages)				

*Note:* Percentages may not total to 100% due to rounding.  
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**Victim-Offender Relationship**

- Alaska stalking victims most commonly were victimized by ex-boy/girlfriends (30%), acquaintances (29%), and current spouses (16%). NCVS data show that nationally most stalking victimization was committed by an acquaintance (20%), friend (16%), or ex-boy/girlfriend (13%) (Table 7).
- In Alaska, 8% of stalking victims had unknown relationships with the offender. Nationwide, 10% of victims had unknown relationships with their offenders.

**Stalking Behaviors**

- Alaska stalking victims were most likely to be stalked by offenders showing up at places and/or waiting for the victim (64%), receiving unwanted phone calls and text messages (51%), and/or by being followed or spied upon (Table 8).
- NCVS data show that the most common types of stalking behaviors were unwanted phone calls and text messages (66%), spreading rumors (36%), and following or spying upon victims (34%) (Table 8).

**Table 7. Relationship Between Victims and Offenders**

	Alaska	U.S.
Stranger	7.5 %	9.7 %
Current spouse	15.5	5.6
Ex-spouse	6.5	8.4
Current boy/girlfriend	2.5	3.2
Ex-boy/girlfriend	29.5	13.1
Other family	3.5	9.0
Friend	6.5	16.4
Acquaintance	28.5	19.7

Note: Fifteen percent of NCVS data represent unknown relationships between the victim and offender.

**Table 8. Nature of Stalking Behaviors Experienced by Victims**

	Alaska	U.S.
Unwanted phone calls and text messages	50.5 %	66.2 %
Unwanted letters and email	16.7	30.6
Spreading rumors	2.7	35.7
Following or spying	39.6	34.3
Showing up at places	64.0	31.1
Waiting for victim	64.0	29.0
Leaving unwanted presents	9.9	12.2

Note: "Showing up at places" and "Waiting for victim" were combined for Alaska due to data detail limitations. Percentages may total more than 100% because multiple behaviors may have been reported.

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