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Felony convictions in State courts

By offense, United States, 2006^a

Most serious conviction offense	Felony convictions	
	Number	Percent
All offenses	1,132,290	100%
Violent offenses	206,140	18.2
Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter ^b	8,670	0.8
Murder	6,240	0.6
Nonnegligent manslaughter	2,420	0.2
Sexual assault, rape	33,200	2.9
Rape	14,720	1.3
Other sexual assault ^c	18,480	1.6
Robbery	41,740	3.7
Armed	9,660	0.9
Unarmed	8,990	0.8
Unspecified	23,090	2.0
Aggravated assault	100,560	8.9
Other violent ^d	21,980	1.9
Property offenses	321,570	28.4
Burglary	99,910	8.8
Residential	23,870	2.1
Nonresidential	18,230	1.6
Unspecified	57,810	5.1
Larceny	125,390	11.1
Motor vehicle theft	18,660	1.6
Other theft ^e	106,740	9.4
Fraud, forgery, embezzlement	96,260	8.5
Fraud, embezzlement	49,250	4.3
Forgery	47,010	4.2
Drug offenses	377,860	33.4
Possession	165,360	14.6
Trafficking	212,490	18.8
Marijuana	25,170	2.2
Other	75,170	6.6
Unspecified	112,150	9.9
Weapons offenses	38,010	3.4
Other offenses ^f	188,730	16.7

Note: These data are from the National Judicial Reporting Program (NJRP), a biennial survey of State felony courts. Data were collected for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics by the U.S. Census Bureau. The 2006 NJRP survey was based on a sample of 300 counties selected to be nationally representative. The sample included at least one county from every State except, by chance, Nevada, South Dakota, and Wyoming. Only offenses that State penal codes define as felonies are included. Excluded are Federal courts and State or local courts that did not adjudicate adult felony cases. Data specifying the conviction offense were available for the estimated total of 1,132,290 convicted felons. These data are estimates derived from a sample and therefore are subject to sampling variation.

For survey sampling procedures and definitions of terms, see [Appendix 16](#).

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.

^bIn a small number of cases where it was unclear whether the offense was murder or manslaughter, the case was classified under nonnegligent manslaughter.

^cIncludes offenses such as forcible acts with an adult or minor not involving intercourse and nonforcible acts with a minor (statutory rape or incest with a minor) or with someone unable to give legal consent.

^dIncludes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnapping.

^eWhen vehicle theft could not be distinguished from other theft, the case was coded as other theft. This results in a conservative estimate of vehicle thefts.

^fComposed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Felony Sentences in State Courts, 2006—Statistical Tables*, NCJ 226846, Table 1.1 [Online]. Available: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/fssc06st.pdf> [Feb. 15, 2011].