

Characteristics of Victims

There were 51 victims in the dataset. Table 2 presents information on their demographics and victimizations.

Table 2. Victim Characteristics

Characteristics	Number of Victims	Percent of Total
Average Age	68.21	
Gender		
Male	23	45.10%
Female	26	50.98%
Missing	2	3.92%
Race		
White -Non-Hispanic	48	94.11%
All Other	3	5.8%
Offenses⁴		
Fraud Offenses	25	37.37%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	12	17.91%
Assaults	9	13.43%
Counterfeiting	8	11.94%
All Other Offenses⁵	13	19.40%

Victims ranged in age from 18 to 93, however, 56.86% were over the age of 70. Crimes of violence were committed against all age groups except those over 90. Younger victims were more likely to be victims of a crime of violence only and not fraud or other property offenses.

The crimes against these victims were prosecuted under the vulnerable adult statutes, and by definition these victims need some form of assistance in their daily lives (i.e., a “vulnerable victim”). As such, within the routine activities theory criteria, the first prong constituting a “suitable victim” is met. However, the nature of the disabilities these victims experience and how the disabilities impacted their victimization is unknown.⁶

⁴ A victim may be a victim of more than one offense. Numbers will not add up to total number of victims.

⁵ Includes NIBRS offense categories: Sex Offenses, Destruction of Property, Narcotics Offenses, Robbery, and Kidnapping.

⁶ Victims Compensation Program data was received relating to the disability status of claimants. However, the data do not capture whether the disability was a result of the crime, but that the person asserts disability at the time of the claim.