

Table 104. Personal crimes of violence, 2006:

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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
<b>Involving strangers</b>								
Crimes of violence	1,727,820	100.0 %	10.1	16.0	21.9	7.1	0.2 *	0.8 *
Rape/Sexual assault/a	51,580	100.0 %	12.9 *	27.8 *	12.7 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Robbery	272,670	100.0 %	4.4 *	8.5 *	15.5	0.0 *	1.1 *	3.3 *
Assault	1,403,570	100.0 %	11.1	17.0	23.4	8.7	0.0 *	0.4 *
<b>Involving nonstrangers</b>								
Crimes of violence	1,853,800	100.0 %	15.6	25.2	13.0	5.4	0.0 *	0.0 *
Rape/Sexual assault/a	106,440	100.0 %	7.7 *	22.8 *	8.7 *	3.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Robbery	143,820	100.0 %	7.1 *	19.1 *	3.1 *	5.4 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Assault	1,603,540	100.0 %	16.9	25.9	14.2	5.6	0.0 *	0.0 *

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
<b>Involving strangers</b>							
Crimes of violence	0.3 *	5.5	7.5	5.2	6.6	6.0	12.9
Rape/Sexual assault/a	0.0 *	0.0 *	14.8 *	0.0 *	6.9 *	10.6 *	14.3 *
Robbery	0.0 *	14.3	9.5 *	19.1	3.4 *	10.7 *	10.2 *
Assault	0.4 *	3.9	6.8	2.7	7.2	4.9	13.4
<b>Involving nonstrangers</b>							
Crimes of violence	0.0 *	0.7 *	5.4	4.3	8.3	3.5	18.7
Rape/Sexual assault/a	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	21.9 *	4.4 *	31.5 *
Robbery	0.0 *	2.3 *	15.1 *	15.5 *	10.2 *	1.6 *	20.6 *
Assault	0.0 *	0.5 *	4.8	3.5	7.3	3.6	17.6

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.

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.

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