

Table 105. Property crimes, 2006:

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**Percent of reasons for not reporting victimizations to the police,  
by race of head of household and type of crime**

Race and reason for not reporting	All property crimes	Percent of reasons for not reporting			
		Total	Household Burglary	Motor vehicle theft	Theft
<b>White only</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,782,170</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>
Reported to another official	897,420	7.6	5.2	2.7 *	8.1
Private or personal matter	675,750	5.7	7.6	6.9 *	5.4
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	3,307,870	28.1	21.9	11.8 *	29.5
Not important enough	555,170	4.7	6.4	0.0 *	4.5
Insurance would not cover	343,060	2.9	3.6	3.6 *	2.8
Not aware crime occurred until later	677,050	5.7	7.2	7.2 *	0.0
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	715,610	6.1	4.9	1.5 *	6.4
Lack of proof	1,176,060	10.0	11.3	11.8 *	9.7
Police would not want to be bothered	1,180,030	10.0	11.3	1.3 *	9.9
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	518,740	4.4	6.7	23.5 *	3.7
Fear of reprisal	75,870	0.6	1.3 *	2.0 *	0.5
Too inconvenient or time consuming	472,870	4.0	3.2	6.1 *	4.1
Other reasons	1,186,680	10.1	9.4	21.6 *	10.0
<b>Black only</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,043,560</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>
Reported to another official	169,160	8.3	5.7 *	5.6 *	9.1
Private or personal matter	116,400	5.7	5.6 *	11.1 *	5.5
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	478,510	23.4	20.2	23.6 *	24.2
Not important enough	85,580	4.2	5.0 *	0.0 *	4.1
Insurance would not cover	40,930	2.0	2.9 *	3.3 *	1.7
Not aware crime occurred until later	74,060	3.6	6.9 *	0.0 *	2.9
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	109,720	5.4	4.4 *	0.0 *	5.8
Lack of proof	265,380	13.0	17.7	17.7 *	11.6
Police would not want to be bothered	247,840	12.1	7.1 *	7.6 *	13.6
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	83,060	4.1	5.4 *	0.0 *	3.9
Fear of reprisal	2,800 *	0.1 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.2 *
Too inconvenient or time consuming	86,960	4.3	4.7 *	3.3 *	4.2
Other reasons	283,160	13.9	14.3	27.7 *	13.1

Note: Many incident characteristics were unaffected or minimally affected by changes in methodology in the 2006 National Crime Victimization Survey. However, caution should be used in comparing 2006 rates of individual variables, particularly those with small sample sizes, to previous years. See *Criminal Victimization, 2006*, at <<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cv06.htm>>.

Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

Excludes data on persons of "Other" races and persons indicating two or more races.

Some respondents may have cited more than one reason for not reporting victimizations to the police.

\*Estimate is based on 10 or fewer sample cases.