

Table 104. Personal crimes of violence, 2008:

Percent distribution 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	Unable to recover or identify property	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	1,350,670	100 %	19.1	15.0	18.4	5.9	0.0 *	0.6 *	0.4 *	2.4 *	8.9	2.2 *	4.0	7.7	15.2
Rape/sexual assault ^a	33,430 *	100 %*	47.9 *	13.3 *	38.8 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Robbery	169,580	100 %	13.1 *	4.8 *	12.6 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	1.5 *	5.5 *	17.5 *	6.6 *	8.2 *	18.1 *	12.1 *
Assault	1,147,660	100 %	19.2	16.6	18.6	7.0	0.0 *	0.7 *	0.3 *	2.0 *	7.9	1.7 *	3.6	6.4	16.1
Involving nonstrangers															
Crimes of violence	1,456,530	100 %	15.8	22.4	13.3	3.1	0.0 *	0.3 *	0.0 *	1.9 *	9.5	4.8	10.2	2.2 *	16.5
Rape/sexual assault ^a	108,950	100 %	10.8 *	25.1 *	8.8 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	3.0 *	3.2 *	5.5 *	14.8 *	0.0 *	28.8 *
Robbery	124,550	100 %	7.9 *	5.5 *	6 *	3.5 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	6.1 *	13.4 *	14.9 *	12.3 *	0.0 *	30.4
Assault	1,223,030	100 %	17.1	23.9	14.5	3.3	0.0 *	0.3 *	0.0 *	1.4 *	9.6	3.7	9.5	2.6 *	14.0

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding. Some respondents cited more than one reason for not reporting victimizations to the police.

*Estimate is based on 10 or fewer sample cases.

^aIncludes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.