

Table 103. Personal crimes, 2008:

**Percent distribution 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	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 time consuming or inconvenient	Other reasons
White only														
All personal crimes	100 %	16.2	19.2	16.8	4.7	0.0 *	0.7 *	0.4 *	1.7	7.6	3.9	7.8	5.0	16.0
Crimes of violence	100 %	16.6	19.4	16.6	4.6	0.0 *	0.6 *	0.3 *	1.6 *	7.5	4.0	8.0	4.8	16.1
Rape/sexual assault ^a	100 %	13.4 *	21.1 *	21.1 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	3.7 *	4.0 *	6.9 *	18.5 *	0.0 *	11.3 *
Robbery	100 %	9.7 *	3.2 *	7.0 *	2.5 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	1.5 *	1.7 *	16.8 *	12.7 *	15.0 *	9.8 *	20.1 *
Assault	100 %	17.4	20.7	17.2	5.0	0.0 *	0.6 *	0.2 *	1.5 *	6.8	3.1	6.9	4.6	15.9
Purse snatching/pocket picking	100 %	0.0 *	11.5 *	24.2 *	5.9 *	0.0 *	6.5 *	6.4 *	7.3 *	13.5 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	12.5 *	12.2 *
Black only														
All personal crimes	100 %	30.4	8.3 *	13.3	3.1 *	0.0 *	1.4 *	0.0	3.9 *	12.9	0.0 *	2.7 *	6.2 *	17.7
Crimes of violence	100 %	31.5	8.6 *	11.7	3.2 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	4.1 *	13.3	0.0 *	2.8 *	6.4 *	18.4
Rape/sexual assault ^a	100 %*	55.7 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	44.3 *
Robbery	100 %	15.8 *	0.0 *	25.6 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	9.7 *	20.2 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	9.7 *	18.9 *
Assault	100 %	32.9	12.0 *	9.3 *	4.5 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	3.0 *	13.0 *	0.0 *	3.9 *	6.2 *	15.1 *
Purse snatching/pocket picking	100 %*	0.0 *	0.0 *	57.8 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	42.2 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *

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

*Estimate is based on 10 or fewer sample cases.

^aIncludes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault