

Table 105. Property crimes, 2008:

Percent distribution 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 reasons provided	Reasons for not reporting			
		Total	Household burglary	Motor vehicle theft	Theft
White only					
Total	9,214,120	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Reported to another official	607,400	6.6	3.7	1.6 *	7.1
Private or personal matter	491,910	5.3	5.6	16.5 *	5.1
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	2,278,980	24.7	19.7	18.9 *	25.6
Not important enough	331,950	3.6	3.2	4.6 *	3.7
Insurance would not cover	209,290	2.3	2.1 *	4.9 *	2.3
Not aware crime occurred until later	548,460	6.0	9.4	8.9 *	5.3
Unable to recover or identify property	541,570	5.9	4.7	1.6 *	6.1
Lack of proof	847,850	9.2	8.1	19.8 *	9.2
Police would not want to be bothered	1,588,700	17.2	18.0	4.6 *	17.3
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	490,310	5.3	8.3	6.3 *	4.8
Fear of reprisal	76,930	0.8	1.9 *	0.0 *	0.7
Too inconvenient or time consuming	369,760	4.0	2.7 *	2.2 *	4.3
Other reasons	831,010	9.0	12.7	9.9 *	8.4
Black only					
Total	1,480,470	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Reported to another official	117,020	7.9	9.1 *	0.0 *	7.9
Private or personal matter	90,080	6.1	8.1 *	6.4 *	5.7
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	352,110	23.8	21.8	26.1 *	24.1
Not important enough	48,100	3.2	6.1 *	0.0 *	2.8 *
Insurance would not cover	37,570 *	2.5 *	1.5 *	0.0 *	2.8 *
Not aware crime occurred until later	105,110	7.1	11.6 *	0.0 *	6.5
Unable to recover or identify property	63,400	4.3	2.0 *	7.9 *	4.6
Lack of proof	134,090	9.1	7.6 *	7.2 *	9.4
Police would not want to be bothered	236,130	15.9	9.8 *	20.5 *	17.0
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	35,460 *	2.4 *	1.1 *	6.2 *	2.5 *
Fear of reprisal	26,670 *	1.8 *	6.0 *	0.0 *	1.1 *
Too inconvenient or time consuming	85,410	5.8	3.8 *	0.0 *	6.3
Other reasons	149,340	10.1	11.5 *	25.8 *	9.4

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding. Excludes data on persons with race other than white only and black only. Some respondents cited more than one reason for not reporting victimizations to the police.

*Estimate is based on 10 or fewer sample cases.