

Table 3.34.2004

**Estimated percent distribution of reasons for reporting personal and property victimizations to police**

By type of crime, United States, 2004<sup>a</sup>

Reasons for reporting to police	Personal crimes				Property crimes			
	Total <sup>b</sup>	Crimes of violence		Assault	Total	Household burglary	Motor vehicle theft	Theft
		Total <sup>c</sup>	Robbery					
Number of reasons for reporting victimizations <sup>d</sup>	2,251,370	2,165,880	397,650	1,676,230	8,675,030	2,574,250	1,073,240	5,027,540
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Stop or prevent this incident	18.5	19.0	15.3	20.2	7.5	9.7	5.8	6.8
Needed help due to injury	1.0 <sup>e</sup>	1.1 <sup>e</sup>	0.0 <sup>e</sup>	1.3 <sup>e</sup>	0.1 <sup>e</sup>	0.2 <sup>e</sup>	0.2 <sup>e</sup>	0.1 <sup>e</sup>
To recover property	4.3	3.4	13.2	1.3 <sup>e</sup>	23.2	19.4	36.0	22.5
To collect insurance	0.3 <sup>e</sup>	0.3 <sup>e</sup>	0.0 <sup>e</sup>	0.4 <sup>e</sup>	4.1	3.3	7.5	3.8
To prevent further crimes by offender against victim	17.7	18.1	8.2	21.0	8.8	11.0	6.0	8.3
To prevent crime by offender against anyone	10.9	11.2	15.8	9.9	6.0	7.2	3.7	5.9
To punish offender	7.2	7.4	12.0	6.2	4.5	5.0	4.3	4.2
To catch or find offender	4.9	4.9	3.5 <sup>e</sup>	5.2	7.0	7.4	8.0	6.6
To improve police surveillance	3.2	3.3	6.3 <sup>e</sup>	2.2	6.3	8.7	5.3	5.3
Duty to notify police	4.8	4.6	8.4	3.7	6.4	6.4	5.3	6.6
Because it was a crime	20.4	20.1	14.8	21.2	22.6	20.1	15.8	25.3
Some other reason	5.6	5.4	1.3 <sup>e</sup>	6.2	2.3	1.1 <sup>e</sup>	0.9 <sup>e</sup>	3.1
Not available	1.2 <sup>e</sup>	1.2 <sup>e</sup>	1.3 <sup>e</sup>	1.3 <sup>e</sup>	1.2	0.5 <sup>e</sup>	1.1 <sup>e</sup>	1.6

Note: See Note, table 3.1.2004. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 8.

<sup>a</sup>Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup>Includes crimes of violence and purse snatching/pocket picking not listed separately.

<sup>c</sup>Includes rape and sexual assault not listed separately.

<sup>d</sup>Some respondents may have cited more than one reason for reporting victimizations to the police.

<sup>e</sup>Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Criminal Victimization in the United States, 2004 Statistical Tables*, NCJ 213257, Table 101 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cvus04.pdf> [Aug. 7, 2006]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.