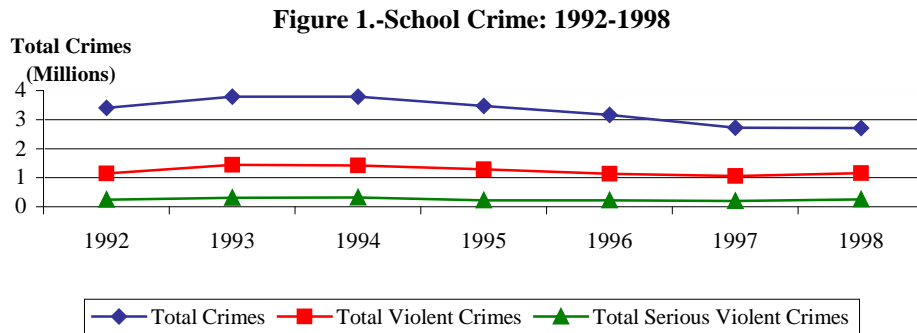


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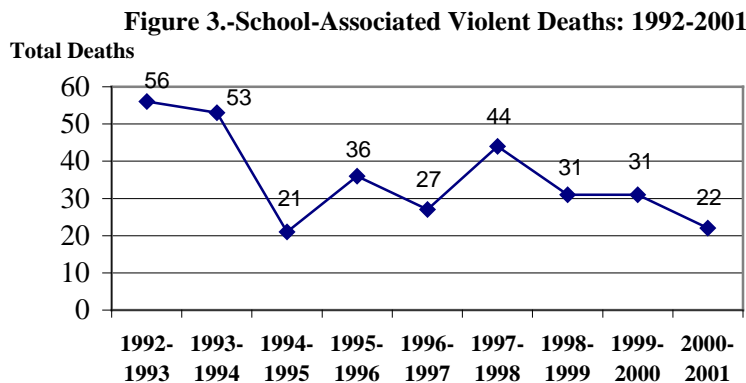
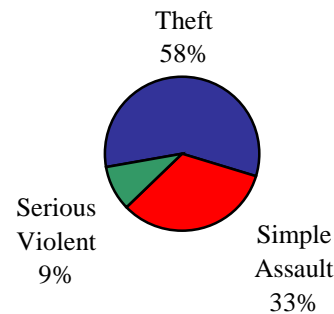
School Crime Statistics

Although statistics indicate a decrease in school crime since 1993-1994, more than 2.7 million school crimes were committed in 1998 (Figure 1).



A vast majority of school-related crimes were theft and simple assault. However, nine percent of school crimes—more than a quarter of a million—were serious violent crimes including murder, rape, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault (Figure 2).

Figure 2.- 1998 School-Related Crimes



Despite widespread media coverage, school-related violent deaths are rare events that have declined annually since 1997-1998 (Figure 3).

Sources: Figures 1 and 2 are from the US Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Indicators of School Crime and Safety 2000, October 2000. Figure 3 is from the National School Safety Center, School Associated Violent Deaths Report.