

Table 7
ASSAULT CRIMES, 2000-2005
 By Type of Assault and Type of Weapon Used

Type of assault and weapon used	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005 ^a		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	2000- 2005	2004- 2005								
Total.....	385,473		385,919		387,053		387,033		378,502		368,037		-4.5	-2.8
Aggravated assault.....	138,390	100.0	135,128	100.0	130,615	100.0	128,674	100.0	123,867	100.0	114,321	100.0	-17.4	-7.7
Firearm.....	20,987	15.2	21,545	15.9	22,916	17.5	22,311	17.3	22,237	18.0	23,266	20.4	10.9	4.6
Knife or cutting instrument.....	18,229	13.2	18,295	13.5	17,983	13.8	18,065	14.0	18,608	15.0	18,677	16.3	2.5	0.4
Other dangerous weapon.....	43,606	31.5	44,028	32.6	42,845	32.8	42,699	33.2	41,699	33.7	41,761	36.5	-4.2	0.1
Personal weapon ²	55,568	40.2	51,260	37.9	46,871	35.9	45,599	35.4	41,323	33.4	30,617	26.8	-44.9	-25.9
Non-aggravated assault	247,083		250,791		256,438		258,359		254,635		253,716		2.7	-0.4

Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

^a Prior to 2005, the Los Angeles Police Department had included child abuse and domestic violence simple assaults in their aggravated assault statistics. This change may have contributed to the large decrease in

aggravated assaults from 2004 to 2005.

Hands, feet, etc.

² Assaults which do not involve the use of a firearm, knife, cutting instrument, or other dangerous weapon and in which there are no serious or aggravated injuries to the victims. Non-aggravated (simple) assaults are not

included in the violent crime count. This category is shown here as a means of quality control and for the purpose of looking at total assault violence.