

Table 3.34.2005

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

By type of crime, United States, 2005^a

Reasons for reporting to police	Personal crimes				Property crimes			
	Total ^b	Crimes of violence			Total	Household burglary	Motor vehicle theft	Theft
		Total ^c	Robbery	Assault				
Number of reasons for reporting victimizations ^d	2,399,330	2,292,200	381,620	1,821,840	9,314,820	2,897,810	1,080,350	5,336,660
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Stop or prevent this incident	19.7	20.1	7.9 ^e	22.9	9.0	12.4	5.7	7.8
Needed help due to injury	2.3	2.4	0.8 ^e	2.7	0.3 ^e	0.2 ^e	0.5 ^e	0.3 ^e
To recover property	3.5	2.6	12.6	0.4 ^e	21.8	17.9	34.1	21.4
To collect insurance	0.0 ^e	0.0 ^e	0.0 ^e	0.0 ^e	4.4	3.5	8.4	4.2
To prevent further crimes by offender against victim	19.4	19.6	11.8	21.4	10.6	14.3	7.1	9.4
To prevent crime by offender against anyone	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.1	6.7	7.2	5.0	6.7
To punish offender	7.7	8.1	6.0 ^e	8.5	4.5	5.0	4.6	4.2
To catch or find offender	7.1	7.4	14.1	6.1	7.6	9.1	8.5	6.7
To improve police surveillance	3.0	3.1	2.7 ^e	3.4	7.2	7.9	7.1	6.8
Duty to notify police	6.2	6.2	6.0 ^e	6.2	6.6	6.2	6.3	6.8
Because it was a crime	15.3	15.1	23.4	13.3	17.0	12.7	10.6	20.6
Some other reason	3.7	3.3	2.4 ^e	3.5	2.7	2.3	0.6 ^e	3.2
Not available	1.7	1.6 ^e	2.1 ^e	1.6 ^e	1.7	1.2 ^e	1.4 ^e	2.0

Note: See Note, table 3.1.2005. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 8.

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.

^bIncludes crimes of violence and purse snatching/pocket picking not listed separately.

^cIncludes rape and sexual assault not listed separately.

^dSome respondents may have cited more than one reason for reporting victimizations to the police.

^eEstimate 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, 2005 Statistical Tables*, NCJ 215244, Table 101 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cvus05.pdf> [May 30, 2007]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.