

Table 5.46

Felony convictions in State courtsBy offense and method of conviction, United States, 2000^a

Most serious conviction offense	Trial							
	Total		Jury		Bench		Guilty plea	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All offenses	45,700	5%	29,300	3%	16,400	2%	879,200	95%
Violent offenses	19,700	11	15,300	9	4,400	2	153,500	89
Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	3,600	42	3,200	38	400	4	5,000	58
Sexual assault, rape	3,700	12	3,100	10	600	2	27,800	88
Rape	2,100	19	1,700	16	400	3	8,600	81
Other sexual assault	1,700	8	1,400	7	300	1	19,300	92
Robbery	4,100	11	3,100	8	1,100	3	32,700	89
Aggravated assault	6,800	9	4,700	6	2,100	3	72,600	91
Other violent ^b	1,500	9	1,200	7	300	2	15,500	91
Property offenses	7,000	3	3,700	2	3,300	1	255,000	97
Burglary	2,800	3	1,800	2	1,000	1	76,500	97
Larceny, motor vehicle theft	2,600	3	1,300	2	1,300	1	97,400	97
Motor vehicle theft	300	2	200	1	100	1	11,700	98
Fraud, forgery, embezzlement	1,700	2	700	1	1,100	1	81,100	98
Drug offenses	12,000	4	6,300	2	5,800	2	307,400	96
Possession	3,300	3	1,400	1	1,900	2	112,700	97
Trafficking	8,700	4	4,800	2	3,900	2	194,700	96
Weapons offenses	2,100	7	1,000	3	1,100	4	26,100	93
Other offenses ^c	4,800	3	3,000	2	1,800	1	137,200	97

Note: See Note, table 5.44. Data on type of conviction were available for 558,871 of the estimated total of 924,700 convicted felons. However, figures include estimates for cases missing a designation on method of conviction. For survey sampling procedures and definitions of terms, see Appendix 12.

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.

^bIncludes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

^cComposed 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, 2000*, Bulletin NCJ 198821 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, June 2003), p. 8, Table 9; p. 9, Table 10. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.