

Table 3.35

**Estimated percent distribution of reasons for not reporting personal and property victimizations to police**By type of crime, United States, 2002<sup>a</sup>

Reasons for not reporting to police	Personal crimes				Property crimes			
	Total <sup>b</sup>	Crimes of violence			Total	Household burglary	Motor vehicle theft	Theft
		Total <sup>c</sup>	Robbery	Assault				
Number of reasons for not reporting victimizations <sup>d</sup>	3,200,150	3,105,890	196,020	2,776,190	12,958,170	1,685,780	152,140	11,120,240
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Reported to another official	17.0	17.1	9.0 <sup>e</sup>	18.4	9.7	3.9	9.9 <sup>e</sup>	10.6
Private or personal matter	21.2	21.7	6.9 <sup>e</sup>	23.4	5.2	4.9	6.2 <sup>e</sup>	5.2
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	15.7	15.8	10.7 <sup>e</sup>	16.5	25.7	21.0	32.0	26.3
Not important enough	4.9	5.1	5.5 <sup>e</sup>	5.1	3.4	3.2	1.4 <sup>e</sup>	3.4
Insurance would not cover	0.1 <sup>e</sup>	0.1 <sup>e</sup>	1.4 <sup>e</sup>	0.0 <sup>e</sup>	2.4	3.0	1.5 <sup>e</sup>	2.4
Not aware crime occurred until later	0.6 <sup>e</sup>	0.4 <sup>e</sup>	0.0 <sup>e</sup>	0.3 <sup>e</sup>	5.8	9.8	12.5 <sup>e</sup>	5.1
Unable to recover property; no ID number	0.8 <sup>e</sup>	0.3 <sup>e</sup>	1.5 <sup>e</sup>	0.3 <sup>e</sup>	7.4	4.9	0.0 <sup>e</sup>	7.9
Lack of proof	3.8	3.1	14.8 <sup>e</sup>	2.3	11.8	13.4	6.4 <sup>e</sup>	11.6
Police would not want to be bothered	5.0	4.8	9.2 <sup>e</sup>	4.7	8.3	10.5	2.9 <sup>e</sup>	8.0
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	3.0	3.0	17.9	2.0	3.3	6.7	5.6 <sup>e</sup>	2.7
Fear of reprisal	4.5	4.6	4.6 <sup>e</sup>	3.5	0.7	1.0 <sup>e</sup>	1.4 <sup>e</sup>	0.7
Too inconvenient or time consuming	2.6	2.5	4.0 <sup>e</sup>	2.6	3.6	3.8	5.6 <sup>e</sup>	3.5
Other reasons	20.9	21.3	14.4 <sup>e</sup>	21.1	12.7	14.0	14.5 <sup>e</sup>	12.5

Note: See Note, table 3.1. 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 not 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, 2002 Statistical Tables*, NCJ 200561, Table 102 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cvus02.pdf> [Mar. 3, 2004]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.