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BJS RELEASES SEASONAL PATTERNS IN CRIMINAL VICTIMIZATION TRENDS

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Statistics has released *Seasonal Patterns in Criminal Victimization Trends*, which uses data from the National Crime Victimization Survey to examine the seasonal patterns in violent and property crime victimization in the United States from 1993 to 2010.

Seasonal patterns are periodic fluctuations in the victimization rates that tend to occur at the same time each year. The report describes seasonal patterns in property crime (burglary, motor vehicle theft, and other household theft) and violent victimization (rape and sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault). It also presents seasonal trends in other forms of violence, including intimate partner violence, victimizations involving a weapon, and those resulting in injury.

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