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National Crime Victimization Survey

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Percent distribution of victimizations, by type of crime and whether or not reported to the police

Sector and type of crime	Number of victimizations	Percent of victimizations reported to the police			
		Total	Yes/a	No	Not known and not available
All crimes	23,036,030	100 %	42.2 %	56.5 %	1.3 %
Personal crimes	5,496,810	100 %	48.4 %	49.8 %	1.7 %
Crimes of violence	5,341,410	100	48.5	49.7	1.8
Completed violence	1,753,090	100	60.4	39.0	0.6 *
Attempted/threatened violence	3,588,320	100	42.7	55.0	2.3
Rape/Sexual assault	247,730	100	53.7	46.3	0.0 *
Rape/Attempted rape	167,860	100	56.6	43.4	0.0 *
Rape	90,390	100	57.3	42.7	0.0 *
Attempted rape/b	77,470	100	55.8	44.2	0.0 *
Sexual assault/c	79,870	100	47.8	52.2	0.0 *
Robbery	512,490	100	71.2	28.3	0.5 *
Completed/property taken	385,880	100	75.8	23.6	0.7 *
With injury	169,980	100	79.8	20.2	0.0 *
Without injury	215,890	100	72.6	26.2	1.2 *
Attempted to take property	126,610	100	57.4	42.6	0.0 *
With injury	42,600	100	92.6	7.4 *	0.0 *
Without injury	84,020	100	39.5	60.5	0.0 *
Assault	4,581,190	100	45.7	52.3	2.0
Aggravated	990,110	100	56.6	40.5	2.8 *
With injury	316,260	100	61.3	38.7	0.0 *
Threatened with weapon	673,850	100	54.5	41.4	4.2 *
Simple	3,591,090	100	42.7	55.6	1.8
With minor injury	906,580	100	54.8	44.2	1.0 *
Without injury	2,684,510	100	38.6	59.4	2.1
Purse snatching/Pocket picking	155,400	100	46.4	53.6	0.0 *
Completed purse snatching	55,400	100	74.5	25.5 *	0.0 *
Attempted purse snatching	2,140 *	100 *	100.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Pocket picking	97,860	100	29.3 *	70.7	0.0 *
Property crimes	17,539,220	100 %	40.2 %	58.6 %	1.2 %
Household burglary	3,055,720	100	57.9	41.4	0.7 *
Completed	2,597,310	100	58.8	40.4	0.8 *
Forcible entry	1,017,660	100	77.2	21.7	1.1 *
Unlawful entry without force	1,579,650	100	46.9	52.5	0.6 *
Attempted forcible entry	458,410	100	52.9	47.1	0.0 *
Motor vehicle theft	988,760	100	86.1	13.5	0.5 *
Completed	780,630	100	95.8	3.9 *	0.3 *
Attempted	208,120	100	49.4	49.5	1.1 *
Theft	13,494,750	100	32.8	65.8	1.4
Completed	13,039,920	100	32.7	65.9	1.4
Less than \$50	4,186,570	100	17.1	81.8	1.1
\$50 - \$249	4,455,080	100	28.3	70.6	1.1
\$250 or more	3,270,530	100	56.4	42.8	0.8 *
Amount not available	1,127,740	100	39.5	55.0	5.5
Attempted	454,830	100	36.5	62.5	1.0 *

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

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

a/Figures in this column represent the rates at which victimizations were reported to the police, or "police reporting rates."

b/Includes verbal threats of rape.

c/Includes threats.

Table 91b. Violent crimes, 2002:

[Download spreadsheet version](#)**Percent of victimizations reported to the police,
by type of crime and gender and race or ethnicity of victims**

Characteristic	Percent of all victimizations reported to the police	
	Crimes of violence/a	Property crimes
Total	48.5 %	40.2 %
Male		
White	44.0	40.2
Black	48.0	46.8
Female		
White	50.7	38.1
Black	61.7	44.7
Male		
Hispanic	47.0	37.5
Non-Hispanic	44.0	41.5
Female		
Hispanic	55.5	39.9
Non-Hispanic	52.8	39.4

Note: Excludes data on persons of "Other" races.

Excludes data on persons whose ethnicity was not ascertained.

a/Includes data on rape and sexual assault, not shown separately.

Table 92. Personal crimes, 2002:

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**Percent of victimizations reported to the police,
by selected characteristics of victims and type of crime**

Characteristic	Percent of all victimizations reported to the police		
	All personal crimes	Crimes of violence/a	Purse snatching/ Pocket picking
Gender			
Both genders	48.4 %	48.5 %	46.4 %
Male	44.3	44.6	30.7 *
Female	53.2	53.0	59.1
Race			
White	47.0	47.1	46.3
Black	55.0	55.2	46.8 *
Ethnicity			
Hispanic	50.0	50.4	23.4 *
Non-Hispanic	48.2	48.2	47.9

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

a/Crimes of violence includes data on rape, sexual assault, robbery, and both aggravated and simple assault, not shown separately.

Table 93. Violent crimes, 2002:

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Percent of victimizations reported to the police, by type of crime, victim-offender relationship and gender of victims

Type of crime	Percent of all victimizations reported to the police								
	All victimizations			Involving strangers			Involving nonstrangers		
	Both genders	Male	Female	Both genders	Male	Female	Both genders	Male	Female
Crimes of violence	48.5 %	44.6 %	53.0 %	51.5 %	47.9 %	58.6 %	45.5 %	39.5 %	49.7 %
Completed violence	60.4	59.0	61.6	67.5	62.6	76.5	54.5	52.9	55.2
Attempted/threatened violence	42.7	38.9	47.8	44.8	41.7	50.7	40.4	34.5	45.7
Rape/Sexual assault/a	53.7	39.7 *	55.8	57.9	22.8 *	65.7	51.6	55.3 *	51.2
Robbery	71.2	66.5	79.3	69.7	64.0	83.9	75.3	78.4	73.1
Completed/property taken	75.8	73.5	79.4	75.9	71.9	84.4	75.5	80.5	71.8
With injury	79.8	76.2	85.3	74.3	69.5	84.7 *	88.7	91.9 *	85.9 *
Without injury	72.6	71.4	74.6	76.8	73.4	84.3	52.5 *	51.0 *	53.1 *
Attempted to take property	57.4	47.4	78.7	50.1	42.4	81.3 *	75.0 *	72.2 *	76.7 *
With injury	92.6	90.0 *	100.0 *	87.9 *	86.8 *	100.0 *	100.0 *	100.0 *	100.0 *
Without injury	39.5	22.8 *	70.6 *	34.7 *	20.5 *	78.6 *	54.5 *	40.0 *	61.5 *
Assault	45.7	41.9	50.3	48.2	45.2	54.2	43.3	37.1	48.1
Aggravated	56.6	52.4	62.8	59.7	55.9	67.4	52.3	45.6	58.6
With injury	61.3	63.5	58.8	72.8	71.9	74.2	51.9	53.4	50.7
Threatened with weapon	54.5	48.1	65.2	55.5	51.1	64.9	52.6	40.7	65.5
Simple	42.7	38.6	47.3	44.1	41.3	49.6	41.5	35.1	46.2
With minor injury	54.8	49.6	59.0	58.4	52.4	72.6	52.9	46.3	55.8
Without injury	38.6	35.6	42.3	40.6	38.4	44.8	36.6	32.0	40.7

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

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

a/Includes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.

Table 93a. Property crimes, 2002:

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Number and percent distribution of victimizations reported to the police, by type of crime, and gender of head of household

Type of crime	Percent of all victimizations reported to the police					
	Both Genders		Male		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Property crimes	7,051,970	40.2 %	3,717,560	40.9 %	3,334,410	39.5 %
Household burglary	1,769,140	57.9	884,260	58.5	884,880	57.3
Completed	1,526,740	58.8	782,900	59.8	743,840	57.8
Forcible entry	785,490	77.2	401,660	77.8	383,830	76.5
Unlawful entry/without force	741,250	46.9	381,240	48.1	360,000	45.8
Attempted forcible entry	242,400	52.9	101,360	50.3	141,050	54.9
Motor vehicle theft	850,920	86.1	451,990	87.5	398,930	84.5
Completed	748,150	95.8	401,910	95.8	346,240	95.8
Attempted	102,770	49.4	50,080	51.4	52,690	47.6
Theft	4,431,910	32.8	2,381,310	33.7	2,050,590	31.9
Completed	4,265,800	32.7	2,279,360	33.5	1,986,440	31.9
Less than \$50	716,170	17.1	378,150	17.0	338,020	17.3
\$50 - \$249	1,260,710	28.3	682,450	29.3	578,260	27.2
\$250 or more	1,843,340	56.4	994,050	56.7	849,300	56.0
Amount not available	445,580	39.5	224,710	46.0	220,870	34.5
Attempted	166,100	36.5	101,950	39.6	64,150	32.5

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

Table 94. Violent crimes, 2002:

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Percent of victimizations reported to the police, by type of crime, victim-offender relationship and race of victims

Type of crime	Percent of all victimizations reported to the police					
	All victimizations		Involving strangers		Involving nonstrangers	
	White	Black	White	Black	White	Black
Crimes of violence	47.1 %	55.2 %	50.8 %	56.1 %	43.3 %	54.4 %
Completed violence	57.5	73.0	64.5	78.3	52.3	66.4
Attempted/threatened violence	42.0	46.2	45.5	41.6	38.0	49.7
Rape/Sexual assault/a	62.6	33.3 *	71.6	21.9 *	57.0	36.4 *
Robbery	70.0	71.0	67.0	73.6	77.7	62.6 *
Completed/property taken	72.9	80.8	71.9	83.7	75.5	70.6 *
With injury	73.0	95.2	64.9	93.4 *	85.0	100.0 *
Without injury	72.8	69.2	75.8	76.8	59.1 *	33.0 *
Attempted to take property	61.7	22.4 *	51.6	17.0 *	82.9 *	34.5 *
With injury	100.0	40.1 *	100.0 *	0.0 *	100.0 *	100.0 *
Without injury	39.8 *	16.0 *	29.4 *	22.1 *	67.7 *	0.0 *
Assault	44.2	54.7	47.8	52.2	40.8	56.8
Aggravated	55.0	64.9	59.1	63.2	49.2	67.8
With injury	57.4	87.4	67.5	91.2 *	50.2	79.1 *
Threatened with weapon	53.8	57.9	56.4	53.1	48.4	65.1
Simple	41.4	50.1	44.1	43.8	39.1	53.8
With minor injury	52.0	74.5	56.6	69.8 *	49.6	76.8
Without injury	37.8	43.2	41.3	37.6	34.4	46.6

Note: Excludes data on persons of "Other" races.

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

a/Includes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.

Table 95. Violent crimes, 2002:

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Percent of victimizations reported to the police, by type of crime, victim-offender relationship and ethnicity of victims

Type of crime	Percent of all victimizations reported to the police					
	All victimizations		Involving strangers		Involving nonstrangers	
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic
Crimes of violence	50.4 %	48.2 %	49.2 %	52.0 %	52.0 %	44.5 %
Completed violence	62.5	60.0	54.4	70.0	72.1	52.0
Attempted/threatened violence	43.3	42.6	46.4	44.6	39.1	40.5
Rape/Sexual assault/a	47.6 *	54.3	58.6 *	57.8	0.0 *	52.8
Robbery	61.9	73.5	57.2	73.1	83.3 *	74.3
Completed/property taken	70.9	76.7	66.9	78.1	100.0 *	73.4
With injury	40.1 *	83.5	25.7 *	80.4	100.0 *	88.2
Without injury	80.2	70.4	77.9	76.4	100.0 *	45.2 *
Attempted to take property	35.1 *	63.3	18.8 *	57.7	66.0 *	77.2 *
With injury	100.0 *	92.2	0.0 *	87.9 *	100.0 *	100.0 *
Without injury	27.5 *	44.6 *	18.8 *	41.1 *	51.1 *	55.6 *
Assault	48.7	45.2	46.6	48.4	50.9	42.2
Aggravated	55.8	56.8	53.1	61.1	60.6	50.9
With injury	57.9	62.1	42.2 *	80.5	71.3 *	47.3
Threatened with weapon	54.6	54.4	57.3	55.1	46.7 *	53.3
Simple	45.5	42.1	42.7	44.2	48.0	40.4
With minor injury	60.1	53.9	41.6 *	60.3	69.2	50.3
Without injury	40.1	38.3	42.9	40.3	37.1	36.4

Note: Excludes data on persons whose ethnicity was not ascertained.

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

a/Includes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.

Table 96. Personal crimes, 2002:

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**Percent of victimizations reported to the police,
by type of crime and age of victims**

Type of crime	Percent of victimizations reported to the police				
	12-19	20-34	35-49	50-64	65 and over
All personal crimes	37.8 %	53.8 %	50.8 %	55.9 %	58.1 %
Crimes of violence	38.1	54.1	50.5	55.5	58.7
Completed violence	54.0	62.8	62.6	66.0	66.9 *
Attempted/threatened violence	30.5	49.6	45.2	50.4	54.1
Rape/Sexual assault/a	55.3	54.6	60.4 *	0.0 *	50.4 *
Robbery	68.3	72.3	80.3	63.2	64.3 *
Completed/property taken	72.2	78.3	79.4	73.7	65.8 *
With injury	74.7	81.0	91.6 *	82.0 *	31.7 *
Without injury	69.4 *	76.4	70.9	64.5 *	77.0 *
Attempted to take property	59.4 *	53.9 *	84.2 *	29.9 *	59.4 *
With injury	100.0 *	100.0 *	69.2 *	100.0 *	100.0 *
Without injury	45.0 *	29.8 *	100.0 *	19.7 *	0.0 *
Assault	34.2	51.9	47.4	55.4	56.6
Aggravated	39.4	65.7	56.7	70.4	66.0 *
With injury	41.4	66.0	64.6	91.1 *	0.0 *
Threatened with weapon	38.6	65.5	53.8	57.6 *	73.1 *
Simple	33.0	47.5	44.8	51.9	52.5 *
With minor injury	51.3	56.1	56.3	54.1	100.0 *
Without injury	26.4	44.7	40.9	51.2	41.5 *
Purse snatching/Pocket picking	11.8 *	42.4 *	59.1 *	69.3 *	55.1 *

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

a/Includes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.

Table 97. Property crimes, 2002:

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Percent of victimizations reported to the police,
by type of crime, form of tenure, and race and ethnicity of head of household

Type of crime	Percent of victimizations reported to the police									
	Both forms					Owned				
	All house- holds/a	White	Black	Hispanic	Non- Hispanic	All house- holds/a	White	Black	Hispanic	Non- Hispanic
Property crimes	40.2 %	39.2 %	45.5 %	38.6 %	40.5 %	40.9 %	40.3 %	45.5 %	38.4 %	41.2 %
Household burglary	57.9	55.5	65.4	53.8	58.3	58.0	57.0	60.9	50.9	58.5
Completed	58.8	56.2	67.6	53.2	59.3	59.9	58.5	65.2	53.0	60.2
Forcible entry	77.2	76.5	78.1	73.5	77.5	82.0	83.4	75.6	82.5	81.6
Unlawful entry without force	46.9	45.3	52.8	34.4	48.0	47.3	46.7	38.6 *	34.3 *	48.2
Attempted forcible entry	52.9	50.9	58.0	58.2 *	52.9	45.4	46.7	43.6 *	30.5 *	47.2
Motor vehicle theft	86.1	87.0	84.2	87.1	86.0	86.4	87.5	85.2	77.0	88.1
Completed	95.8	97.6	91.2	98.7	95.1	97.5	98.6	95.5	100.0	97.2
Attempted	49.4	47.1	57.1 *	24.1 *	53.2	50.2	50.7	51.9 *	0.0 *	56.6
Theft	32.8	32.9	32.6	30.5	33.3	34.3	34.2	35.5	33.1	34.5
Completed	32.7	32.9	32.2	30.7	33.0	34.2	34.2	34.9	33.4	34.4
Less than \$50	17.1	17.6	13.5	13.4	17.5	17.6	17.6	15.9	16.0 *	17.7
\$50 - \$249	28.3	28.8	26.5	27.1	28.5	30.9	31.9	24.2	27.2	31.5
\$250 or more	56.4	56.5	55.5	47.1	58.0	58.9	58.4	62.1	52.1	59.8
Amount not available	39.5	38.6	43.6	36.7	40.1	46.0	44.1	58.4	54.5	45.4
Attempted	36.5	34.5	44.2 *	20.9 *	39.5	36.0	34.4	54.4 *	16.9 *	38.3

Type of crime	Percent of victimizations reported to the police				
	Rented				
	All house- holds/a	White	Black	Hispanic	Non- Hispanic
Property crimes	39.2 %	37.5 %	45.5 %	38.8 %	39.3 %
Household burglary	57.7	52.9	68.1	56.2	58.0
Completed	57.0	52.2	69.2	53.3	57.7
Forcible entry	71.1	66.6	80.3	68.3	71.7
Unlawful entry without force	46.3	42.4	58.1	34.6 *	47.8
Attempted forcible entry	61.0	57.3	64.7	73.5 *	59.4
Motor vehicle theft	85.8	86.4	83.5	91.6	83.6
Completed	94.3	96.4	88.7	98.1	92.7
Attempted	48.3	42.0 *	61.1 *	44.7 *	49.1
Theft	30.8	30.8	30.4	28.4	31.3
Completed	30.5	30.7	30.1	28.6	31.0
Less than \$50	16.3	17.5	11.4 *	11.1 *	17.2
\$50 - \$249	24.9	24.1	28.1	27.0	24.5
\$250 or more	53.2	53.9	51.6	43.4	55.5
Amount not available	29.1	29.3	19.9 *	27.0 *	30.0
Attempted	37.4	34.9	38.2 *	22.7 *	41.6

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

a/Includes data on persons of "Other" races, not shown separately.

Table 98. Property crimes, 2002:

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**Percent of victimizations reported to the police,
by type of crime and form of tenure**

Type of crime	Percent of victimizations reported to the police		
	Both forms	Owned	Rented
Property crimes	40.2 %	40.9 %	39.2 %
Household burglary	57.9	58.0	57.7
Completed	58.8	59.9	57.0
Forcible entry	77.2	82.0	71.1
Unlawful entry without force	46.9	47.3	46.3
Attempted forcible entry	52.9	45.4	61.0
Motor vehicle theft	86.1	86.4	85.8
Completed	95.8	97.5	94.3
Attempted	49.4	50.2	48.3
Theft	32.8	34.3	30.8
Completed	32.7	34.2	30.5
Less than \$50	17.1	17.6	16.3
\$50 - \$249	28.3	30.9	24.9
\$250 or more	56.4	58.9	53.2
Amount not available	39.5	46.0	29.1
Attempted	36.5	36.0	37.4

Table 99. Property crimes, 2002

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**Percent of victimizations reported to the police,
by type of crime and annual family income**

Type of crime	Percent of victimizations reported to the police						
	Less than \$7,500	\$7,500- \$14,999	\$15,000- \$24,999	\$25,000- \$34,999	\$35,000- \$49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	\$75,000 or more
Property crimes	38.5 %	35.2 %	38.3 %	38.6 %	40.6 %	43.4 %	39.4 %
Household burglary	60.1	48.3	56.5	57.3	59.7	58.0	61.3
Completed	58.8	48.7	59.7	56.8	60.4	58.5	61.9
Forcible entry	69.3	66.5	78.5	73.9	83.3	84.3	89.1
Unlawful entry without force	51.0	34.6	42.3	46.2	46.8	46.3	53.2
Attempted forcible entry	64.2	45.7 *	46.4	60.5 *	55.9	53.8 *	56.5 *
Motor vehicle theft	100.0 *	84.0	88.9	81.2	82.4	87.1	91.2
Completed	100.0 *	91.6	97.8	97.8	91.2	100.0	100.0
Attempted	0.0 *	44.9 *	44.8 *	37.4 *	54.2 *	45.0 *	62.6 *
Theft	28.8	28.8	29.6	29.9	33.3	37.3	34.1
Completed	29.2	28.3	29.0	29.7	33.3	36.2	34.6
Less than \$50	16.1 *	17.3	16.5	14.7	17.3	15.1	16.3
\$50 - \$249	21.8	22.7	23.2	27.4	27.0	33.2	32.3
\$250 or more	51.8	54.5	55.6	52.5	56.6	71.3	55.1
Amount not available	44.0 *	21.6 *	26.6 *	40.6	51.6	40.3	49.0
Attempted	12.2 *	49.7 *	55.3 *	33.2 *	33.7 *	61.1	23.0 *

Note: Excludes data on persons whose family income level was not ascertained.

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

Table 100. Property crimes, 2002:

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**Percent of victimizations reported to the police,
by value of loss and type of crime**

Value of loss/a	Percent of all victimizations reported to the police			
	All property crimes	Household burglary	Motor vehicle theft	Theft
All losses/b	39.5 %	59.2 %	95.8 %	32.7 %
Less than \$10/c	27.5	47.5	0.0 *	26.0
\$10 -\$49	14.1	24.1	0.0 *	13.5
\$50-\$99	19.4	25.5	0.0 *	18.8
\$100-\$249	36.4	52.4	100.0 *	34.0
\$250-\$499	50.2	54.0	100.0 *	48.6
\$500-\$999	58.0	62.9	100.0 *	55.0
\$1,000 or more	81.1	85.4	96.0	68.5

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

a/The proportions refer only to losses of cash and/or property, and exclude the value of property damage.

b/Includes data for victims who did not provide a specific value for their losses.

c/Includes items that had no value.

Table 101. Personal and property crimes, 2002:

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Percent of reasons for reporting victimizations to the police, by type of crime

Type of crime	Number of reasons for reporting	Total	Percent of reasons for reporting				
			Stop or prevent this incident	Needed help due to injury	To recover property	To collect insurance	To prevent further crimes by offender against victim
All personal crimes	2,388,410	100 %	17.9 %	1.7 %	5.1 %	0.4 %*	19.1 %
Crimes of violence	2,294,390	100	18.5	1.8	4.1	0.3 *	19.8
Completed violence	944,060	100	14.2	2.9 *	8.6	0.5 *	18.7
Attempted/threatened violence	1,350,330	100	21.5	1.0 *	1.0 *	0.2 *	20.5
Rape/Sexual assault/a	113,230	100	4.6 *	0.0 *	2.0 *	0.0 *	21.0 *
Robbery	402,790	100	12.9	2.1 *	20.5	0.6 *	11.7
Completed/property taken	332,010	100	12.0	0.7 *	23.7	0.7 *	10.8
With injury	108,980	100	15.4 *	2.3 *	12.9 *	0.0 *	7.0 *
Without injury	223,040	100	10.4 *	0.0 *	29.0	1.0 *	12.6 *
Attempted to take property	70,770	100	17.2 *	8.4 *	5.2 *	0.0 *	16.0 *
With injury	47,230	100	5.6 *	12.5 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	24.0 *
Without injury	23,540 *	100 *	40.4 *	0.0 *	15.6 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Assault	1,778,370	100	20.6	1.8	0.6 *	0.3 *	21.5
Aggravated	525,190	100	13.8	2.1 *	0.7 *	0.5 *	20.8
Simple	1,253,180	100	23.5	1.7 *	0.5 *	0.2 *	21.8
Purse snatching/Pocket picking	94,020	100	2.7 *	0.0 *	29.6 *	2.3 *	2.7 *
All property crimes	9,064,910	100 %	7.6 %	0.1 %*	24.7 %	5.3 %	9.9 %
Household burglary	2,468,020	100	10.4	0.2 *	19.9	4.0	12.2
Completed	2,191,050	100	9.3	0.2 *	22.4	4.4	11.2
Forcible entry	1,233,030	100	9.3	0.4 *	19.3	4.9	11.3
Unlawful entry without force	958,020	100	9.3	0.0 *	26.4	3.9	11.1
Attempted forcible entry	276,970	100	19.7	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.9 *	20.0
Motor vehicle theft	1,050,840	100	4.8	0.0 *	35.5	10.3	6.1
Completed	904,690	100	4.6	0.0 *	41.0	10.3	4.1
Attempted	146,150	100	6.0 *	0.0 *	1.4 *	10.2 *	18.5 *
Theft	5,546,050	100	6.8	0.1 *	24.7	4.9	9.5
Completed	5,355,180	100	6.6	0.1 *	25.6	4.7	9.6
Attempted	190,870	100	11.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	8.8 *	8.0 *

Type of crime	Percent of reasons for reporting							
	To prevent crime by offender against anyone	To punish offender	To catch or find offender	To improve police surveillance	Duty to notify police	Because it was a crime	Some other reason	Not available
All personal crimes	10.5 %	7.2 %	6.9 %	4.4 %	5.8 %	14.6 %	4.6 %	1.9 %
Crimes of violence	10.5	7.3	6.5	4.6	5.7	14.4	4.5	2.0
Completed violence	11.3	8.6	9.1	4.1	4.5	12.9	3.7	0.8 *
Attempted/threatened violence	10.0	6.3	4.6	4.9	6.5	15.5	5.1	2.8
Rape/Sexual assault/a	20.7 *	9.6 *	17.9 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	18.9 *	5.3 *	0.0 *
Robbery	10.5	8.8	8.2	5.2 *	2.8 *	14.3	1.8 *	0.6 *
Completed/property taken	10.1	8.3 *	9.0 *	5.3 *	3.4 *	13.0	2.2 *	0.8 *
With injury	10.1 *	10.6 *	7.9 *	0.0 *	1.9 *	24.8 *	4.8 *	2.4 *
Without injury	10.1 *	7.1 *	9.5 *	7.9 *	4.1 *	7.2 *	0.9 *	0.0 *
Attempted to take property	12.2 *	11.4 *	4.6 *	4.6 *	0.0 *	20.4 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
With injury	12.5 *	11.1 *	7.0 *	7.0 *	0.0 *	20.4 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Without injury	11.7 *	12.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	20.3 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Assault	9.9	6.8	5.3	4.7	6.7	14.2	5.1	2.4
Aggravated	15.0	9.0	9.7	4.4 *	6.2	11.9	4.2 *	1.6 *
Simple	7.8	5.9	3.5	4.9	6.9	15.1	5.5	2.8
Purse snatching/Pocket picking	10.5 *	4.6 *	16.6 *	0.0 *	7.8 *	17.8 *	5.4 *	0.0 *
All property crimes	6.8 %	4.1 %	7.3 %	6.3 %	6.0 %	17.7 %	3.0 %	1.4 %
Household burglary	6.4	4.8	7.5	7.2	5.5	18.4	2.2	1.2
Completed	6.9	5.2	7.1	6.5	5.7	17.5	2.3	1.2 *
Forcible entry	7.7	6.4	7.5	7.7	6.7	15.3	2.0 *	1.4 *
Unlawful entry without force	5.9	3.8	6.6	5.0	4.4	20.2	2.7 *	0.9 *
Attempted forcible entry	2.3 *	1.6 *	10.3 *	12.9	3.5 *	25.7	1.6 *	1.5 *
Motor vehicle theft	5.6	4.9	7.2	6.8	5.5	11.7	1.3 *	0.3 *
Completed	4.7	5.0	7.6	4.3	5.2	11.5	1.6 *	0.0 *
Attempted	10.9 *	4.3 *	4.5 *	21.9	7.2 *	13.3 *	0.0 *	1.8 *
Theft	7.2	3.7	7.2	5.8	6.3	18.6	3.6	1.7
Completed	7.1	3.7	7.1	5.6	6.3	18.5	3.5	1.6
Attempted	11.0 *	2.5 *	8.6 *	10.8 *	7.5 *	21.3	5.8 *	4.8 *

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

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

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

a/Includes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.

Table 102. Personal and property crimes, 2002:

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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
All personal crimes	3,200,150	100 %	17.0 %	21.2 %	15.7 %	4.9 %	0.1 %*
Crimes of violence	3,105,890	100	17.1	21.7	15.8	5.1	0.1 *
Completed violence	830,960	100	14.2	17.4	9.5	1.7 *	0.3 *
Attempted/threatened violence	2,274,930	100	18.2	23.3	18.1	6.3	0.0 *
Rape/Sexual assault/a	133,690	100	2.7 *	8.6 *	9.2 *	3.8 *	0.0 *
Robbery	196,020	100	9.0 *	6.9 *	10.7 *	5.5 *	1.4 *
Completed/property taken	138,080	100	8.1 *	4.3 *	10.7 *	1.8 *	2.0 *
With injury	59,820	100	0.0 *	4.2 *	9.1 *	4.1 *	4.6 *
Without injury	78,260	100	14.4 *	4.3 *	11.9 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Attempted to take property	57,940	100	10.9 *	13.4 *	10.9 *	14.3 *	0.0 *
With injury	3,130 *	100 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Without injury	54,810	100	11.5 *	14.1 *	11.5 *	15.1 *	0.0 *
Assault	2,776,190	100	18.4	23.4	16.5	5.1	0.0 *
Aggravated	478,910	100	10.5	22.2	8.3	4.7 *	0.0 *
Simple	2,297,280	100	20.0	23.7	18.2	5.2	0.0 *
Purse snatching/Pocket picking	94,260	100	11.9 *	2.8 *	10.1 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
All property crimes	12,958,170	100 %	9.7 %	5.2 %	25.7 %	3.4 %	2.4 %
Household burglary	1,685,780	100	3.9	4.9	21.0	3.2	3.0
Completed	1,397,180	100	2.8	4.2	20.3	3.7	3.6
Forcible entry	303,380	100	2.8 *	5.0 *	12.1	0.9 *	2.3 *
Unlawful entry without force	1,093,800	100	2.9	4.0	22.5	4.5	3.9
Attempted forcible entry	288,600	100	8.9 *	8.2 *	24.4	0.7 *	0.0 *
Motor vehicle theft	152,140	100	9.9 *	6.2 *	32.0	1.4 *	1.5 *
Completed	30,210 *	100 *	7.6 *	23.7 *	12.6 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Attempted	121,930	100	10.5 *	1.9 *	36.8	1.8 *	1.9 *
Theft	11,120,240	100	10.6	5.2	26.3	3.4	2.4
Completed	10,754,160	100	10.7	5.1	25.9	3.4	2.4
Attempted	366,080	100	7.6 *	7.9 *	38.4	4.6 *	1.9 *

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

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

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

a/Includes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.

Table 102. Personal and property crimes, 2002: (continued)

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Not aware crime occurred until later	Unable to recover property; no ID no.	Percent of reasons for not reporting					Too inconvenient or time consuming	Other reasons
		Lack of proof	Police would not want to be bothered	Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	Fear of reprisal			
0.6 %*	0.8 %*	3.8 %	5.0 %	3.0 %	4.5 %	2.6 %	20.9 %	
0.4 *	0.3 *	3.1	4.8	3.0	4.6	2.5	21.3	
0.5 *	1.3 *	4.6	5.3	5.0	6.5	2.8 *	30.7	
0.4 *	0.0 *	2.5	4.7	2.3	3.9	2.4	17.9	
3.1 *	0.0 *	2.4 *	2.5 *	2.5 *	28.6	0.0 *	36.7	
0.0 *	1.5 *	14.8 *	9.2 *	17.9	4.6 *	4.0 *	14.4 *	
0.0 *	2.1 *	14.3 *	11.5 *	20.8 *	4.2 *	3.8 *	16.3 *	
0.0 *	4.9 *	17.4 *	21.2 *	19.0 *	3.8 *	4.6 *	7.1 *	
0.0 *	0.0 *	12.0 *	4.1 *	22.1 *	4.5 *	3.2 *	23.4 *	
0.0 *	0.0 *	16.0 *	3.6 *	10.9 *	5.8 *	4.4 *	9.9 *	
0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	100.0 *	
0.0 *	0.0 *	17.0 *	3.8 *	11.5 *	6.1 *	4.6 *	4.7 *	
0.3 *	0.3 *	2.3	4.7	2.0	3.5	2.6	21.1	
0.0 *	1.6 *	5.0 *	6.0 *	5.3 *	4.0 *	4.5 *	27.9	
0.4 *	0.0 *	1.7	4.4	1.4	3.4	2.2	19.6	
7.5 *	14.4 *	28.5 *	8.6 *	2.8 *	0.0 *	4.6 *	8.9 *	
5.8 %	7.4 %	11.8 %	8.3 %	3.3 %	0.7 %	3.6 %	12.7 %	
9.8	4.9	13.4	10.5	6.7	1.0 *	3.8	14.0	
10.0	5.7	14.2	9.9	6.0	1.0 *	4.4	14.2	
9.0 *	6.7 *	13.6	11.7	11.2	2.2 *	7.5 *	15.2	
10.3	5.4	14.3	9.5	4.5	0.6 *	3.5	13.9	
9.0 *	1.0 *	9.5 *	13.5	9.9 *	1.0 *	1.2 *	12.7	
12.5 *	0.0 *	6.4 *	2.9 *	5.6 *	1.4 *	5.6 *	14.5 *	
9.2 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	12.8 *	6.9 *	0.0 *	27.2 *	
13.3 *	0.0 *	8.0 *	3.6 *	3.8 *	0.0 *	7.0 *	11.4 *	
5.1	7.9	11.6	8.0	2.7	0.7	3.5	12.5	
5.2	8.2	11.7	8.1	2.6	0.7	3.5	12.5	
2.7 *	0.0 *	8.5	4.3 *	5.6 *	1.1 *	4.5 *	13.0	

Table 103. Personal crimes, 2002:

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

Race and type of crime	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
White							
All personal crimes	100 %	17.4 %	21.3 %	15.9 %	5.4 %	0.1 %*	0.4 %*
Crimes of violence	100	17.5	21.9	16.2	5.6	0.1 *	0.2 *
Rape/Sexual assault/a	100	4.7 *	9.8 *	12.3 *	6.6 *	0.0 *	5.3 *
Robbery	100	6.9 *	7.5 *	9.5 *	4.4 *	1.8 *	0.0 *
Assault	100	18.6	23.2	16.8	5.7	0.0 *	0.0 *
Purse snatching/ Pocket picking	100	13.7 *	3.2 *	7.4 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	8.6 *
Black							
All personal crimes	100 %	15.1 %	19.6 %	15.5 %	1.0 %*	0.0 %*	2.2 %*
Crimes of violence	100	15.5	20.1	15.0	1.0 *	0.0 *	2.3 *
Rape/Sexual assault/a	100	0.0 *	7.7 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Robbery	100	17.0 *	0.0 *	16.0 *	9.6 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Assault	100	17.9	24.9	17.5	0.0 *	0.0 *	3.0 *
Purse snatching/ Pocket picking	100 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	33.4 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *

Race and type of crime	Percent of reasons for not reporting						
	Unable to recover property; no ID no.	Lack of proof	Police would not want to be bothered	Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	Fear of reprisal	Too inconvenient or time consuming	Other reasons
White							
All personal crimes	0.8 %*	3.1 %	5.1 %	3.0 %	4.6 %	2.5 %	20.3 %
Crimes of violence	0.4 *	2.2	5.0	3.0	4.7	2.6	20.6
Rape/Sexual assault/a	0.0 *	4.2 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	24.6 *	0.0 *	32.4 *
Robbery	1.9 *	14.3 *	9.7 *	20.3	6.0 *	5.1 *	12.5 *
Assault	0.3 *	1.3	4.9	2.0	4.0	2.5	20.8
Purse snatching/ Pocket picking	13.6 *	32.7 *	7.3 *	3.2 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	10.2 *
Black							
All personal crimes	0.6 %*	8.8 %	4.0 %*	4.0 %*	4.7 %*	3.0 %*	21.5 %
Crimes of violence	0.0 *	9.0	4.2 *	4.1 *	4.9 *	1.9 *	22.1
Rape/Sexual assault/a	0.0 *	0.0 *	6.4 *	6.4 *	37.5 *	0.0 *	42.0 *
Robbery	0.0 *	17.5 *	7.8 *	9.8 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	22.2 *
Assault	0.0 *	9.3 *	3.3 *	2.9 *	0.0 *	2.5 *	18.7
Purse snatching/ Pocket picking	23.8 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	42.8 *	0.0 *

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.
 Some respondents may have cited more than one reason for not reporting victimizations to the police.
 *Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.
 a/Includes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.

Table 104. Personal crimes of violence, 2002:

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Percent of reasons for not reporting victimizations to the police, by victim-offender relationship and type of crime

Relationship and 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
Involving strangers								
Crimes of violence	1,457,920	100 %	13.3 %	18.6 %	19.2 %	6.5 %	0.2 %*	0.3 %*
Rape/Sexual assault/a	45,960	100 %	0.0 *	5.0 *	26.9 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	8.9 *
Robbery	120,830	100 %	8.7 *	2.3 *	10.2 *	1.8 *	2.3 *	0.0 *
Assault	1,291,130	100 %	14.2	20.6	19.7	7.1	0.0 *	0.0 *
Involving nonstrangers								
Crimes of violence	1,647,970	100 %	20.5	24.5	12.9	3.8	0.0 *	0.6 *
Rape/Sexual assault/a	87,720	100 %	4.1 *	10.5 *	0.0 *	5.8 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Robbery	75,190	100 %	9.4 *	14.3 *	11.6 *	11.5 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Assault	1,485,050	100 %	22.0	25.9	13.7	3.3	0.0 *	0.6 *

Relationship and type of crime	Percent of reasons for not reporting						
	Unable to recover property; no ID no.	Lack of proof	Police would not want to be bothered	Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	Fear of reprisal	Too inconvenient or time consuming	Other reasons
Involving strangers							
Crimes of violence	0.0 %*	5.3 %	6.9 %	4.6 %	3.1 %	3.5 %	18.7 %
Rape/Sexual assault/a	0.0 *	0.0 *	7.1 *	7.1 *	4.6 *	0.0 *	40.3 *
Robbery	0.0 *	17.8 *	6.4 *	26.6	5.7 *	4.4 *	14.0 *
Assault	0.0 *	4.4	6.9	2.4	2.8	3.5	18.4
Involving nonstrangers							
Crimes of violence	0.6 *	1.1 *	3.1	1.7 *	6.0	1.7 *	23.6
Rape/Sexual assault/a	0.0 *	3.7 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	41.1	0.0 *	34.7
Robbery	3.9 *	10.2 *	13.7 *	3.9 *	3.0 *	3.4 *	15.2 *
Assault	0.5 *	0.4 *	2.7	1.7 *	4.1	1.7 *	23.4

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.
 Some respondents may have cited more than one reason for not reporting victimizations to the police.
 *Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.
 a/Includes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.

Table 105. Property crimes, 2002:

[Download spreadsheet version](#)**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
White					
Total	10,943,840	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Reported to another official	1,038,470	9.5	4.0	9.6 *	10.3
Private or personal matter	573,210	5.2	5.6	4.5 *	5.2
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	2,900,170	26.5	22.3	35.7	27.0
Not important enough	383,530	3.5	3.5	2.0 *	3.5
Insurance would not cover	273,020	2.5	3.3	2.1 *	2.4
Not aware crime occurred until later	662,240	6.1	10.4	14.7 *	5.3
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	821,380	7.5	4.4	0.0 *	8.0
Lack of proof	1,280,510	11.7	13.1	4.3 *	11.6
Police would not want to be bothered	887,470	8.1	9.1	4.1 *	8.0
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	341,000	3.1	6.5	2.1 *	2.6
Fear of reprisal	64,430	0.6	1.0 *	1.9 *	0.5
Too inconvenient or time consuming	399,120	3.6	3.3	7.9 *	3.7
Other reasons	1,319,290	12.1	13.7	11.0 *	11.8
Black					
Total	1,618,720	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Reported to another official	171,370	10.6	3.7 *	13.3 *	11.9
Private or personal matter	77,070	4.8	2.0 *	6.9 *	5.3
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	326,100	20.1	12.8	29.3 *	21.4
Not important enough	33,090	2.0	2.0 *	0.0 *	2.1 *
Insurance would not cover	37,910	2.3	1.6 *	0.0 *	2.5
Not aware crime occurred until later	80,180	5.0	6.2 *	9.1 *	4.6
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	114,460	7.1	7.7 *	0.0 *	7.1
Lack of proof	199,340	12.3	15.5	7.4 *	11.8
Police would not want to be bothered	146,850	9.1	17.1	0.0 *	7.7
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	73,130	4.5	7.9 *	17.6 *	3.5
Fear of reprisal	18,610 *	1.1 *	1.1 *	0.0 *	1.2 *
Too inconvenient or time consuming	52,230	3.2	7.2 *	0.0 *	2.5
Other reasons	288,380	17.8	15.2	16.4 *	18.4

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

Excludes data on persons of "Other" races.

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

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

Table 106. Personal and property crimes, 2002:

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Percent distribution of police response to a reported incident, by type of crime

Type of crime	Number of incidents	Percent of incidents						
		Total	Police came to victim	Victim went to police	Contact with police-don't know how	Police did not come	Not known if police came	Police were at the scene
Crimes of violence	2,252,570	100 %	76.0 %	5.9 %	0.0 %*	12.5 %	1.6 %	3.9 %
Rape/Sexual assault/a	133,130	100	63.8	11.4 *	0.0 *	20.7 *	2.4 *	1.8 *
Robbery	315,980	100	80.7	8.5 *	0.0 *	8.0 *	0.9 *	1.9 *
Aggravated assault	446,860	100	84.5	3.7 *	0.0 *	6.7 *	0.4 *	4.7 *
Simple assault	1,356,600	100	73.4	5.4	0.0 *	14.7	2.2 *	4.3
Purse snatching/Pocket picking	72,040	100	47.6	21.6 *	0.0 *	27.8 *	3.0 *	0.0 *
Property crimes	6,909,730	100 %	67.3 %	5.1 %	0.0 %*	24.4 %	1.9 %	1.2 %
Household burglary	1,726,780	100	85.4	2.4	0.0 *	10.2	1.4 *	0.6 *
Motor vehicle theft	822,620	100	73.6	3.9	0.0 *	17.6	2.0 *	2.9 *
Theft	4,360,330	100	58.9	6.5	0.0 *	31.3	2.2	1.2

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

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

a/Includes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.

Table 107. Personal and property crimes, 2002:

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Percent distribution of incidents where police came to the victim, by police response time and type of crime

Type of crime	Percent of incidents							
	Total	Within 5 minutes	6-10 minutes	11 minutes-1 hour	Within 1 day	Longer than 1 day	Length of time not known	Not ascertained
Crimes of violence/a	100 %	29.6 %	26.9 %	33.0 %	5.0 %	0.1 %*	5.3 %	0.1 %*
Robbery	100	31.7	24.9	30.3	6.8 *	0.9 *	5.6 *	0.0 *
Aggravated assault	100	31.2	28.3	35.2	0.8 *	0.0 *	4.4 *	0.0 *
Simple assault	100	29.9	25.8	32.7	5.6	0.0 *	5.8	0.2 *
Property crimes	100 %	9.7 %	22.1 %	47.2 %	12.9 %	2.0 %	6.0 %	0.0 %*
Household burglary	100	8.9	21.8	46.8	13.6	1.6 *	7.3	0.0 *
Motor vehicle theft	100	6.2	21.5	59.8	6.3	1.3 *	4.8 *	0.0 *
Theft	100	11.0	22.4	44.5	14.1	2.4	5.6	0.0 *

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

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

a/Crimes of violence includes data on rape and sexual assault, not shown separately.

Table 108. Personal and property crimes, 2002:

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Percent distribution of incidents, by police activity during initial contact with victim and type of crime

Type of crime	Percent of incidents							
	Total	Took report	Looked around	Took evidence	Questioned witnesses/suspects	Promised surveillance	Promised to investigate	Made arrest
Crimes of violence/a	100 %	37.8 %	7.2 %	3.4 %	17.2 %	2.0 %	6.9 %	10.4 %
Robbery	100	43.5	13.0	3.3 *	10.9	2.2 *	9.2	8.1
Aggravated assault	100	33.6	9.6	6.8	18.7	2.3 *	7.4	10.1
Simple assault	100	38.1	4.1	1.0 *	19.0	1.7	5.0	11.8
Purse snatching/Pocket picking	100	51.9	15.5 *	3.1 *	13.7 *	0.0 *	5.4 *	7.4 *
Property crimes	100 %	48.8 %	18.6 %	7.6 %	5.8 %	2.5 %	8.4 %	1.3 %
Household burglary	100	42.0	23.3	12.2	5.9	2.9	7.4	1.5
Motor vehicle theft	100	54.9	12.5	2.9	6.9	1.8 *	12.0	2.2 *
Theft	100	51.9	17.0	5.8	5.5	2.4	8.2	1.0

Type of crime	Percent of incidents		
	Other actions	Don't know	Not applicable
Crimes of violence/a	12.8 %	1.6 %	0.8 %*
Robbery	8.9	0.7 *	0.0 *
Aggravated assault	9.4	1.3 *	0.8 *
Simple assault	16.4	1.9	1.0 *
Purse snatching/Pocket picking	3.1 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Property crimes	4.4 %	0.8 %	1.7 %
Household burglary	2.6	0.6 *	1.7
Motor vehicle theft	4.8	1.2 *	0.9 *
Theft	5.5	0.9	1.8

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

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a/Crimes of violence includes data on rape and sexual assault, not shown separately.

Table 109. Personal and property crimes, 2002:

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Percent distribution of the kind of agency providing assistance by type of crime

Type of crime	Number of victimizations	Percent of agency type providing assistance						
		Total	Government	Private	Don't know type of agency	Received no assistance	Don't know if assistance was provided	Not applicable
Personal crimes	5,496,810	100 %	4.4 %	1.7 %	0.5 %*	92.1 %	1.0 %	0.3 %*
Crimes of violence	5,341,410	100	4.4	1.8	0.5 *	92.0	1.0	0.3 *
Completed violence	1,753,090	100	5.8	2.7	0.9 *	89.5	1.1 *	0.0 *
Attempted/threatened violence	3,588,320	100	3.8	1.3	0.3 *	93.2	1.0	0.4 *
Rape/Sexual assault/a	247,730	100	10.2 *	3.7 *	3.4 *	82.7	0.0 *	0.0 *
Robbery	512,490	100	3.9 *	3.5 *	1.3 *	90.8	0.5 *	0.0 *
Assault	4,581,190	100	4.2	1.5	0.2 *	92.6	1.1	0.3 *
Aggravated	990,110	100	3.3	2.8 *	1.1 *	91.2	1.2 *	0.5 *
Simple	3,591,090	100	4.4	1.1	0.0 *	93.0	1.1	0.3 *
Purse snatching/ Pocket picking	155,400	100	3.5 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	96.5	0.0 *	0.0 *
Property crimes	17,539,220	100 %	1.0 %	1.0 %	0.2 %	97.0 %	0.5 %	0.3 %
Household burglary	3,055,720	100	2.1	0.9 *	0.4 *	95.7	0.8 *	0.1 *
Motor vehicle theft	988,760	100	1.1 *	0.0 *	0.5 *	96.9	0.5 *	1.0 *
Theft	13,494,750	100	0.7	1.1	0.1 *	97.3	0.5	0.3

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

a/Includes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.

Criminal Victimization Glossary

Age - The appropriate age category is determined by the respondent's age on the last day of the month before the interview.

Annual household income - The total income of the household head and all members of the household for the 12 months preceding the interview. Includes wages, salaries, net income from businesses or farms, pensions, interest, dividends, rent, and any other form of monetary income.

Aggravated assault - Attack or attempted attack with a weapon, regardless of whether or not an injury occurred and attack without a weapon when serious injury results.

With injury - An attack without a weapon when serious injury results or an attack with a weapon involving any injury. Serious injury includes broken bones, lost teeth, internal injuries, loss of consciousness, and any unspecified injury requiring two or more days of hospitalization.

Threatened with a weapon - Threat or attempted attack by an offender armed with a gun, knife, or other object used as a weapon, not resulting in victim injury.

Assault - An unlawful physical attack or threat of attack. Assaults may be classified as aggravated or simple. Rape, attempted rape, and sexual assaults are excluded from this category, as well as robbery and attempted robbery. The severity of assaults ranges from minor threat to incidents which are nearly fatal.

Burglary (also *Household burglary*) - Unlawful or forcible entry or attempted entry of a residence. This crime usually, but not always, involves theft. The illegal entry may be by force, such as breaking a window or slashing a screen, or may be without force by entering through an unlocked door or an open window. As long as the person entering has no legal right to be present in the structure a burglary has occurred. Furthermore, the structure need not be the house itself for a burglary to take place; illegal entry of a garage, shed, or any other structure on the premises also constitutes household burglary. If breaking and entering occurs in a hotel or vacation residence, it is still classified as a burglary for the household whose member or members were staying there at the time the entry occurred.

Completed burglary - A form of burglary in which a person who has no legal right to be present in the structure successfully gains entry to a residence, by use of force, or without force.

Forcible entry - A form of completed burglary in which force is used to gain entry to a residence. Some examples include breaking a window or slashing a screen.

Unlawful entry without force - A form of completed burglary committed by someone having no legal right to be on the premises, even though no force is used.

Attempted forcible entry - A form of burglary in which force is used in an attempt to gain entry.

Collection year - The set of victimizations reported to NCVS in interviews conducted during the same calendar year. This set may include victimizations which occurred in the previous calendar year, due to the retrospective nature of the NCVS interview. Collection year data are used in tables beginning in 1996. See "Data year."

Commercial crimes - Crimes against commercial establishments of any type are not included in the survey. Commercial establishments include stores, restaurants, businesses, service stations, medical offices or hospitals, or other similar establishments. For victimizations occurring in commercial establishments, the crime is included or not included depending upon whether the survey respondent was threatened or harmed in some way or personal property was taken.

Crime classification - Victimization and incidents are classified based upon detailed characteristics of the event provided by the respondent. Neither victims nor interviewers classify crimes at the time of interview. During data processing, a computer program classifies each event into one type of crime, based upon the entries on a number of items on the survey questionnaire. This ensures that similar events will be classified using a standard procedure. The glossary definition for each crime indicates the major characteristics required to be so classified. If an event can be classified as more than one type of crime, a hierarchy is used which classifies the crime according to the most serious event that occurred. The hierarchy is: rape, sexual assault, robbery, assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, theft.

Data year - The set of victimizations reported to NCVS all of which occurred within the same calendar year. For all years prior to 1996, NCVS data are based upon data year. Beginning in 1996 and later years, data are based upon collection year. See "Collection Year."

Ethnicity - A classification based on Hispanic culture and origin, regardless of race.

Head of household - A classification which defines one and only one person in each housing unit as the head. Head of household implies that the person rents or owns (or is in the process of buying), the housing unit. The head of household must be at least 18, unless all members of the household are under 18, or the head is married to someone 18 or older.

Hispanic - A person who describes himself as Mexican-American, Chicano, Mexican, Mexicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central American, South American, or from some other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Household - A person or group of people meeting either of the following criteria: (1) people whose usual place of residence is the same housing unit, even if they are temporarily absent; (2) people staying in a housing unit who have no usual place of residence elsewhere.

Household Burglary - See burglary.

Incident - A specific criminal act involving one or more victims and offenders. For example, if two people are robbed at the same time and place, this is classified as two robbery victimizations but only one robbery incident.

Marital status - Every person is assigned to one of the following classifications: (1) married, which includes persons in common-law unions and those who are currently living apart for reasons other than marital discord (employment, military service, etc.); (2) separated or divorced, which includes married persons who are legally separated and those who are not living together because of marital discord; (3) widowed; and (4) never married, which includes persons whose marriages have been annulled and those who are living together and not in a common-law union.

Metropolitan area - See "Metropolitan Statistical Area."

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) - The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) defines this as a population nucleus of 50,000 or more, generally consisting of a city and its immediate suburbs, along with adjacent communities having a high degree of economic and social integration with the nucleus. MSA's are designated by counties, the smallest geographic units for which a wide range of statistical data can be attained. However, in New England, MSA's are designated by cities and towns since these subcounty units are of great local significance and considerable data is available for them. Currently, an area is defined as an MSA if it meets one of two standards:

(1) a city has a population of at least 50,000; (2) the Census Bureau defines an urbanized area of at least 50,000 people with a total metropolitan population of at least 100,000 (or 75,000 in New England). The Census Bureau's definition of urbanized areas, data on commuting to work, and the strength of the economic and social ties between the surrounding counties and the central city determine which

counties not containing a main city are included in an MSA. For New England, MSA's are determined by a core area and related cities and towns, not counties. A metropolitan statistical area may contain more than one city of 50,000 and may cross State lines.

Motor vehicle - An automobile, truck, motorcycle, or any other motorized vehicle legally allowed on public roads and highways.

Motor vehicle theft - Stealing or unauthorized taking of a motor vehicle, including attempted thefts.

Completed motor vehicle theft - The successful taking of a vehicle by an unauthorized person.

Attempted motor vehicle theft - The unsuccessful attempt by an unauthorized person to take a vehicle.

Multiple offenders - Two or more persons inflicting some direct harm to a victim. The *victim-offender relationship* is determined by the offender with the closest relationship to the victim. The following list ranks the different relationships from closest to most distant: spouse, ex-spouse, parent, child, other relative, nonrelative well-known person, casual acquaintance, or stranger (See *Nonstranger* and *Stranger*).

Non-Hispanic - Persons who report their culture or origin as something other than "Hispanic" as defined above. This distinction is made regardless of race.

Nonstranger - A classification of a crime victim's relationship to the offender. An offender who is either related to, well known to, or casually acquainted with the victim is a nonstranger. For crimes with more than one offender, if any of the offenders are nonstrangers, then the group of offenders as a whole is classified as nonstranger. This category only applies to crimes which involve contact between the victim and the offender; the distinction is not made for crimes of theft since victims of this offense rarely see the offenders.

Offender - The perpetrator of a crime; this term usually applies to crimes involving contact between the victim and the offender.

Offense - A crime. When referring to personal crimes, the term can be used to refer to both victimizations and incidents.

Personal crimes - Rape, sexual assault, personal robbery, assault, purse snatching and pocket picking. This category includes both attempted and completed crimes.

Place of occurrence of crime - The location at which a crime occurred, as specified by the victim. Survey measures of crimes occurring in commercial establishments, restaurants, nightclubs, public transportation and other similar places include only those crimes involving NCVS measured crimes against persons, not the establishments. Crimes against commercial establishments and other places are not measured by the survey.

Property crimes - Property crimes including burglary, motor vehicle theft, or theft. This category includes both attempted and completed crimes.

Purse snatching/Pocket picking - Theft or attempted theft of property or cash directly from the victim by stealth, without force or threat of force.

Race - Racial categories for this survey are white, black, and other. The "other" category is composed mainly of Asian Pacific Islanders, and American Indian, Aleut, and Eskimo. The race of the head of household is used in determining the race of the household for computing household crime demographics.

Rape - Forced sexual intercourse including both psychological coercion as well as physical force. Forced sexual intercourse means vaginal, anal or oral penetration by the offender(s). This category also includes incidents where the penetration is from a foreign object such as a bottle. Includes attempted rapes, male as well as female victims and both heterosexual and homosexual rape. Attempted rape includes verbal threats of rape.

Rate of victimization - see "Victimization rate."

Region - The States have been divided into four groups or census regions:

Midwest - Includes the 12 States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Northeast - Includes the 9 states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

South - Includes the District of Columbia and the 16 States of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

West - Includes the 13 states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Robbery - Completed or attempted theft, directly from a person, of property or cash by force or threat of force, with or without a weapon, and with or without injury.

Completed/property taken - The successful taking of property from a person by force or threat of force, with or without a weapon, and with or without injury.

Completed with injury - The successful taking of property from a person, accompanied by an attack, either with or without a weapon, resulting in injury.

Completed without injury - The successful taking of property from a person by force or the threat of force, either with or without a weapon, but not resulting in injury.

Attempted to take property - The attempt to take property from a person by force or threat of force without success, with or without a weapon, and with or without injury.

Attempted without injury - The attempt to take property from a person by force or the threat of force without success, either with or without a weapon, but not resulting in injury.

Attempted with injury - The attempt to take property from a person without success, accompanied by an attack, either with or without a weapon, resulting in injury.

Rural area - A place not located inside the Metropolitan Statistical Area. This category includes a variety of localities, ranging from sparsely populated rural areas to cities with populations less than 50,000.

Sample - The set of housing units selected by the U. S. Census Bureau to be interviewed for the survey. All occupants of the household age 12 or older are interviewed. See methodology for sample inclusions and exclusions.

Series - Six or more similar but separate events, which the respondent is unable to describe separately in detail to an interviewer.

Sexual assault - A wide range of victimizations, separate from rape or attempted rape. These crimes include attacks or attempted attacks generally involving unwanted sexual contact between victim and offender. Sexual assaults may or may not involve force and include such things as grabbing or fondling. Sexual assault also includes verbal threats.

Simple assault - Attack without a weapon resulting either in no injury, minor injury (for example, bruises, black eyes, cuts, scratches or swelling) or in undetermined injury requiring less than 2 days of hospitalization. Also includes attempted assault without a weapon.

With minor injury - An attack without a weapon resulting in such injuries as bruises, black eyes, cuts or in undetermined injury requiring less than 2 days of hospitalization.

Without injury - An attempted assault without a weapon not resulting in injury.

Stranger - A classification of the victim's relationship to the offender for crimes involving direct contact between the two. Incidents are classified as involving strangers if the victim identifies the offender as a stranger, did not see or recognize the offender, or knew the offender only by sight. Crimes involving multiple offenders are classified as involving nonstrangers if any of the offenders was a nonstranger. Since victims of theft without contact rarely see the offender, no distinction is made between strangers and nonstrangers for this crime.

Suburban areas - A county or counties containing a central city, plus any contiguous counties that are linked socially and economically to the central city. On data tables, suburban areas are categorized as those portions of metropolitan areas situated "outside central cities."

Tenure - The NCVS recognizes two forms of household tenancy: (1) owned, which includes dwellings that are mortgaged, and (2) rented, which includes rent-free quarters belonging to a party other than the occupants, and situations where rental payments are in kind or services.

Theft - Completed or attempted theft of property or cash without personal contact. Incidents involving theft of property from within the sample household would classify as theft if the offender has a legal right to be in the house (such as a maid, delivery person, or guest). If the offender has no legal right to be in the house, the incident would classify as a burglary.

Completed - To successfully take without permission property or cash without personal contact between the victim and offender.

Attempted - To unsuccessfully attempt to take property or cash without personal contact.

Urban areas - The largest city (or grouping of cities) in a Metropolitan Statistical Area (see definition of Metropolitan Statistical Area).

Victim - The recipient of a criminal act, usually used in relation to personal crimes, but also applicable to households.

Victimization - A crime as it affects one individual person or household. For personal crimes, the number of victimizations is equal to the number of victims involved. The number of victimizations may be greater than the number of incidents because more than one person may be victimized during an incident. Each crime against a household is assumed to involve a single victim, the affected household.

Victimization rate - A measure of the occurrence of victimizations among a specified population group. For personal crimes, this is based on the number of victimizations per 1,000 residents age 12 or older. For household crimes, the victimization rates are calculated using the number of incidents per 1,000 households.

Victimize - To commit a crime against a person or household.

Violence, crimes of - Rape, sexual assault, personal robbery or assault. This category includes both attempted and completed crimes. It does not include purse snatching and pocket picking. Murder is not measured by the NCVS because of an inability to question the victim.

Completed violence - The sum of all completed rapes, sexual assaults, robberies, and assaults. See individual crime types for definition of completed crimes.

Attempted/threatened violence - The unsuccessful attempt of rape, sexual assault, personal robbery or assault. Includes attempted attacks or sexual assaults by means of verbal threats. See individual crime types for definition of attempted crimes.