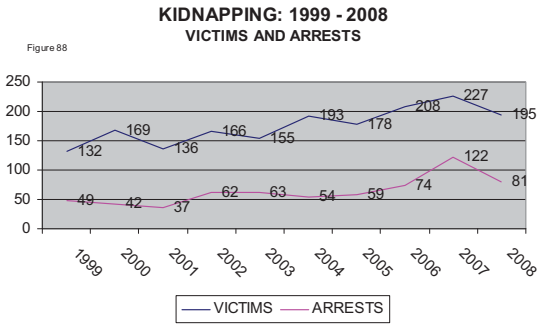
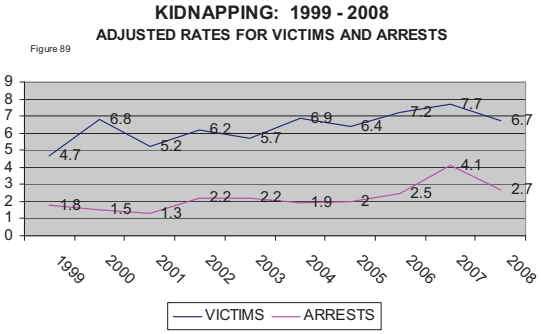
KIDNAPPING

"The unlawful transportation, and/or detention of a person against his/her will, or of a minor without the consent of his/her custodial parent(s) or legal guardian."

2008 KIDNAPPING	
Number of Victims	195
Rate per 100,000	6.7
Percent Decrease	-13.0%
Number of Incidents	168





Kidnapping offense rates decreased 13.0% from 2007. Despite the recent decrease, kidnapping rates have increased 63.8% over the last decade. Offender arrest rates recorded a decade high in 2007, but decreased 34% in 2008. Despite the decrease arrest rates still recorded the second highest figure for the decade.

VICTIMS

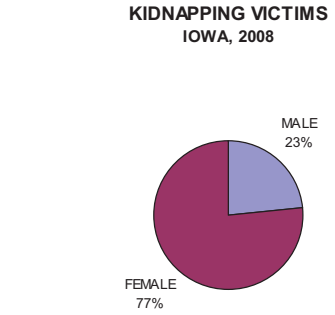


Figure 90

In 2008, White females (116) recorded the highest number of victims for the crime of kidnapping accounting for 59% of the total victims. Four victims were reportedly of Hispanic ethnicity. Females accounted for 77% of the reported victims. There were seven victims whose race was recorded as unknown. Among the recorded victims it was reported that 65 received injuries due to the offense. Fifty-three victims reported minor injuries, 5 reported receiving major injuries, 2 reported broken bones, 2 reported possible internal injuries, 2 received severe lacerations and 1 reported a loss of teeth.

Table 36 **2008 KIDNAPPING VICTIMS BY RACE AND AGE GROUP**

	FEMALE					MALE			UNK	TOTAL
	ASIAN	AFRICAN AMER	NATIVE AMER	UNK	WHITE	AFRICAN AMER	UNK	WHITE	NATIVE AMER	
0 - 6		3	1		3	1		3	1	12
7 - 12				1	6	1		4		12
13 - 17		1		2	14	1		3		21
18 - 20	1	3	1	1	19			4		29
21 - 29		10			31	2		14		57
30 - 39		4		1	26	1		5		37
40 - 49		2			9			2		13
50 - OVR		1			8	1		2		12
UNK		1					1			2
TOTAL	1	25	2	5	116	7	1	37	1	195

OFFENDERS

Males accounted for 94% of the persons arrested for Kidnapping in 2008. Among those offenders the most recorded category was White males adults (43) followed by African American males (31). There were only five recorded female arrestees; 80% of which were White females.

KIDNAPPING ARRESTS
IOWA, 2008

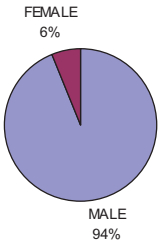


Figure 91

Table 37	2008 ARRESTS FOR KIDNAPPING BY AGE GROUP AND RACE							
	FEMALE		MALE					TOTAL
AGE GROUP	AFRICAN AMER.	WHITE	ASIAN	AFRICAN AMER.	NATIVE AMER.	UNK	WHITE	
12 & UNDER								0
13 - 17	1	1		3			3	8
18 - 20		2		3			6	11
21 -29			1	13	1	1	13	29
30 - 39			1	8			12	21
40 - 49		1		3			4	8
50 & OVER				1			5	6
TOTAL	1	4	2	31	1	1	43	83

WEAPONS USED IN KIDNAPPING
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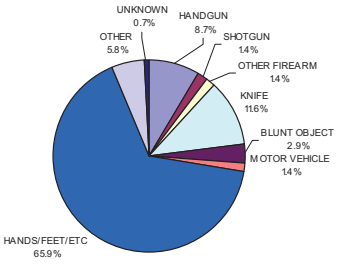

Figure 92

During the commission of the crime, personal weapons such as hands and feet were used 66% of the time. A knife was used in 12% of the crimes. No weapon was reported as having been used in 30 of the incidents.

RELATIONSHIPS

The offender was somehow known to the victim in 53.8% of the offenses. Boyfriend or Girlfriend relationships accounted for 17.4% of the reported victim/offender relationships. Sixty-two of the relationships (31.8%) were reported as being unknown.

Table 38	RELATIONSHIP OF KIDNAPPING VICTIMS TO OFFENDERS		
WITHIN FAMILY	**22**	**KNOWN TO VICTIM**	**83**
Child	7	Acquaintance	28
Parent	3	Boy/Girl Friend	34
Spouse	8	Friend	3
Stepsibling	2	Neighbor	2
Other Family	2	Ex-Spouse	4
STRANGER	**28**	Otherwise Known	12
UNKNOWN	**62**		

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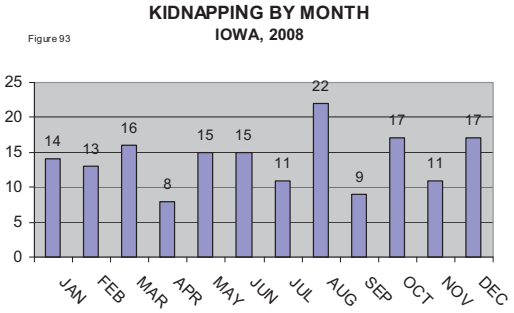

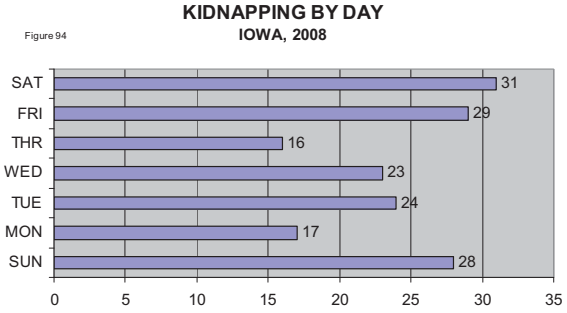

Kidnapping incidents were most reported in the month of August (22 offenses). April (8) was the least reporting month followed by September (9). Saturday (31) was the day of the week that recorded the most incidents followed by Friday (29). The least number of offenses were reported on Thursday (16). Similarly to the other offenses, midnight (16) recorded the most incidents; however, the difference in number of reports was not as significant.

KIDNAPPING BY HOUR
Table 39 IOWA, 2008

Midnight	16	Noon	5
1:00	6	1:00	4
2:00	12	2:00	5
3:00	7	3:00	11
4:00	7	4:00	7
5:00	4	5:00	1
6:00	1	6:00	2
7:00	1	7:00	4
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9:00	7	9:00	14
10:00	2	10:00	13
11:00	7	11:00	10

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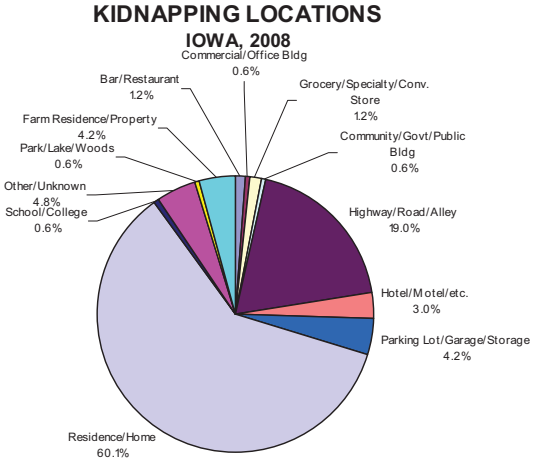

Figure 95

In 2008, Kidnapping occurred most frequently from someone's residence or home accounting for 60.1% of the offenses. The second most common offense location was the roadway or highway, accounting for 19.0%.