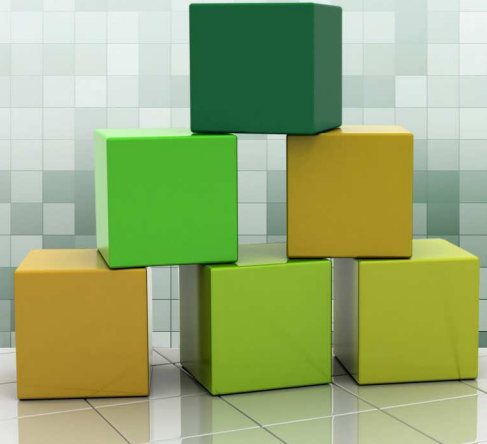




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## Violent Victimization of Children and Youth Highest Among 15 to 17 Year Olds

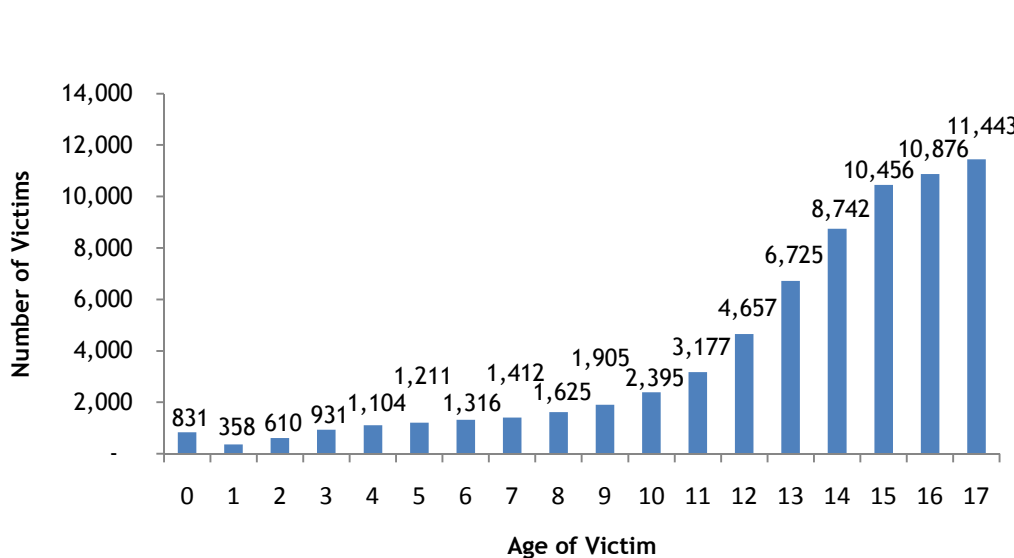
Violent offences, as defined in the Incident-based Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR2) Survey, include, among other offences, homicide, sexual assault, assault, and criminal harassment.

As can be seen in the figure below, in 2011, with the exception of a higher number of victims under one year of age, as the age of the victim increased, the number of victims of violent crime also increased. In fact, the rate of violent victimization was higher among youth aged 15 to 17 than among younger youth, as well as those between 18 and 24 years old. The rate of

violent victimization among youth aged 15 to 17 was 2,584 per 100,000 in 2011, while the rate of violent victimization among youth 14 and under was 661 per 100,000. The rate of violent victimization among youth 15 to 17 was higher than among young adults aged 18 to 24 (2,439 per 100,000).

These data indicate that violent victimization appears to increase as children and youth become older and that older youth are among the most vulnerable populations for experiencing violent victimization.

**Figure:** Number of victims of police-reported violent crime by age of victim, 2011



Source: Incident-based Uniform Crime Reporting Survey 2011

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