

Table 3.33

Estimated percent distribution of reasons for reporting personal and property victimizations to police

By type of crime, United States, 1994<sup>a</sup>

Reasons for reporting to police	Personal crimes				Property crimes			
	Total	Crimes of violence			Total	Household burglary	Motor vehicle theft	Theft <sup>b</sup>
		Total	Robbery	Assault				
Number of reasons for reporting victimizations <sup>c</sup>	3,456,880	3,333,950	714,740	2,530,280	10,216,600	2,943,880	1,309,260	5,963,460
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Stop or prevent this incident	14.5	14.9	8.4	16.5	4.5	6.0	3.9	3.9
Needed help due to injury	2.1	2.2	1.8 <sup>d</sup>	2.3	0.1 <sup>d</sup>	0.2 <sup>d</sup>	0.0 <sup>d</sup>	0.1 <sup>d</sup>
To recover property	5.0	3.9	15.0	0.9	22.4	18.6	33.1	21.8
To collect insurance	0.3 <sup>d</sup>	0.3 <sup>d</sup>	0.6 <sup>d</sup>	0.2 <sup>d</sup>	6.4	4.5	8.3	7.0
To prevent further crimes by offender against victim	17.1	17.8	9.9	20.1	7.5	10.6	6.3	6.2
To prevent crime by offender against anyone	8.7	9.0	8.4	9.0	4.6	4.5	3.7	4.8
To punish offender	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.4	3.5	4.6	3.4	3.0
To catch or find offender	5.6	5.7	12.2	4.1	5.7	7.2	5.1	5.0
To improve police surveillance	2.0	2.1	3.2	1.8	5.8	7.9	5.0	4.8
Duty to notify police	5.2	5.1	5.7	5.0	5.3	5.3	5.0	5.4
Because it was a crime	23.9	23.2	22.2	23.0	28.7	26.3	23.9	30.9
Some other reason	7.1	7.2	3.8	8.5	4.5	3.3	1.6 <sup>d</sup>	5.7
Not available	1.2	1.3	1.3 <sup>d</sup>	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.7 <sup>d</sup>	1.3

Note: See Note, table 3.1. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 9.

<sup>d</sup>Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.

<sup>a</sup>Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup>Includes crimes previously classified as "personal larceny without contact" and "household larceny."

<sup>c</sup>Some respondents may have cited more than one reason for reporting victimizations to the police.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Criminal Victimization in the United States, 1994*, NCJ-162126 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 1997), Table 101. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.