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Sampling

The 2000 "National Judicial Reporting Program" (NJRP) sample consisted of 429,471 persons convicted of a felony in State courts in 344 counties selected to be nationally representative. Of these convicted felons, 272,889 cases were in the 75 largest counties. Additional details on the sampling are in the BJS publication *Felony Sentences in State Courts, 1996* (NCJ 173939).

Sampling error

NJRP data were obtained from a sample and not from a complete enumeration; consequently, they are subject to sampling error. A standard error, which is a measure of sampling error, is associated with each number in these statistical tables. In general, if the difference between two numbers is at least twice the standard error of that difference (the criterion used in these tables), there is at least 95% confidence that the two numbers do in fact differ; that is, the apparent difference is not simply the result of surveying a sample rather than the entire population.

National estimates of the number of convictions for individual crime categories and for the aggregate total had a coefficient of variation of 3.6%. Standard errors for some of these tables are available on the Internet: <*http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/fssc00.htm*>. Standard errors did not take into account missing data, which are sometimes substantial for certain tables.

Sources of data

State courts were the source of NJRP data for about 61% of the 344 counties sampled. For other counties, sources included statistical agencies, sentencing commissions, department of public safety, probation departments, state police departments, and department of corrections. Individual-level NJRP records were obtained through a variety of collection methods, including electronically (83% of the counties) and manually (17%). Electronic methods of data submission included diskettes, magnetic tape, and Internet transmission. Manual methods included photocopies of official documents, survey questionnaires completed by court officials, and on-site collections by Census Bureau staff. All data were collected by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Targeted population

The survey targeted and recorded initial sentences imposed in 2000. If a sentence was imposed on one date and then modified at a later date, the revision was ignored. The survey recorded sentences that were actually executed. If a prison sentence was initially imposed but immediately suspended in its entirety, the case was coded as probation because that was the actual sentence.

Because the year of conviction was not a defining characteristic, some cases in the sample were of persons convicted before 2000 but not sentenced until 2000.

In 2 counties sampled from Florida, 10 counties from Minnesota, 21 from Pennsylvania, and 1 from Virginia it was impractical to target sentences in 2000. Cases sampled from these counties were all sentenced in 1999.

The 2000 conviction data that were submitted by four Illinois counties — McHenry, Rock Island, St. Clair, and Sangamon — were very different from prior years' NJRP data files as well as other court data sources. Consequently, the conviction data submitted by these counties for the 1998 survey were used in place of the 2000 data.

In 2000 Missouri was unable to provide data for seven counties in the sample (Andrew, Boone, Franklin, Jasper, Madison, Oregon, and St. Charles). These counties were replaced with seven others in the same respective strata (Lawrence and Bath Counties, Kentucky; Lafourche Parish, Louisiana; Cole County, Missouri; Lancaster County, Virginia; and Mercer and Northumberland Counties, Pennsylvania).

The second stage weights for two sampled counties from Florida — St. Lucie and Hillsborough — were adjusted to account for less than a full year of reporting.

Crime definitions

Crime definitions are in the BJS publication *Felony Sentences in State Courts, 1996* (NCJ 173939).

Related reading

Data used in these statistical tables were also used in the BJS publication *Felony Sentences in State Courts, 2000* (NCJ 198821).

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Data presented in these statistical tables may be obtained from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data at the University of Michigan, 1-800-999-0960. These statistical tables and data are also available on the BJS website at: <*http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/*>.

Table 1.1. Estimated number of felony convictions in State courts, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Felony convictions in State courts	
	Number	Percent
All offenses	924,700	100 %
Violent offenses	173,200	18.7 %
Murder	8,600	0.9
Murder	6,400	0.7
Manslaughter /a	2,100	0.2
Sexual assault /b	31,500	3.4
Rape	10,600	1.1
Other sexual assault	20,900	2.3
Robbery	36,800	4.0
Armed	10,400	1.1
Unarmed	11,000	1.2
Unspecified	15,300	1.7
Aggravated assault	79,400	8.6
Other violent /c	17,000	1.8
Property offenses	262,000	28.3 %
Burglary	79,300	8.6
Residential	10,900	1.2
Nonresidential	16,300	1.8
Unspecified	52,100	5.6
Larceny /d	100,000	10.8
Motor vehicle theft	11,900	1.3
Other theft	88,100	9.5
Fraud /e	82,700	8.9
Fraud	40,500	4.4
Forgery	42,200	4.6
Drug offenses	319,700	34.6 %
Possession	116,300	12.6
Trafficking	203,400	22.0
Marijuana	25,300	2.7
Other	54,400	5.9
Unspecified	123,700	13.4
Weapon offenses	28,200	3.1 %
Other offenses /f	141,600	15.3 %

Note: Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.
This table is based on an estimated 924,700 cases.
a/ Defined as nonnegligent manslaughter only.
A small number of cases were classified as nonnegligent manslaughter when it was unclear if the conviction offense was murder or nonnegligent manslaughter.
b/ Includes rape.
c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.
d/ In a small number of cases, the type of larceny - vehicle theft versus other theft - was unknown. They were classified as "other theft."
e/ Includes embezzlement.
f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 1.2. Distribution of types of felony sentences imposed by State courts, by offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of felons sentenced to --				
		Incarceration			
	Total	Total	Prison	Jail	Probation
All offenses	100 %	68 %	40 %	28 %	32 %
Violent offenses	100 %	78 %	54 %	24 %	22 %
Murder /a	100	95	93	2	5
Sexual assault /b	100	84	64	20	16
Rape	100	90	70	20	10
Other sexual assault	100	80	60	20	20
Robbery	100	89	74	15	11
Aggravated assault	100	71	40	31	29
Other violent /c	100	71	42	29	29
Property offenses	100 %	64 %	37 %	27 %	36 %
Burglary	100	76	52	24	24
Larceny /d	100	63	33	30	37
Motor vehicle theft	100	73	41	32	27
Fraud /e	100	54	29	25	46
Drug offenses	100 %	67 %	38 %	29 %	33 %
Possession	100	64	33	31	36
Trafficking	100	69	41	28	31
Weapon offenses	100 %	70 %	41 %	29 %	30 %
Other offenses /f	100 %	66 %	32 %	34 %	34 %

Table 1.2. Distribution of types of felony sentences imposed by State courts, by offense, 2000 (cont.)

Most serious conviction offense	Estimated number of felons sentenced to --				
		Incarceration			
	Total	Total	Prison	Jail	Probation
All offenses	924,700	630,900	370,400	260,500	293,800
Violent offenses	173,200	135,900	94,400	41,500	37,300
Murder /a	8,600	8,200	8,000	200	400
Sexual assault /b	31,500	26,300	20,100	6,300	5,200
Rape	10,600	9,500	7,400	2,100	1,100
Other sexual assault	20,900	16,800	12,600	4,200	4,100
Robbery	36,800	32,600	27,100	5,500	4,200
Aggravated assault	79,400	56,700	32,100	24,600	22,700
Other violent /c	17,000	12,100	7,100	5,000	4,900
Property offenses	262,000	167,700	97,300	70,400	94,300
Burglary	79,300	60,600	41,000	19,600	18,700
Larceny /d	100,000	62,700	32,500	30,200	37,300
Motor vehicle theft	11,900	8,700	4,900	3,900	3,200
Fraud /e	82,700	44,500	23,900	20,600	38,300
Drug offenses	319,700	214,400	122,200	92,200	105,300
Possession	116,300	74,500	38,600	35,900	41,900
Trafficking	203,400	140,000	83,600	56,400	63,400
Weapon offenses	28,200	19,600	11,400	8,200	8,600
Other offenses /f	141,600	93,300	45,100	48,200	48,300

Note: For persons receiving a combination of sentences, the sentence designation came from the most severe penalty imposed -- prison being the most severe, followed by jail, then probation. Prison includes death sentences. In this table "probation" is defined as straight probation. Felons receiving a sentence other than incarceration or probation are classified under "probation." Percentages in this table are based on an estimated 919,387 cases. However, estimated numbers are adjusted for cases missing a designation of sentence type. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 1.3. Average felony sentence lengths in State courts, by offense and type of sentence, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Mean maximum sentence length (in months) for felons sentenced to --			
	Incarceration			
	Total	Prison	Jail	Probation
All offenses	36 mo	55 mo	6 mo	38 mo
Violent offenses	66 mo	91 mo	7 mo	44 mo
Murder /a	242	248	18	64
Sexual assault /b	87	108	8	64
Rape	110	136	8	79
Other sexual assault	73	92	8	61
Robbery	82	94	11	52
Aggravated assault	37	59	6	40
Other violent /c	33	50	7	36
Property offenses	27 mo	42 mo	6 mo	38 mo
Burglary	39	52	7	41
Larceny /d	21	34	6	37
Motor vehicle theft	18	27	5	37
Fraud /e	21	34	6	37
Drug offenses	30 mo	47 mo	6 mo	36 mo
Possession	20	34	5	33
Trafficking	35	52	7	39
Weapon offenses	25 mo	38 mo	7 mo	36 mo
Other offenses /f	22 mo	38 mo	6 mo	40 mo

Table 1.3. Average felony sentence lengths in State courts, by offense and type of sentence, 2000 (cont.)

Most serious conviction offense	Median maximum sentence length (in months) for felons sentenced to -- Incarceration: Total	Prison	Jail	Probation
All offenses	16 mo	36 mo	5 mo	36 mo
Violent offenses	36 mo	60 mo	6 mo	36 mo
Murder /a	264	291	12	60
Sexual assault /b	48	70	6	60
Rape	72	96	6	60
Other sexual assault	36	60	6	60
Robbery	60	61	10	48
Aggravated assault	16	36	5	36
Other violent /c	16	34	5	36
Property offenses	12 mo	27 mo	5 mo	36 mo
Burglary	24	36	6	36
Larceny /d	12	24	5	36
Motor vehicle theft	12	24	4	36
Fraud /e	12	24	4	36
Drug offenses	12 mo	36 mo	5 mo	36 mo
Possession	10	24	3	24
Trafficking	18	36	6	36
Weapon offenses	16 mo	24 mo	6 mo	36 mo
Other offenses /f	12 mo	24 mo	4 mo	36 mo

Note: See note on table 1.2.

Means exclude sentences to death or to life in prison.

This table is based on an estimated 852,616 cases.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 1.4. Estimated percent of felons sentenced to life in State prison, by offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Life sentences as a percent of -- All sentences*	All prison sentences
All offenses	0.4 %	1.0 %
Murder	23.3	25.5
Sexual assault	1.6	2.4
Rape	2.5	3.4
Other sexual assault	1.1	1.7
Robbery	0.9	1.1
Aggravated assault	0.3	0.7
Other violent	0.3	0.7
Burglary	0.1	0.3
Larceny	--	0.1
Motor vehicle theft	0.1	0.2
Fraud	--	0.1
Drug possession	0.2	0.7
Drug trafficking	0.1	0.2
Weapons	0.2	0.4
Other	0.1	0.2

Note: See table 1.2 for estimated number of felony sentences.

*Includes sentences to probation and jail as well as prison.

-- Less than 0.05%

Table 1.5. Estimated time to be served in State prison, by offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Mean prison sentence	To be served in prison, estimated -- Percent of sentence /a	Time /b
All offenses	55 mo	55 %	30 mo
Violent offenses	91 mo	62 %	56 mo
Murder /c	248	64	158
Sexual assault /d	108	64	69
Rape	136	65	88
Other sexual assault	92	64	58
Robbery	94	58	55
Aggravated assault	59	64	38
Other violent /e	50	61	31
Property offenses	42 mo	56 %	23 mo
Burglary	52	55	29
Larceny /f	34	59	20
Motor vehicle theft	27	63	17
Fraud /g	34	51	17
Drug offenses	47 mo	49 %	23 mo
Possession	34	49	17
Trafficking	52	49	26
Weapon offenses	38 mo	67 %	25 mo
Other offenses /h	38 mo	53 %	20 mo

a/ Percentages are based on data from 219,044 persons released from State prisons in 2000 (National Corrections Reporting Program, 2000 tables 2-8 and 2-12). These percentages included credited jail time.

b/ Derived by multiplying the percentage of sentence to be served by the mean sentence imposed.

c/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

d/ Includes rape.

e/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

f/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

g/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

h/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 1.6. Distribution of the number of felony conviction offenses for persons sentenced in State courts, by most serious offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Total	Percent of convicted felons with -- One felony conviction	Two felony convictions	Three or more felony convictions
All offenses	100 %	74 %	16 %	10 %
Violent offenses	100 %	68 %	18 %	14 %
Murder /a	100	59	22	19
Sexual assault /b	100	67	19	14
Robbery	100	67	17	16
Aggravated assault	100	68	18	14
Other violent /c	100	77	14	9
Property offenses	100 %	70 %	17 %	13 %
Burglary	100	62	21	17
Larceny /d	100	82	12	6
Fraud /e	100	65	18	17
Drug offenses	100 %	75 %	16 %	9 %
Possession	100	83	12	5
Trafficking	100	72	17	11
Weapon offenses	100 %	76 %	16 %	8 %
Other offenses /f	100 %	86 %	11 %	3 %

Note: This table is based on an estimated 924,743 cases.

The number of convictions pertains to current, not past, convictions.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 1.7. Convicted felons sentenced to prison by State courts, by number of conviction offenses, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of felons sentenced to prison following -- One felony conviction	Two felony convictions	Three or more felony convictions
All offenses	38 %	44 %	50 %
Violent offenses	50 %	61 %	66 %
Murder /a	92	95	96
Sexual assault /b	58	73	77
Robbery	70	81	82
Aggravated assault	37	45	52
Other violent /c	40	50	47
Property offenses	35 %	40 %	46 %
Burglary	50	52	59
Larceny /d	31	37	41
Fraud /e	27	29	35
Drug offenses	38 %	38 %	41 %
Possession	34	31	32
Trafficking	41	41	44
Weapon offenses	39 %	48 %	42 %
Other offenses /f	31 %	35 %	43 %

Note: See note on table 1.2. This table is based on an estimated 919,387 cases.

The number of convictions pertains to current, not past, convictions.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 1.8. Mean sentence lengths for State felony sentences imposed, by the number and category of the conviction offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Mean maximum sentence length (in months) for felons sentenced to -- Incarceration: Total	Prison	Jail	Probation
One conviction offense				
All offenses	31 mo	49 mo	6 mo	38 mo
Violent offenses	56 mo	79 mo	7 mo	43 mo
Murder /a	219	226	21	60
Sexual assault /b	67	86	9	59
Robbery	71	83	11	53
Aggravated assault	33	55	6	38
Other violent /c	30	46	7	36
Property offenses	25 mo	38 mo	6 mo	37 mo
Burglary	37	50	8	41
Larceny /d	19	31	6	36
Fraud /e	19	30	6	36
Drug offenses	28 mo	44 mo	6 mo	36 mo
Possession	20	33	4	32
Trafficking	34	50	7	39
Weapon offenses	24 mo	35 mo	7 mo	35 mo
Other offenses /f	21 mo	37 mo	6 mo	40 mo
Two or more conviction offenses				
All offenses	46 mo	69 mo	6 mo	40 mo
Violent offenses	86 mo	111 mo	7 mo	49 mo
Murder /a	277	282	10	74
Sexual assault /b	123	144	8	82
Robbery	103	114	11	49
Aggravated assault	44	66	6	44
Other violent /c	42	62	7	36
Property offenses	33 mo	49 mo	6 mo	40 mo
Burglary	42	56	6	41
Larceny /d	28	44	6	39
Fraud /e	24	39	5	39
Drug offenses	33 mo	53 mo	6 mo	37 mo
Possession	22	38	5	36
Trafficking	37	57	6	38
Weapon offenses	30 mo	46 mo	6 mo	38 mo
Other offenses /f	27 mo	42 mo	6 mo	43 mo

Note: See note on tables 1.2 and 1.3.
This table is based on an estimated 852,616 cases.
The number of convictions pertains to current, not past, convictions.
a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.
b/ Includes rape.
c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.
d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.
e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.
f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 1.9. Felons sentenced to an additional penalty by State courts, by offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of felons with an additional penalty of -- Fine	Restitution	Treatment /a	Community service	Other
All offenses	25 %	14 %	7 %	5 %	7 %
Violent offenses	20 %	13 %	7 %	4 %	7 %
Murder /b	9	11	3	1	3
Sexual assault /c	19	11	9	3	8
Rape	14	10	8	2	8
Other sexual assault	22	11	9	4	8
Robbery	13	13	3	3	4
Aggravated assault	22	13	8	6	10
Other violent /d	36	15	6	5	4
Property offenses	24 %	26 %	7 %	6 %	7 %
Burglary	21	24	6	5	6
Larceny /e	24	25	6	7	9
Motor vehicle theft	19	27	5	5	19
Fraud /f	27	31	8	6	7
Drug offenses	27 %	6 %	7 %	6 %	7 %
Possession	20	4	12	7	12
Trafficking	31	6	5	5	4
Weapon offenses	19 %	6 %	4 %	5 %	8 %
Other offenses /g	27 %	10 %	7 %	6 %	9 %

Note: Where the data indicated affirmatively that a particular additional penalty was imposed, the case was coded accordingly. Where the data did not indicate affirmatively or negatively, the case was treated as not having an additional penalty.
These procedures provide a conservative estimate of the prevalence of additional penalties. A felon receiving more than one kind of additional penalty appears under more than one table heading. This table is based on an estimated 924,743 cases.
a/ Includes any type of counseling, rehabilitation, treatment, or mental hospital confinement.
b/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.
c/ Includes rape.
d/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.
e/ Includes motor vehicle theft.
f/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.
g/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 2.1. Demographic characteristics of persons convicted of felonies by State courts, by offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of convicted felons											
		Gender		Race			Age at sentencing					
	Total	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	Under 20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60 or older
All offenses	100 %	83 %	17 %	54 %	44 %	2 %	8 %	39 %	30 %	18 %	4 %	1 %
Violent offenses	100 %	90 %	10 %	53 %	44 %	3 %	10 %	42 %	27 %	15 %	4 %	2 %
Murder /a	100	91	9	43	54	3	9	49	23	13	4	2
Sexual assault /b	100	98	2	68	28	4	7	35	29	18	7	4
Rape	100	98	2	64	35	1	8	34	30	17	7	4
Other sexual assault	100	98	2	70	25	5	7	35	29	18	7	4
Robbery	100	93	7	35	64	1	21	50	20	8	1	--
Aggravated assault	100	86	14	55	42	3	8	41	29	16	5	1
Other violent /c	100	89	11	67	31	2	7	37	31	19	5	1
Property offenses	100 %	75 %	25 %	59 %	39 %	2 %	9 %	40 %	30 %	17 %	3 %	1 %
Burglary	100	92	8	62	36	2	17	43	25	13	2	--
Larceny /d	100	75	25	58	40	2	8	38	31	18	4	1
Motor vehicle theft	100	90	10	63	32	5	13	48	27	10	2	--
Fraud /e	100	59	41	58	40	2	3	39	35	18	4	1
Drug offenses	100 %	83 %	17 %	46 %	53 %	1 %	6 %	40 %	30 %	19 %	4 %	1 %
Possession	100	81	19	49	50	1	4	34	33	23	5	1
Trafficking	100	84	16	44	55	1	6	43	28	18	4	1
Weapon offenses	100 %	95 %	5 %	44 %	54 %	2 %	10 %	47 %	23 %	14 %	4 %	2 %
Other offenses /f	100 %	88 %	12 %	66 %	32 %	2 %	6 %	34 %	33 %	20 %	6 %	1 %

Table 2.1. Demographic characteristics of persons convicted of felonies by State courts, by offense, 2000 (cont.)

Most serious conviction offense	Estimated number of convicted felons										
	Gender		Race			Age at sentencing					
	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	Under 20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60 or older
All offenses	768,500	156,200	498,000	410,100	16,600	71,600	360,600	276,200	163,300	38,300	9,500
Violent offenses	156,500	16,700	92,600	76,200	4,400	17,300	72,200	46,900	25,700	7,200	2,800
Property offenses	238,800	23,200	113,500	141,200	7,200	24,300	104,200	79,500	44,500	9,000	2,000
Drug offenses	313,600	6,100	217,100	89,300	13,300	18,100	127,800	96,400	62,100	13,000	2,300
Weapon offenses	27,800	400	18,100	9,800	300	2,800	13,300	6,600	4,000	1,200	400
Other offenses /f	138,600	3,000	98,600	35,100	7,100	8,000	48,100	46,900	28,700	7,900	2,000

Note: Percentages on sex are based on an estimated 712,835 cases; on race, 618,843; and on age, 765,902.
However, estimated numbers are adjusted for cases missing a designation of sentence type.
Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.
Racial categories include Hispanics.
--Less than 0.5%.
a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.
b/ Includes rape.
c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.
d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.
e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.
f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 2.2. Offense distribution of felons convicted in State courts, by gender, race, and age of felons, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of convicted felons											
		Gender		Race			Age at sentencing					
	Total	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	Under 20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60 or older
All offenses	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Violent offenses	19 %	21 %	11 %	18 %	18 %	26 %	26 %	20 %	17 %	16 %	19 %	30 %
Murder /a	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Sexual assault /b	3	4	--	4	2	7	3	3	3	3	6	14
Rape	1	1	--	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	5
Other sexual assault	2	3	--	3	1	7	2	2	2	2	4	9
Robbery	4	5	2	3	6	3	11	5	3	2	1	1
Aggravated assault	9	9	7	8	7	12	9	9	8	8	9	10
Other violent /c	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
Property offenses	28 %	26 %	42 %	32 %	25 %	32 %	35 %	29 %	29 %	27 %	24 %	22 %
Burglary	9	10	4	10	7	8	18	9	7	6	4	2
Larceny /d	11	10	16	12	10	14	12	11	12	11	11	10
Motor vehicle theft	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	--
Fraud /e	9	6	22	10	8	10	4	9	11	9	9	10
Drug offenses	35 %	35 %	36 %	30 %	42 %	23 %	26 %	35 %	35 %	38 %	34 %	24 %
Possession	13	12	14	11	14	8	8	11	14	17	14	9
Trafficking	22	22	21	18	28	14	18	24	21	22	20	15
Weapon offenses	3 %	3 %	1 %	2 %	4 %	2 %	4 %	3 %	2 %	2 %	3 %	5 %
Other offenses /f	15 %	15 %	10 %	18 %	11 %	18 %	11 %	12 %	16 %	17 %	20 %	20 %

Note: See note on table 2.1.

Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

Racial categories include Hispanics.

-- Less than 0.5%.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 2.3. Average age of convicted felons in State courts, by offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Average age in years	
	Mean	Median
All offenses	32 yr	30 yr
Violent offenses	31 yr	29 yr
Murder /a	30	27
Sexual assault /b	34	32
Rape	34	32
Other sexual assault	34	32
Robbery	26	23
Aggravated assault	32	30
Other violent /c	33	32
Property offenses	31 yr	30 yr
Burglary	28	26
Larceny /d	32	31
Motor vehicle theft	28	26
Fraud /e	33	32
Drug offenses	32 yr	31 yr
Possession	33	33
Trafficking	31	30
Weapon offenses	31 yr	28 yr
Other offenses /f	33 yr	33 yr

Note: Data on age were available for 765,902 cases.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 2.4. Distribution of types of felony sentences imposed by State courts, by gender of felons and offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of felons sentenced to --						
		Incarceration			Nonincarceration		
	Total	Total	Prison	Jail	Total	Probation	Other
Male							
All offenses	100 %	72 %	45 %	27 %	28 %	24 %	4 %
Violent offenses	100 %	81 %	58 %	23 %	19 %	17 %	3 %
Murder /a	100	96	93	2	4	3	2
Sexual assault /b	100	84	65	19	16	14	2
Robbery	100	89	75	14	11	9	2
Aggravated assault	100	75	45	30	25	21	4
Other violent /c	100	71	43	28	29	26	3
Property offenses	100 %	70 %	43 %	27 %	30 %	26 %	4 %
Burglary	100	78	54	24	22	19	3
Larceny /d	100	68	37	30	32	28	5
Fraud /e	100	61	34	27	39	35	4
Drug offenses	100 %	70 %	43 %	27 %	30 %	26 %	4 %
Possession	100	68	39	28	32	27	5
Trafficking	100	72	45	27	28	25	3
Weapon offenses	100 %	73 %	43 %	30 %	27 %	23 %	4 %
Other offenses /f	100 %	68 %	36 %	32 %	32 %	27 %	5 %
Female							
All offenses	100 %	57 %	28 %	29 %	43 %	38 %	5 %
Violent offenses	100 %	65 %	37 %	28 %	35 %	31 %	4 %
Murder /a	100	90	86	4	10	9	1
Sexual assault /b	100	83	53	30	16	15	2
Robbery	100	83	59	24	17	14	3
Aggravated assault	100	58	28	31	42	37	4
Other violent /c	100	62	34	28	38	33	5
Property offenses	100 %	52 %	24 %	27 %	48 %	43 %	5 %
Burglary	100	73	40	34	27	23	4
Larceny /d	100	51	22	29	49	43	7
Fraud /e	100	49	24	25	51	47	4
Drug offenses	100 %	61 %	30 %	31 %	39 %	34 %	5 %
Possession	100	62	29	33	38	31	6
Trafficking	100	60	31	29	40	36	5
Weapon offenses	100 %	62 %	32 %	30 %	38 %	31 %	7 %
Other offenses /f	100 %	54 %	24 %	30 %	46 %	41 %	5 %

Note: See note on tables 1.2 and 2.1.

Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

-- Less than 0.5%.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 2.5. Distribution of types of felony sentences imposed by State courts, by race of felons and offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of felons sentenced to --						
		Incarceration			Nonincarceration		
	Total	Total	Prison	Jail	Total	Probation	Other
White							
All offenses	100 %	65 %	35 %	30 %	35 %	29 %	5 %
Violent offenses	100 %	75 %	49 %	26 %	25 %	21 %	4 %
Murder /a	100	94	90	4	6	4	3
Sexual assault /b	100	82	63	19	18	16	3
Robbery	100	87	70	16	13	11	3
Aggravated assault	100	68	35	33	32	26	6
Other violent /c	100	68	38	30	32	28	3
Property offenses	100 %	63 %	34 %	28 %	37 %	32 %	5 %
Burglary	100	74	48	26	26	22	4
Larceny /d	100	59	27	32	41	34	7
Fraud /e	100	55	29	26	45	41	4
Drug offenses	100 %	63 %	30 %	32 %	37 %	32 %	6 %
Possession	100	62	27	35	38	31	7
Trafficking	100	63	33	31	37	32	4
Weapon offenses	100 %	66 %	36 %	30 %	34 %	27 %	7 %
Other offenses /f	100 %	65 %	30 %	35 %	35 %	29 %	6 %
Black							
All offenses	100 %	73 %	49 %	24 %	27 %	24 %	3 %
Violent offenses	100 %	82 %	65 %	18 %	18 %	16 %	2 %
Murder /a	100	97	96	1	3	3	--
Sexual assault /b	100	84	69	15	16	14	2
Robbery	100	90	76	13	10	9	1
Aggravated assault	100	76	52	24	24	23	2
Other violent /c	100	73	50	24	27	23	3
Property offenses	100 %	68 %	44 %	24 %	32 %	29 %	3 %
Burglary	100	83	63	20	17	16	1
Larceny /d	100	67	40	27	33	30	3
Fraud /e	100	56	33	23	44	40	4
Drug offenses	100 %	73 %	48 %	25 %	27 %	24 %	3 %
Possession	100	72	48	24	28	25	4
Trafficking	100	73	48	25	27	24	3
Weapon offenses	100 %	75 %	49 %	26 %	25 %	22 %	3 %
Other offenses /f	100 %	70 %	42 %	28 %	30 %	27 %	3 %

Note: See note on tables 1.2 and 2.1.

Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

Racial categories include Hispanics.

-- Less than 0.5%.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 2.6. Mean length of felony State court sentences imposed, by offense and gender of felons, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Maximum sentence length (in months) for felons sentenced to -- Incarceration: Total	Incarceration: Prison	Incarceration: Jail	Probation
Male				
All offenses	38 mo	55 mo	7 mo	38 mo
Violent offenses	70 mo	93 mo	8 mo	46 mo
Murder /a	258	265	20	68
Sexual assault /b	89	109	9	66
Robbery	84	94	12	51
Aggravted assault	39	60	7	41
Other violent /c	35	51	8	35
Property offenses	29 mo	42 mo	7 mo	37 mo
Burglary	39	51	8	41
Larceny /d	22	34	7	36
Fraud /e	21	33	6	35
Drug offenses	30 mo	44 mo	7 mo	35 mo
Possession	22	33	5	32
Trafficking	35	50	7	36
Weapon offenses	25 mo	37 mo	7 mo	37 mo
Other offenses /f	23 mo	36 mo	6 mo	39 mo
Female				
All offenses	23 mo	40 mo	5 mo	35 mo
Violent offenses	44 mo	71 mo	6 mo	39 mo
Murder /a	166	173	19 *	62
Sexual assault /b	43	60	6	89
Robbery	56	70	11	45
Aggravted assault	31	59	5	37
Other violent /c	30	46	6	34
Property offenses	19 mo	33 mo	5 mo	36 mo
Burglary	26	43	5	37
Larceny /d	16	30	6	36
Fraud /e	19	32	5	36
Drug offenses	21 mo	36 mo	6 mo	34 mo
Possession	16	28	4	29
Trafficking	25	42	6	37
Weapon offenses	19 mo	32 mo	4 mo	31 mo
Other offenses /f	19 mo	35 mo	5 mo	34 mo

Note: See note on tables 1.3 and 2.1.

* Estmate based on 10 or fewer sample cases.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 2.7. Mean length of felony State court sentences imposed, by offense and race of felons, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Maximum sentence length (in months) for felons sentenced to -- Incarceration: Total	Incarceration: Prison	Incarceration: Jail	Probation
White				
All offenses	33 mo	54 mo	6 mo	36 mo
Violent offenses	64 mo	90 mo	7 mo	44 mo
Murder /a	248	258	24	58
Sexual assault /b	91	108	9	71
Robbery	76	88	10	43
Aggravated assault	34	59	6	40
Other violent /c	34	52	7	34
Property offenses	26 mo	41 mo	6 mo	36 mo
Burglary	37	50	7	39
Larceny /d	20	34	6	36
Fraud /e	21	33	5	35
Drug offenses	26 mo	46 mo	5 mo	33 mo
Possession	18	34	4	29
Trafficking	31	52	6	35
Weapon offenses	22 mo	35 mo	6 mo	36 mo
Other offenses /f	21 mo	36 mo	6 mo	38 mo
Black				
All offenses	39 mo	53 mo	7 mo	37 mo
Violent offenses	78 mo	95 mo	9 mo	44 mo
Murder /a	246	251	10	51
Sexual assault /b	96	112	9	57
Robbery	87	96	13	53
Aggravated assault	46	62	8	41
Other violent /c	35	47	10	35
Property offenses	28 mo	40 mo	7 mo	36 mo
Burglary	42	52	8	40
Larceny /d	22	32	7	36
Fraud /e	20	30	6	36
Drug offenses	31 mo	42 mo	7 mo	35 mo
Possession	24	32	6	33
Trafficking	34	47	8	37
Weapon offenses	29 mo	39 mo	8 mo	36 mo
Other offenses /f	24 mo	36 mo	7 mo	35 mo

Note: See note on tables 1.3 and 2.1.

Racial categories include Hispanics.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 2.8. Offense distribution of felons sentenced to incarceration or prison by State courts, by gender and race of felons, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of convictions				
		Gender		Race	
	Total	Male	Female	White	Black
Incarceration /a					
All offenses	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Violent offenses	22 %	23 %	12 %	21 %	20 %
Murder /b	1	1	1	1	1
Sexual assault /c	4	5	1	5	2
Robbery	5	6	3	4	8
Aggravated assault	9	9	7	8	8
Other violent /d	2	2	1	3	1
Property offenses	27 %	25 %	39 %	30 %	24 %
Burglary	10	10	5	11	8
Larceny /e	10	9	15	11	9
Fraud /f	7	5	19	8	6
Drug offenses	34 %	34 %	38 %	29 %	42 %
Possession	12	12	16	11	14
Trafficking	22	22	23	18	29
Weapon offenses	3 %	4 %	1 %	2 %	4 %
Other offenses /g	15 %	14 %	10 %	18 %	10 %
Prison					
All offenses	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Violent offenses	25 %	36 %	17 %	34 %	31 %
Murder /b	2	3	2	3	3
Sexual assault /c	5	8	1	10	4
Robbery	7	11	4	7	12
Aggravated assault	9	12	8	11	10
Other violent /d	2	3	2	4	2
Property offenses	26 %	34 %	43 %	42 %	30 %
Burglary	11	16	7	19	12
Larceny /e	9	11	15	13	11
Fraud /f	6	7	22	11	7
Drug offenses	33 %	45 %	45 %	35 %	54 %
Possession	10	15	18	12	18
Trafficking	23	31	27	23	36
Weapon offenses	3 %	4 %	1 %	3 %	5 %
Other offenses /g	12 %	17 %	10 %	20 %	12 %

Note: See note on tables 1.2 and 2.1.
Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.
Racial categories include Hispanics.
-- Less than 0.5%.
a/ Includes prison and jail sentences.
b/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.
c/ Includes rape.
d/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.
e/ Includes motor vehicle theft.
f/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.
g/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 2.9. Offense distribution of felons sentenced to jail or probation by State courts, by gender and race of felons, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of convictions				
		Gender		Race	
	Total	Male	Female	White	Black
Jail					
All offenses	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Violent offenses	16 %	17 %	10 %	15 %	14 %
Murder /a	--	--	--	--	--
Sexual assault /b	2	3	--	2	1
Robbery	2	3	1	1	3
Aggravated assault	9	9	7	9	7
Other violent /c	2	2	1	2	1
Property offenses	27 %	26 %	40 %	30 %	25 %
Burglary	8	8	5	9	6
Larceny /d	12	11	16	13	12
Fraud /e	8	6	19	8	8
Drug offenses	35 %	35 %	38 %	32 %	45 %
Possession	14	13	16	13	14
Trafficking	22	22	22	19	31
Weapon offenses	3 %	4 %	1 %	2 %	4 %
Other offenses /f	18 %	18 %	10 %	21 %	13 %
Probation					
All offenses	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Violent offenses	13 %	14 %	9 %	13 %	12 %
Murder /a	--	--	--	--	--
Sexual assault /b	2	2	--	2	1
Robbery	1	2	1	1	2
Aggravated assault	8	8	7	8	7
Other violent /c	2	2	1	2	1
Property offenses	32 %	28 %	47 %	34 %	30 %
Burglary	6	7	3	7	4
Larceny /d	13	12	19	14	12
Fraud /e	13	9	26	13	13
Drug offenses	36 %	37 %	33 %	32 %	43 %
Possession	14	14	13	13	15
Trafficking	22	23	20	20	29
Weapon offenses	3 %	3 %	1 %	2 %	3 %
Other offenses /f	16 %	17 %	11 %	18 %	12 %

Note: See note on tables 1.2 and 2.1.

Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

Racial categories include Hispanics.

-- Less than 0.5%.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 2.10. Percent of convicted felons sentenced by State courts to incarceration or prison, by gender, race, and offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Percent receiving designated sentence			
	White		Black	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Sentenced to incarceration /a				
All offenses	66 %	53 %	75 %	59 %
Violent offenses	75 %	61 %	84 %	66 %
Murder /b	94	91	98	87
Sexual assault /c	81	77	84	82
Robbery	86	84	90	83
Aggravated assault	68	51	78	61
Other violent /d	66	64	75	58
Property offenses	66 %	49 %	73 %	52 %
Burglary	74	68	83	78
Larceny /e	62	46	71	55
Fraud /f	59	48	62	46
Drug offenses	62 %	54 %	73 %	66 %
Possession	60	57	72	66
Trafficking	63	52	74	66
Weapon offenses	65 %	62 %	76 %	61 %
Other offenses /g	65 %	52 %	71 %	56 %
Sentenced to prison				
All offenses	38 %	24 %	53 %	33 %
Violent offenses	51 %	34 %	67 %	42 %
Murder /b	90	88	97	81
Sexual assault /c	63	55	69	60
Robbery	71	64	77	59
Aggravated assault	37	21	56	34
Other violent /d	39	35	51	38
Property offenses	38 %	23 %	51 %	27 %
Burglary	50	39	65	46
Larceny /e	31	18	45	27
Fraud /f	33	23	40	24
Drug offenses	34 %	23 %	50 %	39 %
Possession	29	21	51	40
Trafficking	36	25	50	38
Weapon offenses	36 %	33 %	49 %	36 %
Other offenses /g	32 %	20 %	44 %	31 %

Note: See note on tables 1.2 and 2.1.

Racial categories include Hispanics.

a/ Includes prison and jail sentences.

b/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

c/ Includes rape.

d/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

e/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

f/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

g/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 2.11. Percent of convicted felons sentenced by State courts to jail or probation, by gender, race, and offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Percent receiving designated sentence			
	White		Black	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Sentenced to jail				
All offenses	28 %	29 %	23 %	26 %
Violent offenses	24 %	27 %	17 %	25 %
Murder /a	4	3	1	5
Sexual assault /b	18	22	15	21
Robbery	15	20	12	24
Aggravated assault	31	30	23	27
Other violent /c	27	29	23	20
Property offenses	27 %	26 %	23 %	25 %
Burglary	24	29	18	32
Larceny /d	31	28	26	28
Fraud /e	27	25	23	22
Drug offenses	28 %	31 %	23 %	27 %
Possession	31	36	22	26
Trafficking	26	27	24	28
Weapon offenses	29 %	29 %	26 %	24 %
Other offenses /f	34 %	32 %	28 %	26 %
Sentenced to probation				
All offenses	34 %	47 %	25 %	41 %
Violent offenses	25 %	39 %	16 %	34 %
Murder /a	6	9	2	13
Sexual assault /b	19	23	16	18
Robbery	14	16	10	17
Aggravated assault	32	49	22	39
Other violent /c	34	36	25	42
Property offenses	34 %	51 %	27 %	48 %
Burglary	26	32	17	22
Larceny /d	38	54	29	45
Fraud /e	41	52	38	54
Drug offenses	38 %	46 %	27 %	34 %
Possession	40	43	28	34
Trafficking	37	48	26	34
Weapon offenses	35 %	38 %	24 %	39 %
Other offenses /f	35 %	48 %	29 %	44 %

Note: See note on tables 1.2 and 2.1.

Racial categories include Hispanics.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 2.12. Mean length of State felony sentences to incarceration or prison, by gender, race, and offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Mean sentence length (in months) for persons who were -- White Male	White Female	Black Male	Black Female
Sentenced to incarceration /a				
All offenses	37 mo	23 mo	41 mo	24 mo
Violent offenses	69 mo	48 mo	81 mo	46 mo
Murder /b	265	161	253	171
Sexual assault /c	93	46	97	54
Robbery	81	59	89	57
Aggravated assault	36	35	48	31
Other violent /d	36	33	36	31
Property offenses	29 mo	19 mo	31 mo	19 mo
Burglary	39	29	43	24
Larceny /e	21	15	24	18
Fraud /f	22	19	22	18
Drug offenses	30 mo	20 mo	32 mo	23 mo
Possession	20	14	25	18
Trafficking	36	25	36	27
Weapon offenses	23 mo	15 mo	29 mo	26 mo
Other offenses /g	22 mo	17 mo	25 mo	19 mo
Sentenced to prison				
All offenses	56 mo	42 mo	55 mo	38 mo
Violent offenses	93 mo	80 mo	97 mo	66 mo
Murder /b	278	166	257	184
Sexual assault /c	110	55	113	70
Robbery	93	72	98	70
Aggravated assault	58	78	64	49
Other violent /d	54	49	47	43
Property offenses	42 mo	33 mo	41 mo	31 mo
Burglary	50	44	53	36
Larceny /e	35	29	33	31
Fraud /f	34	32	31	29
Drug offenses	49 mo	40 mo	43 mo	35 mo
Possession	35	30	33	26
Trafficking	55	45	48	40
Weapon offenses	35 mo	25 mo	39 mo	39 mo
Other offenses /g	36 mo	34 mo	36 mo	29 mo

Note: See note on tables 1.3 and 2.1.

Racial categories include Hispanics.

a/ Includes prison and jail sentences.

b/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

c/ Includes rape.

d/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

e/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

f/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

g/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 2.13. Mean length of State felony sentences to jail or probation, by gender, race, and offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Mean sentence length (in months) for persons who were -- White Male	White Female	Black Male	Black Female
Sentenced to jail				
All offenses	6 mo	5 mo	8 mo	6 mo
Violent offenses	7 mo	5 mo	10 mo	7 mo
Murder /a	22	36	9	11
Sexual assault /b	9	9	9	7
Robbery	11	9	13	12
Aggravated assault	6	4	8	6
Other violent /c	7	6	11	6
Property offenses	7 mo	5 mo	7 mo	6 mo
Burglary	8	6	8	6
Larceny /d	6	5	8	7
Fraud /e	6	5	6	5
Drug offenses	6 mo	5 mo	8 mo	6 mo
Possession	5	4	6	5
Trafficking	6	6	8	7
Weapon offenses	6 mo	4 mo	9 mo	5 mo
Other offenses /f	6 mo	5 mo	7 mo	6 mo
Sentenced to probation				
All offenses	37 mo	35 mo	37 mo	35 mo
Violent offenses	45 mo	40 mo	46 mo	36 mo
Murder /a	53	74	50	52
Sexual assault /b	70	105	57	39
Robbery	43	46	54	40
Aggravated assault	40	37	43	35
Other violent /c	34	35	36	32
Property offenses	36 mo	36 mo	37 mo	36 mo
Burglary	39	35	40	42
Larceny /d	35	37	37	35
Fraud /e	34	36	35	36
Drug offenses	33 mo	32 mo	35 mo	35 mo
Possession	30	28	33	30
Trafficking	35	35	37	39
Weapon offenses	37 mo	31 mo	36 mo	29 mo
Other offenses /f	39 mo	34 mo	36 mo	29 mo

Note: See note on tables 1.3 and 2.1.

Racial categories include Hispanics.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 3.1. Among felons convicted in State courts in 2000, percent sentenced to probation, by offense; and offense distribution, by type of sentence

Most serious conviction offense	Sentence type within offense			Offense within sentence type		
	Total	Probation	No probation	Total	Probation	No probation
All offenses	100 %	56 %	44 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Violent offenses	100 %	48 %	52 %	19 %	16 %	22 %
Murder /a	100	16	84	1	--	2
Sexual assault /b	100	50	50	3	3	4
Robbery	100	32	68	4	2	6
Aggravated assault	100	55	45	9	8	9
Other violent /c	100	57	43	2	2	2
Property offenses	100 %	59 %	41 %	28 %	30 %	26 %
Burglary	100	51	49	9	8	10
Larceny /d	100	58	42	11	11	10
Fraud /e	100	69	31	9	11	6
Drug offenses	100 %	57 %	43 %	35 %	35 %	34 %
Possession	100	60	40	13	13	12
Trafficking	100	55	45	22	22	22
Weapon offenses	100 %	52 %	48 %	3 %	3 %	3 %
Other offenses /f	100 %	59 %	41 %	15 %	16 %	14 %

Note: This table is based on an estimated 924,733 cases.
In this table persons are counted as probation cases so long as their sentences included probation and without regard to whether a term of incarceration was also included.
Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.
-- Less than 0.5%.
a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.
b/ Includes rape.
c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.
d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.
e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.
f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 3.2. Distribution of types of State felony sentences to probation or incarceration, by offense, 2000

	Percent of felony convictions by type of --							
	Probation sentence				Nonprobation sentence			
Most serious	Straight	Split sentence			No	Incarceration		
conviction offense	probation	Total	Prison	Jail	incarceration	Total	Prison	Jail
All offenses	28 %	28 %	11 %	17 %	4 %	40 %	29 %	11 %
Violent offenses	19 %	29 %	13 %	16 %	3 %	49 %	41 %	8 %
Murder /a	3	13	12	1	1	83	82	1
Sexual assault /b	14	36	21	15	2	48	43	5
Robbery	10	22	13	9	2	66	60	6
Aggravated assault	25	31	11	20	4	41	30	11
Other violent /c	25	32	12	20	3	39	30	10
Property offenses	32 %	27 %	11 %	17 %	4 %	37 %	26 %	10 %
Burglary	21	30	14	16	2	46	38	8
Larceny /d	33	26	9	17	5	37	24	13
Fraud /e	43	27	10	16	4	27	19	9
Drug offenses	29 %	28 %	11 %	17 %	4 %	39 %	27 %	12 %
Possession	31	28	10	18	5	36	23	13
Trafficking	28	27	11	16	3	42	30	12
Weapon offenses	26 %	25 %	10 %	16 %	4 %	44 %	31 %	14 %
Other offenses /f	30 %	30 %	8 %	21 %	4 %	36 %	24 %	13 %

Note: See note on table 3.1.

This table is based on an estimated 919,377 cases.

Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 3.3. Average probation sentence lengths of felons convicted in State courts, by offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Probation sentence (in months) in case of -- Total	Straight probation	Split sentence Total	Prison	Jail
Mean sentence					
All offenses	39 mo	38 mo	40 mo	44 mo	38 mo
Violent offenses	48 mo	44 mo	50 mo	56 mo	44 mo
Murder /a	70	64	71	73	55
Sexual assault /b	69	64	70	72	68
Robbery	52	52	52	54	49
Aggravated assault	40	40	40	46	37
Other violent /c	40	36	42	45	41
Property offenses	39 mo	38 mo	40 mo	44 mo	38 mo
Burglary	42	41	43	43	43
Larceny /d	37	37	37	42	35
Fraud /e	38	37	41	46	37
Drug offenses	37 mo	36 mo	37 mo	38 mo	36 mo
Possession	33	33	33	34	32
Trafficking	39	39	40	40	39
Weapon offenses	36 mo	36 mo	36 mo	33 mo	38 mo
Other offenses /f	39 mo	40 mo	38 mo	40 mo	37 mo
Median sentence					
All offenses	36 mo	36 mo	36 mo	36 mo	36 mo
Violent offenses	36 mo	36 mo	36 mo	48 mo	36 mo
Murder /a	60	60	60	60	60
Sexual assault /b	60	60	60	60	60
Robbery	48	48	48	36	60
Aggravated assault	36	36	36	36	36
Other violent /c	36	36	36	36	36
Property offenses	36 mo	36 mo	36 mo	36 mo	36 mo
Burglary	36	36	36	36	36
Larceny /d	36	36	36	36	36
Fraud /e	36	36	36	36	36
Drug offenses	36 mo	36 mo	36 mo	36 mo	36 mo
Possession	30	24	36	30	36
Trafficking	36	36	36	36	36
Weapon offenses	36 mo	36 mo	36 mo	36 mo	36 mo
Other offenses /f	36 mo	36 mo	36 mo	36 mo	36 mo

Note: See note on tables 1.3 and 3.1.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 3.4. Average incarceration sentence lengths for felons receiving sentences with or without probation, by offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Maximum incarceration sentence length (in months) for -- Split sentence: Total	Split sentence: Prison	Split sentence: Jail	Incarceration without probation: Total	Incarceration without probation: Prison	Incarceration without probation: Jail
Mean sentence						
All offenses	18 mo	36 mo	5 mo	47 mo	62 mo	8 mo
Violent offenses	33 mo	60 mo	6 mo	86 mo	102 mo	10 mo
Murder /a	155	168	10	261	265	28
Sexual assault /b	51	76	7	112	124	11
Robbery	46	64	8	93	101	14
Aggravated assault	18	40	5	50	66	8
Other violent /c	17	34	6	45	57	8
Property offenses	15 mo	29 mo	5 mo	36 mo	47 mo	8 mo
Burglary	21	35	6	50	59	9
Larceny /d	12	25	5	27	37	8
Fraud /e	13	24	4	29	39	8
Drug offenses	15 mo	30 mo	5 mo	39 mo	53 mo	7 mo
Possession	11	23	4	27	39	5
Trafficking	17	33	5	45	59	9
Weapon offenses	14 mo	27 mo	5 mo	31 mo	42 mo	8 mo
Other offenses /f	13 mo	30 mo	5 mo	29 mo	40 mo	8 mo
Median sentence						
All offenses	7 mo	24 mo	4 mo	24 mo	36 mo	6 mo
Violent offenses	12 mo	36 mo	4 mo	48 mo	60 mo	8 mo
Murder /a	108	120	12	300	309	12
Sexual assault /b	20	48	6	72	84	12
Robbery	24	48	6	60	72	12
Aggravated assault	7	24	4	30	48	6
Other violent /c	8	24	4	24	36	6
Property offenses	7 mo	18 mo	3 mo	24 mo	36 mo	6 mo
Burglary	10	24	4	36	42	8
Larceny /d	6	14	3	18	24	6
Fraud /e	6	14	3	18	30	6
Drug offenses	6 mo	18 mo	4 mo	24 mo	36 mo	6 mo
Possession	6	12	3	16	24	4
Trafficking	8	24	4	36	48	6
Weapon offenses	8 mo	21 mo	3 mo	24 mo	32 mo	6 mo
Other offenses /f	6 mo	20 mo	4 mo	18 mo	30 mo	6 mo

Note: See note on tables 1.3 and 3.1.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 3.5. Distribution of the number of felony conviction offenses for persons sentenced to probation in State courts, by offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of felons sentenced to probation when their conviction offenses numbered -- One or more	One	Two	Three or more
All offenses	56 %	57 %	55 %	53 %
Violent offenses	48 %	49 %	46 %	41 %
Murder /a	16	16	14	15
Sexual assault /b	50	52	50	41
Robbery	32	32	30	32
Aggravated assault	55	57	55	49
Other violent /c	57	58	55	53
Property offenses	59 %	60 %	60 %	59 %
Burglary	51	50	54	52
Larceny /d	58	59	58	53
Fraud /e	69	69	68	68
Drug offenses	57 %	57 %	57 %	54 %
Possession	60	60	57	55
Trafficking	55	55	57	54
Weapon offenses	52 %	52 %	48 %	55 %
Other offenses /f	59 %	60 %	57 %	55 %

Note: See note on table 3.1.

The number of convictions pertains to current, not past, convictions.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 3.6. Offense distribution of convicted felons receiving sentences with or without probation in State courts, by gender of felons, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of sentences to probation			Percent of sentences without probation		
	All	Male	Female	All	Male	Female
All offenses	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Violent offenses	16 %	18 %	10 %	22 %	23 %	13 %
Murder /a	--	--	--	2	2	1
Sexual assault /b	3	4	--	4	4	--
Robbery	3	3	1	6	7	3
Aggravated assault	8	9	7	8	9	7
Other violent /c	2	2	1	2	2	1
Property offenses	31 %	27 %	45 %	26 %	25 %	37 %
Burglary	8	9	4	9	10	5
Larceny /d	11	10	16	11	10	17
Fraud /e	11	8	25	6	5	16
Drug offenses	35 %	36 %	34 %	35 %	34 %	40 %
Possession	13	13	14	12	11	16
Trafficking	22	22	20	23	23	24
Weapon offenses	3 %	3 %	1 %	3 %	4 %	1 %
Other offenses /f	15 %	16 %	10 %	14 %	15 %	10 %

Note: See note on table 3.1.

This table is based on an estimated 712,825 cases.

Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

-- Less than 0.5%.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 3.7. Offense of felons receiving probation or a sentence without probation in State courts, by gender of felons, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of sentences to probation			Percent of sentences without probation		
	All	Male	Female	All	Male	Female
All offenses	100 %	80 %	20 %	100 %	87 %	13 %
Violent offenses	100 %	88 %	12 %	100 %	93 %	7 %
Murder /a	100	86	14	100	92	8
Sexual assault /b	100	98	2	100	98	2
Robbery	100	90	10	100	95	5
Aggravated assault	100	84	16	100	89	11
Other violent /c	100	88	12	100	91	9
Property offenses	100 %	70 %	30 %	100 %	82 %	18 %
Burglary	100	90	10	100	94	6
Larceny /d	100	71	29	100	80	20
Fraud /e	100	54	46	100	68	32
Drug offenses	100 %	80 %	20 %	100 %	85 %	15 %
Possession	100	79	21	100	83	17
Trafficking	100	81	19	100	87	13
Weapon offenses	100 %	94 %	6 %	100 %	96 %	4 %
Other offenses /f	100 %	86 %	14 %	100 %	91 %	9 %

Note: See note on table 3.1.

This table is based on an estimated 712,825 cases.

Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 3.8. Offense of felons receiving probation or a sentence without probation in State courts, by race of felons, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of sentences to probation				Percent of sentences without probation			
	All	White	Black	Other	All	White	Black	Other
All offenses	100 %	59 %	39 %	2 %	100 %	48 %	51 %	1 %
Violent offenses	100 %	60 %	37 %	4 %	100 %	47 %	51 %	2 %
Murder /a	100	52	43	4	100	41	56	2
Sexual assault /b	100	69	25	6	100	67	31	2
Robbery	100	39	59	2	100	32	67	1
Aggravated assault	100	60	36	3	100	49	49	2
Other violent /c	100	71	27	2	100	61	38	2
Property offenses	100 %	62 %	35 %	2 %	100 %	55 %	44 %	1 %
Burglary	100	68	30	2	100	57	42	1
Larceny /d	100	61	37	3	100	53	45	2
Fraud /e	100	60	38	3	100	54	45	1
Drug offenses	100 %	51 %	47 %	2 %	100 %	38 %	61 %	1 %
Possession	100	54	44	2	100	42	58	1
Trafficking	100	49	49	2	100	37	63	1
Weapon offenses	100 %	51 %	47 %	2 %	100 %	38 %	61 %	1 %
Other offenses /f	100 %	69 %	28 %	3 %	100 %	61 %	38 %	2 %

Note: See note on table 3.1.

This table is based on an estimated 618,833 cases.

Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

Racial categories include Hispanics.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 3.9. Offense distribution of convicted felons receiving sentences with or without probation in State courts, by race of felons, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of sentences to probation				Percent of sentences without probation			
	All	White	Black	Other	All	White	Black	Other
All offenses	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Violent offenses	16 %	16 %	15 %	25 %	21 %	21 %	21 %	28 %
Murder /a	--	--	--	1	2	2	2	3
Sexual assault /b	3	4	2	9	3	5	2	5
Robbery	3	2	4	2	6	4	8	6
Aggravated assault	8	8	7	12	8	8	8	12
Other violent /c	2	3	1	2	2	2	1	3
Property offenses	31 %	33 %	28 %	32 %	26 %	30 %	23 %	31 %
Burglary	8	9	6	7	9	11	8	10
Larceny /d	12	12	11	13	11	12	9	15
Fraud /e	11	11	11	13	6	7	6	5
Drug offenses	35 %	31 %	43 %	24 %	35 %	28 %	42 %	19 %
Possession	13	12	15	9	12	10	13	6
Trafficking	23	19	28	15	23	18	29	13
Weapon offenses	3 %	2 %	3 %	2 %	3 %	3 %	4 %	2 %
Other offenses /f	15 %	18 %	11 %	17 %	14 %	18 %	10 %	19 %

Note: See note on table 3.1.

This table is based on an estimated 618,833 cases.

Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

Racial categories include Hispanics.

-- Less than 0.5%.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 3.10. Average age of felons receiving probation or a sentence without probation in State courts, by offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Probation		Sentence without probation	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
All offenses	31 yr	30 yr	32 yr	31 yr
Violent offenses	31 yr	29 yr	31 yr	29 yr
Murder /a	29	24	31	28
Sexual assault /b	33	31	35	34
Robbery	25	22	27	24
Aggravated assault	32	30	31	30
Other violent /c	33	33	32	31
Property offenses	30 yr	29 yr	32 yr	31 yr
Burglary	27	23	30	29
Larceny /d	31	29	33	32
Fraud /e	32	31	33	32
Drug offenses	32 yr	30 yr	33 yr	32 yr
Possession	33	32	34	34
Trafficking	31	29	32	30
Weapon offenses	31 yr	28 yr	30 yr	27 yr
Other offenses /f	33 yr	32 yr	34 yr	33 yr

Note: See note on table 3.1.

This table is based on an estimated 765,802 cases.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 3.11. Felons sentenced to probation in State courts, by offense and age at sentencing, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of felons' age group who received a probation sentence			
	Under 20	20-29	30-39	40 or older
All offenses	64 %	56 %	53 %	54 %
Violent offenses	50 %	47 %	45 %	51 %
Murder /a	16	21	10	15
Sexual assault /b	60	56	46	46
Robbery	43	32	27	28
Aggravated assault	55	55	51	58
Other violent /c	65	52	56	62
Property offenses	72 %	62 %	55 %	55 %
Burglary	69	54	41	41
Larceny /d	72	61	53	52
Fraud /e	80	70	66	67
Drug offenses	66 %	57 %	53 %	54 %
Possession	67	60	56	54
Trafficking	65	56	52	54
Weapon offenses	56 %	47 %	49 %	56 %
Other offenses /f	68 %	57 %	55 %	57 %

Note: This table is based on an estimated 765,802 cases.

In this table persons are counted as probation cases so long as their sentences included probation and without regard to whether a term of incarceration was also included.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c /Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property vandalism.

Table 4.1. Estimated number of felony convictions in State courts, by offense and type of conviction, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Estimated number of felons convicted by --				
		Trial			
	Total	Total	Jury	Bench	Guilty plea
All offenses	924,700	45,700	29,300	16,400	879,200
Violent offenses	173,200	19,700	15,300	4,400	153,500
Murder /a	8,600	3,600	3,200	400	5,000
Sexual assault /b	31,500	3,700	3,100	600	27,800
Rape	10,600	2,100	1,700	400	8,600
Other sexual assault	20,900	1,700	1,400	300	19,300
Robbery	36,800	4,100	3,100	1,100	32,700
Aggravated assault	79,400	6,800	4,700	2,100	72,600
Other violent /c	17,000	1,500	1,200	300	15,500
Property offenses	262,000	7,000	3,700	3,300	255,000
Burglary	79,300	2,800	1,800	1,000	76,500
Larceny /d	100,000	2,600	1,300	1,300	97,400
Motor vehicle theft	11,900	300	200	100	11,700
Fraud /e	82,700	1,700	700	1,100	81,100
Drug offenses	319,700	12,000	6,300	5,800	307,400
Possession	116,300	3,300	1,400	1,900	112,700
Trafficking	203,400	8,700	4,800	3,900	194,700
Weapon offenses	28,200	2,100	1,000	1,100	26,100
Other offenses /f	141,600	4,800	3,000	1,800	137,200

Note: Detail may not add to the total because of rounding.
This table is based on an estimated 558,871 cases. However, figures are adjusted for cases missing a designation of conviction type.
a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.
b/ Includes rape.
c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.
d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.
e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.
f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 4.2. Distribution of types of felony convictions in State courts, by offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of felons convicted by -- Total	Trial Total	Trial Jury	Trial Bench	Guilty plea
All offenses	100 %	5 %	3 %	2 %	95 %
Violent offenses	100 %	11 %	9 %	2 %	89 %
Murder /a	100	42	38	4	58
Sexual assault /b	100	12	10	2	88
Rape	100	19	16	3	81
Other sexual assault	100	8	7	1	92
Robbery	100	11	8	3	89
Aggravated assault	100	9	6	3	91
Other violent /c	100	9	7	2	91
Property offenses	100 %	3 %	2 %	1 %	97 %
Burglary	100	3	2	1	97
Larceny /d	100	3	2	1	97
Motor vehicle theft	100	2	1	1	98
Fraud /e	100	2	1	1	98
Drug offenses	100 %	4 %	2 %	2 %	96 %
Possession	100	3	1	2	97
Trafficking	100	4	2	2	96
Weapon offenses	100 %	7 %	3 %	4 %	93 %
Other offenses /f	100 %	3 %	2 %	1 %	97 %

Note: See note on table 4.1.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 4.3. Offense distribution of felons convicted in State courts, by type of conviction, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Percent convicted by --				
		Trial			
	Total	Total	Jury	Bench	Guilty plea
All offenses	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Violent offenses	19 %	43 %	52 %	27 %	17 %
Murder /a	1	8	11	2	1
Sexual assault /b	3	8	10	4	3
Robbery	4	9	11	6	4
Aggravated assault	9	15	16	13	8
Other violent /c	2	3	4	2	2
Property offenses	28 %	15 %	13 %	20 %	29 %
Burglary	9	6	6	6	9
Larceny /d	11	6	4	8	11
Fraud /e	9	4	2	6	9
Drug offenses	35 %	26 %	21 %	35 %	35 %
Possession	13	7	5	11	13
Trafficking	22	19	16	24	22
Weapons offenses	3 %	5 %	3 %	7 %	3 %
Other offenses /f	15 %	11 %	10 %	11 %	16 %

Note: See note on tables 4.1.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 4.4. Distribution of types of felony sentences imposed by State courts, by type of conviction and offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of felons sentenced to --						
		Incarceration			Nonincarceration		
	Total	Total	Prison	Jail	Total	Probation	Other
Trial							
All offenses	100 %	87 %	70 %	16 %	13 %	11 %	2 %
Violent offenses	100 %	93 %	82 %	11 %	7 %	5 %	1 %
Murder /a	100	100	98	2	--	--	--
Sexual assault /b	100	98	90	7	3	2	1
Robbery	100	95	89	7	5	4	1
Aggravated assault	100	87	68	19	13	10	2
Other violent /c	100	86	61	24	14	13	1
Property offenses	100 %	78 %	57 %	21 %	22 %	19 %	3 %
Burglary	100	90	77	12	11	10	--
Larceny /d	100	73	46	27	27	21	5
Fraud /e	100	68	41	27	32	28	4
Drug offenses	100 %	87 %	68 %	19 %	13 %	12 %	2 %
Possession	100	77	42	35	23	21	2
Trafficking	100	90	76	14	10	9	1
Weapon offenses	100 %	84 %	62 %	22 %	16 %	14 %	2 %
Other offenses /f	100 %	75 %	52 %	23 %	25 %	21 %	5 %
Jury							
All offenses	100 %	91 %	79 %	12 %	9 %	7 %	2 %
Violent offenses	100 %	95 %	87 %	8 %	5 %	4 %	1 %
Murder /a	100	100	98	2	--	--	--
Sexual assault /b	100	98	94	4	2	2	--
Robbery	100	96	92	4	4	3	1
Aggravated assault	100	90	77	13	10	7	3
Other violent /c	100	88	63	25	12	11	1
Property offenses	100 %	86 %	70 %	17 %	14 %	10 %	4 %
Burglary	100	95	89	6	5	4	1
Larceny /d	100	77	51	27	23	17	6
Fraud /e	100	81	57	24	19	13	6
Drug offenses	100 %	89 %	73 %	16 %	11 %	9 %	2 %
Possession	100	88	57	31	12	9	3
Trafficking	100	90	77	12	10	9	1
Weapon offenses	100 %	91 %	78 %	13 %	9 %	6 %	3 %
Other offenses /f	100 %	76 %	57 %	19 %	24 %	17 %	7 %

Table 4.4. Distribution of types of felony sentences imposed by State courts, by type of conviction and offense, 2000 (cont.)

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of felons sentenced to --						
		Incarceration			Nonincarceration		
	Total	Total	Prison	Jail	Total	Probation	Other
Bench							
All offenses	100 %	80 %	56 %	24 %	20 %	18 %	2 %
Violent offenses	100 %	88 %	66 %	22 %	12 %	11 %	1 %
Murder /a	100	100	100	--	--	--	--
Sexual assault /b	100	94	77	17	6	5	1
Robbery	100	95	81	14	5	5	--
Aggravated assault	100	81	49	33	19	17	1
Other violent /c	100	77	54	23	22	22	--
Property offenses	100 %	69 %	43 %	26 %	31 %	28 %	3 %
Burglary	100	82	61	20	18	18	1
Larceny /d	100	68	38	29	32	27	6
Fraud /e	100	59	29	29	42	39	3
Drug offenses	100 %	84 %	62 %	22 %	16 %	14 %	2 %
Possession	100	69	30	39	31	29	2
Trafficking	100	91	75	15	9	8	2
Weapon offenses	100 %	78 %	48 %	30 %	22 %	21 %	1 %
Other offenses /f	100 %	69 %	38 %	30 %	32 %	29 %	2 %
Guilty plea							
All offenses	100 %	66 %	39 %	27 %	34 %	29 %	5 %
Violent offenses	100 %	75 %	52 %	23 %	25 %	21 %	4 %
Murder /a	100	93	91	2	7	5	3
Sexual assault /b	100	80	61	19	20	17	3
Robbery	100	86	70	17	14	11	3
Aggravated assault	100	67	39	28	33	27	5
Other violent /c	100	68	41	27	32	28	5
Property offenses	100 %	62 %	36 %	26 %	38 %	33 %	5 %
Burglary	100	75	52	23	25	22	3
Larceny /d	100	59	28	31	41	34	7
Fraud /e	100	54	30	24	46	41	5
Drug offenses	100 %	65 %	39 %	26 %	35 %	31 %	4 %
Possession	100	60	35	25	40	34	6
Trafficking	100	68	41	27	32	29	4
Weapon offenses	100 %	68 %	39 %	29 %	32 %	27 %	5 %
Other offenses /f	100 %	64 %	31 %	33 %	36 %	31 %	5 %

Note: See note on table 1.2.

--Less than 0.5%.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 4.5. Average felony sentence lengths in State courts, by the type of conviction, type of sentence imposed, and offense, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Maximum sentence length (in months) for convictions by --									
			Trial							
	Total		Total		Jury		Bench		Guilty plea	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
Sentences to prison										
All offenses	56 mo	36 mo	126 mo	84 mo	150 mo	120 mo	78 mo	36 mo	50 mo	36 mo
Violent offenses	95 mo	60 mo	179 mo	144 mo	192 mo	180 mo	142 mo	90 mo	80 mo	54 mo
Murder /a	257	300	326	**	325	**	363	420	221	218
Sexual assault /b	113	72	220	156	232	168	157	120	94	60
Robbery	95	72	162	144	172	156	138	96	85	60
Aggravated assault	62	39	109	60	122	81	78	48	55	36
Other violent /c	53	36	107	60	120	72	55	48	45	30
Property offenses	43 mo	24 mo	90 mo	24 mo	116 mo	36 mo	47 mo	18 mo	41 mo	24 mo
Burglary	54	30	113	48	134	63	70	24	50	30
Larceny /d	36	36	56	84	73	105	28	48	35	36
Fraud /e	33	24	78	36	117	60	27	24	32	24
Drug offenses	45 mo	36 mo	80 mo	57 mo	104 mo	72 mo	50 mo	36 mo	43 mo	36 mo
Possession	34	24	55	32	67	36	34	24	33	24
Trafficking	50	36	84	60	111	84	52	36	47	36
Weapon offenses	40 mo	30 mo	68 mo	54 mo	77 mo	60 mo	56 mo	36 mo	37 mo	26 mo
Other offenses /f	38 mo	24 mo	62 mo	36 mo	73 mo	48 mo	42 mo	24 mo	36 mo	24 mo
Sentences to jail										
All offenses	7 mo	6 mo	10 mo	7 mo	10 mo	6 mo	11 mo	8 mo	7 mo	6 mo
Violent offenses	8 mo	6 mo	13 mo	8 mo	14 mo	7 mo	13 mo	10 mo	8 mo	6 mo
Murder /a	23	12	10 *	9 *	10 *	9 *	23 *	23 *	31	12
Sexual assault /b	10	6	14	6	14	6	17	6	10	6
Robbery	13	12	25	18	37	12	21	23	12	12
Aggravated assault	7	5	12	9	14	9	11	8	6	4
Other violent /c	8	5	7	6	6	6	12	12	8	5
Property offenses	7 mo	5 mo	8 mo	6 mo	6 mo	3 mo	9 mo	7 mo	7 mo	5 mo
Burglary	8	6	11	12	11	12	10	9	8	6
Larceny /d	7	5	7	6	5	3	8	6	7	5
Fraud /e	6	4	7	6	4	2	8	7	6	4
Drug offenses	7 mo	5 mo	9 mo	6 mo	8 mo	6 mo	10 mo	6 mo	7 mo	5 mo
Possession	5	3	5	3	5	3	4	3	5	3
Trafficking	8	6	12	12	10	9	15	12	8	6
Weapon offenses	8 mo	6 mo	10 mo	9 mo	7 mo	6 mo	11 mo	9 mo	7 mo	6 mo
Other offenses /f	7 mo	5 mo	8 mo	6 mo	7 mo	5 mo	11 mo	10 mo	7 mo	5 mo

Table 4.5. Average felony sentence lengths in State courts, by the type of conviction, type of sentence imposed, and offense, 2000 (cont.)

Most serious conviction offense	Maximum sentence length (in months) for convictions by --									
			Trial							
	Total		Total		Jury		Bench		Guilty plea	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
Sentences to probation										
All offenses	37 mo	36 mo	35 mo	24 mo	37 mo	28 mo	32 mo	24 mo	37 mo	36 mo
Violent offenses	44 mo	36 mo	44 mo	36 mo	39 mo	36 mo	49 mo	36 mo	44 mo	36 mo
Murder /a	57	48	60 *	60 *	60 *	60 *	/	/	57	48
Sexual assault /b	66	60	62	60	72	60	44 *	60 *	66	60
Robbery	47	48	43	48	40	24	48 *	48 *	47	48
Aggravated assault	39	36	44	24	36	36	51	24	39	36
Other violent /c	36	36	35	36	31	24	41 *	48 *	36	36
Property offenses	36 mo	36 mo	33 mo	24 mo	38 mo	36 mo	30 mo	24 mo	36 mo	36 mo
Burglary	40	36	33	36	33	36	30	24	40	36
Larceny /d	35	30	34	24	34	30	33	24	35	30
Fraud /e	35	24	32	24	49	60	28	24	35	24
Drug offenses	34 mo	24 mo	31 mo	24 mo	36 mo	36 mo	26 mo	24 mo	34 mo	24 mo
Possession	31	24	24	24	29	24	21	24	32	24
Trafficking	35	30	37	36	38	36	34	36	35	30
Weapon offenses	35 mo	36 mo	36 mo	24 mo	26 mo	24 mo	38 mo	24 mo	35 mo	36 mo
Other offenses /f	38 mo	36 mo	30 mo	24 mo	35 mo	24 mo	24 mo	24 mo	38 mo	36 mo

Note: See note on tables 1.2 and 1.3.

/ No sample cases available for estimate.

* Estimate based on 10 or fewer sample cases.

** Because the median includes felons sentenced to life in prison, the median sentence to prison is greater than 50 years.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 4.6. Distribution of types of sentences imposed on felons convicted of murder or nonnegligent manslaughter, by type of conviction, 2000

	Type of sentence for murder or nonnegligent manslaughter			
Type of conviction	Total	Life	Death	Other*
Total	100 %	23 %	2 %	75 %
Trial	100	41	4	55
Jury	100	43	4	53
Bench	100	20	1	79
Guilty plea	100	15	1	84

*Includes a probation or an incarceration sentence expressed in days, months, or years.

Table 4.7. Distribution of the number of felony conviction offenses for persons sentenced in State courts, by type of conviction, 2000

	Percent convicted of --		
Type of conviction	Total	One offense	Two or more offenses
Total	100 %	71 %	29 %
Trial	100	64	36
Jury	100	60	40
Bench	100	78	22
Guilty plea	100	71	29

Note: The number of convictions pertains to current, not past convictions.

Table 4.8. Distribution of types of felony sentences imposed by State courts, by number of felony conviction offenses and type of conviction, 2000

Type of conviction	Percent of felons sentenced to --						
		Incarceration			Nonincarceration		
	Total	Total	Prison	Jail	Total	Probation	Other
Convicted of one offense							
Total	100 %	67 %	39 %	28 %	33 %	28 %	5 %
Trial	100	84	64	21	16	13	3
Jury	100	88	72	16	12	9	3
Bench	100	79	52	27	21	19	2
Guilty plea	100	66	38	28	34	29	5
Convicted of multiple offenses							
Total	100 %	67 %	45 %	22 %	33 %	29 %	4 %
Trial	100	91	82	9	9	8	1
Jury	100	94	88	6	6	5	1
Bench	100	83	68	15	17	16	1
Guilty plea	100	65	43	23	35	31	4

Note: See note on table 1.2.
The number of convictions pertains to current, not past convictions.
Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

Table 4.9. Time between arrest and felony conviction in State courts, by offense and type of conviction, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Median time (in days)	Following arrest, cumulative percent convicted within -- 1 week	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year
Total						
All offenses	116	7 %	15 %	40 %	70 %	93 %
Violent offenses	139	6 %	13 %	33 %	62 %	90 %
Murder /a	294	6	7	11	27	61
Sexual assault /b	158	4	7	27	56	87
Robbery	139	6	13	33	63	91
Aggravated assault	125	8	16	38	67	92
Other violent /c	128	5	11	35	67	92
Property offenses	109	5 %	14 %	42 %	75 %	94 %
Burglary	112	6	15	42	73	93
Larceny /d	101	5	16	45	77	94
Fraud /e	115	4	10	38	74	93
Drug offenses	110	9 %	18 %	43 %	71 %	93 %
Possession	84	14	28	52	76	94
Trafficking	123	6	13	38	68	93
Weapon offenses	117	5 %	15 %	40 %	70 %	91 %
Other offenses /f	120	6 %	12 %	37 %	71 %	94 %
Trial						
All offenses	210	1 %	1 %	7 %	40 %	83 %
Violent offenses	236	1 %	1 %	7 %	33 %	76 %
Murder /a	324	1	1	4	19	56
Sexual assault /b	252	1	1	6	23	77
Robbery	224	--	1	5	36	81
Aggravated assault	193	1	2	13	46	84
Other violent /c	277	0	0	1	29	77
Property offenses	186	-- %	-- %	6 %	49 %	91 %
Burglary	222	--	1	5	34	87
Larceny /d	170	--	--	6	57	93
Fraud /e	177	0	0	6	51	93
Drug offenses	210	1 %	2 %	5 %	37 %	86 %
Possession	200	2	3	11	45	88
Trafficking	222	1	1	3	33	85
Weapon offenses	173	1 %	2 %	12 %	52 %	87 %
Other offenses /f	191	1 %	2 %	9 %	47 %	88 %

Table 4.9. Time between arrest and felony conviction in State courts, by offense and type of conviction, 2000 (cont.)

Most serious conviction offense	Median time (in days)	Following arrest, cumulative percent convicted within -- 1 week	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year
Guilty plea						
All offenses	125	3 %	9 %	36 %	69 %	92 %
Violent offenses	144	4 %	9 %	31 %	62 %	90 %
Murder /a	279	4	5	10	30	65
Sexual assault /b	156	3	5	26	57	87
Robbery	141	4	10	32	63	92
Aggravated assault	137	5	10	33	64	92
Other violent /c	132	5	8	33	67	92
Property offenses	117	2 %	8 %	37 %	73 %	93 %
Burglary	124	2	8	36	70	93
Larceny /d	113	2	8	39	74	93
Fraud /e	117	3	8	36	74	93
Drug offenses	125	4 %	11 %	37 %	68 %	93 %
Possession	114	6	16	42	71	93
Trafficking	130	3	9	35	67	92
Weapon offenses	135	2 %	9 %	34 %	65 %	90 %
Other offenses /f	125	4 %	9 %	35 %	70 %	94 %

Note: "Total" includes all cases, whether or not conviction type was known, and are based on an estimated 315,601 cases in 132 counties. Trial figures are based on an estimated 10,910 cases in 101 counties; guilty plea figures, 237,760 cases in 125 counties.

--Less than 0.5%.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 4.10. Time between felony conviction and sentencing in State courts, by offense and type of conviction, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Total	Percent of felons sentenced within: 0-1 day	2-60 days	61 days or more
Total				
All offenses	100 %	59 %	25 %	16 %
Violent offenses	100 %	54 %	28 %	18 %
Murder /a	100	43	29	28
Sexual assault /b	100	51	26	23
Robbery	100	48	30	21
Aggravated assault	100	57	28	14
Other violent /c	100	61	26	13
Property offenses	100 %	61 %	24 %	15 %
Burglary	100	63	23	14
Larceny /d	100	57	27	16
Fraud /e	100	64	21	15
Drug offenses	100 %	62 %	23 %	15 %
Possession	100	59	26	15
Trafficking	100	64	21	15
Weapon offenses	100 %	60 %	26 %	14 %
Other offenses /f	100 %	55 %	29 %	17 %
Trial				
All offenses	100 %	41 %	32 %	27 %
Violent offenses	100 %	36 %	33 %	32 %
Murder /a	100	38	34	29
Sexual assault /b	100	39	27	34
Robbery	100	28	38	34
Aggravated assault	100	37	34	29
Other violent /c	100	39	20	42
Property offenses	100 %	48 %	28 %	24 %
Burglary	100	45	33	22
Larceny /d	100	44	30	26
Fraud /e	100	58	21	21
Drug offenses	100 %	48 %	27 %	25 %
Possession	100	48	24	28
Trafficking	100	48	29	23
Weapon offenses	100 %	34 %	37 %	28 %
Other offenses /f	100 %	34 %	41 %	26 %

Table 4.10. Time between felony conviction and sentencing in State courts, by offense and type of conviction, 2000 (cont.)

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of felons sentenced within: Total	0-1 day	2-60 days	61 days or more
Guilty plea				
All offenses	100 %	57 %	26 %	17 %
Violent offenses	100 %	52 %	30 %	18 %
Murder /a	100	46	25	29
Sexual assault /b	100	52	28	20
Robbery	100	45	34	21
Aggravated assault	100	56	30	14
Other violent /c	100	58	27	15
Property offenses	100 %	59 %	25 %	16 %
Burglary	100	63	23	14
Larceny /d	100	54	28	18
Fraud /e	100	62	22	16
Drug offenses	100 %	59 %	24 %	17 %
Possession	100	52	28	20
Trafficking	100	63	22	15
Weapon offenses	100 %	57 %	27 %	17 %
Other offenses /f	100 %	53 %	30 %	17 %

Note: "Total" includes all cases, whether or not conviction type was known, and are based on an estimated 474,442 cases in 174 counties. Trial figures are based on an estimated 18,045 cases in 127 counties; guilty plea figures, 335,948 cases in 153 counties. Detail may not add to the total because of rounding.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 4.11. Time between arrest and sentencing for persons convicted of a felony in State courts, by offense and type of conviction, 2000

Most serious conviction offense	Median time (in days)	Following arrest, cumulative percent sentenced within -- 1 week	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year
Total						
All offenses	153	2 %	9 %	30 %	58 %	86 %
Violent offenses	186	1 %	5 %	22 %	48 %	81 %
Murder /a	369	--	1	3	13	50
Sexual assault /b	220	1	2	13	39	79
Rape	219	1	3	14	41	78
Other sexual assault	220	1	2	12	37	79
Robbery	197	1	4	19	46	82
Aggravated assault	163	2	8	27	55	84
Other violent /c	155	2	6	27	57	85
Property offenses	142	2 %	9 %	31 %	62 %	88 %
Burglary	145	1	9	30	61	87
Larceny /d	134	2	11	35	64	88
Motor vehicle theft	90	3	16	50	78	93
Fraud /e	153	2	7	27	59	88
Drug offenses	145	2 %	11 %	34 %	59 %	86 %
Possession	118	4	18	42	65	89
Trafficking	158	1	8	30	56	85
Weapon offenses	151	1 %	9 %	31 %	58 %	86 %
Other offenses /f	153	2 %	8 %	28 %	58 %	88 %
Trial						
All offenses	268	-- %	-- %	3 %	20 %	73 %
Violent offenses	294	-- %	1 %	3 %	18 %	65 %
Murder /a	401	--	1	1	6	44
Sexual assault /b	320	--	--	1	9	63
Rape	315	1	1	1	8	61
Other sexual assault	320	0	0	1	9	65
Robbery	279	0	0	2	19	72
Aggravated assault	258	0	0	2	26	74
Other violent /c	294	0	0	11	25	66
Property offenses	239	-- %	-- %	2 %	24 %	82 %
Burglary	252	--	--	3	21	78
Larceny /d	235	0	0	--	31	87
Motor vehicle theft	279	0	0	0	4	69
Fraud /e	239	0	0	3	16	81
Drug offenses	268	-- %	-- %	2 %	18 %	76 %
Possession	256	0	0	2	18	81
Trafficking	274	--	--	2	18	74
Weapon offenses	241	0 %	1 %	2 %	25 %	77 %
Other offenses /f	255	1 %	2 %	5 %	28 %	78 %

Table 4.11. Time between arrest and sentencing for persons convicted of a felony in State courts, by offense and type of conviction, 2000 (cont.)

Most serious conviction offense	Median time (in days)	Following arrest, cumulative percent sentenced within -- 1 week	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year
Guilty plea						
All offenses	169	2 %	6 %	24 %	53 %	84 %
Violent offenses	190	2 %	5 %	20 %	47 %	80 %
Murder /a	351	1	1	4	14	53
Sexual assault /b	211	1	2	13	41	79
Rape	226	2	2	9	40	77
Other sexual assault	207	1	2	15	41	80
Robbery	196	1	3	18	45	81
Aggravated assault	177	3	7	25	51	82
Other violent /c	174	3	5	21	53	83
Property offenses	156	2 %	6 %	26 %	58 %	86 %
Burglary	158	1	5	25	56	84
Larceny /d	151	2	7	28	59	86
Motor vehicle theft	115	5	8	40	72	90
Fraud /e	157	2	6	25	58	87
Drug offenses	172	2 %	7 %	26 %	52 %	83 %
Possession	158	4	11	31	55	87
Trafficking	177	1	5	24	51	82
Weapon offenses	176	1 %	4 %	23 %	51 %	82 %
Other offenses /f	165	3 %	6 %	23 %	55 %	87 %

Note: "Total" includes all cases, whether or not conviction type was known, and are based on an estimated 434,047 cases in 170 counties. Trial figures are based on an estimated 12,782 cases in 119 counties; guilty plea figures, 269,577 cases in 142 counties.

--Less than 0.5%.

a/ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 4.12. Average felony sentence lengths in State courts, by number of felony conviction offenses, type of conviction, and type of sentence, 2000

Type of sentence	Maximum sentence length (in months) for convictions by -- Total Mean	Total Median	Trial Mean	Trial Median	Guilty plea Mean	Guilty plea Median
Convicted of one offense						
Incarceration	31 mo	13 mo	79 mo	44 mo	30 mo	15 mo
Prison	49	36	102	66	45	36
Jail	6	5	10	7	7	5
Probation	38	36	34	24	35	30
Convicted of multiple offenses						
Incarceration	46 mo	22 mo	143 mo	90 mo	42 mo	19 mo
Prison	69	41	159	117	60	36
Jail	6	5	10	7	6	6
Probation	40	36	36	36	40	36

Note: See note on tables 1.2 and 1.3.

The number of convictions pertains to current, not past convictions.

"Total" includes all cases, whether or not conviction type was known.