

Table 102. Personal and property crimes, 2008:

Percent of reasons for not reporting victimizations to the police, by type of crime

Type of crime	Number of reasons for not reporting	Percent of reasons for not reporting											
		Total	Reported to another official	Private or personal matter	Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	Not important enough	Insurance would not cover	Not aware crime occurred until later	Unable to recover or identify property	Lack of proof	Police would not want to be bothered	Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	Fear of reprisal
All personal crimes	2,873,730	100 %	17.0	18.7	16.1	4.5	0.0 *	0.7	0.3	2.2	9.2	3.5	7.0
Crimes of violence	2,807,200	100 %	17.4	18.9	15.8	4.5	0.0 *	0.4	0.2	2.2	9.2	3.6	7.2
Completed violence	640,610	100 %	18.0	19.2	7.9	1.8 *	0.0 *	1.2	0.4	2.1	12.0	7.1	12.2
Attempted/threatened violence	2,166,590	100 %	17.2	18.8	18.1	5.2	0.0 *	0.2	0.1	2.2	8.4	2.5	5.8
Rape/sexual assault ^a	142,380	100 %	19.5 *	22.4 *	15.8 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0	0.0	2.3	2.4	4.2	11.3
Robbery	294,130	100 %	10.9 *	5.1 *	9.8 *	1.5 *	0.0 *	0.0	0.9	5.8	15.7	10.1	9.9
Completed/property taken	147,630	100 %	19.5 *	3.8 *	5.1 *	2.9 *	0.0 *	0.0	1.7	4.3	17.5	7.6	15.2
With injury	47,260	100 %	21.1 *	4.2 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.2	15.7	9.5
Without injury	100,380	100 %	18.8 *	3.6 *	7.5 *	4.3 *	0.0 *	0.0	2.5	6.4	15.2	3.7	17.9
Attempted to take property	146,500	100 %	2.2 *	6.5 *	14.6 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0	0.0	7.2	14.0	12.7	4.6
With injury	52,870	100 %	0.0 *	9.2 *	11.2 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	7.2	6.1
Without injury	93,630	100 %	3.4 *	4.9 *	16.4 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.9	15.8	3.8
Assault	2,370,690	100 %	18.1	20.4	16.5	5.1	0.0 *	0.5	0.1	1.7	8.8	2.7	6.6
Aggravated	303,620	100 %	11.4 *	25.8	15.8	4.7 *	0.0 *	0.0	0.0	1.3	3.3	5.2	5.9
Simple	2,067,070	100 %	19.1	19.6	16.6	5.2	0.0 *	0.6	0.1	1.8	9.6	2.4	6.7
Purse snatching/pocket picking	66,520	100 %	0.0 *	9.1 *	32.6 *	4.7 *	0.0 *	12.4	5.0	5.8	10.7	0.0	0.0
All property crimes	11,480,720	100 %	6.8	5.4	24.8	3.5	2.2	6.0	5.7	9.2	17.2	4.9	1.0
Household burglary	1,613,070	100 %	4.9	5.8	20.6	3.8	1.9 *	9.5	4.3	7.9	16.8	7.0	2.6
Completed	1,305,110	100 %	3.2	6.1	18.3	2.4 *	2.3 *	10.7	5.3	9.3	17.3	8.1	2.3
Forcible entry	371,570	100 %	4.5 *	2.5 *	16.3	0.0 *	4.3 *	12.7	5.4	7.3	17.9	13.1	2.3
Unlawful entry without force	933,550	100 %	2.8 *	7.6	19.2	3.3 *	1.5 *	9.9	5.3	10.1	17.1	6.1	2.3
Attempted forcible entry	307,960	100 %	11.9 *	4.2 *	30.1	9.9 *	0.0 *	4.5	0.0	1.9	14.5	2.7	3.8
Motor vehicle theft	188,470	100 %	1.1 *	16.0 *	17.7 *	3.1 *	3.3 *	5.9	2.6	16.3	8.7	5.4	0.0
Completed	62,440	100 %	0.0 *	30.5 *	12.5 *	4.3 *	4.8 *	4.3	4.6	4.8	9.6	5.8	0.0
Attempted	126,020	100 %	1.6 *	8.8 *	20.2 *	2.4 *	2.5 *	6.7	1.6	22.1	8.3	5.2	0.0
Theft	9,679,190	100 %	7.2	5.1	25.6	3.5	2.3	5.4	5.9	9.3	17.4	4.6	0.7
Completed	9,264,420	100 %	7.3	5.1	25.0	3.6	2.3	5.5	6.1	9.4	17.7	4.5	0.7
Attempted	414,770	100 %	5.0 *	5.8 *	38.8	2.4 *	1.6 *	3.6	3.2	7.9	10.6	6.7	0.7

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding and because some respondents cited more than one reason for not reporting victimizations to the police.

*Estimate is based on 10 or fewer sample cases.

^aIncludes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.