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**Felony sentences imposed by State courts**

By offense, United States, 2002<sup>a</sup>

Most serious conviction offense	Total	Percent of felons sentenced to:			
		Incarceration			
		Total	Prison	Jail	Probation
All offenses	100%	69%	41%	28%	31%
Violent offenses	100	77	52	25	23
Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	100	95	91	4	5
Sexual assault, rape	100	82	59	23	18
Rape	100	89	67	22	11
Other sexual assault	100	78	55	23	22
Robbery	100	86	71	15	14
Aggravated assault	100	71	42	29	29
Other violent <sup>b</sup>	100	77	42	35	23
Property offenses	100	66	38	28	34
Burglary	100	72	46	26	28
Larceny, motor vehicle theft	100	67	36	31	33
Motor vehicle theft	100	76	37	39	24
Fraud, forgery, embezzlement	100	59	31	28	41
Drug offenses	100	66	39	27	34
Possession	100	62	34	28	38
Trafficking	100	68	42	26	32
Weapons offenses	100	73	45	28	27
Other offenses <sup>c</sup>	100	70	35	35	30

Note: See Note, [table 5.44.2002](#). Data on sentence type were available for 1,047,931 of the estimated total of 1,051,000 convicted felons. 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 sentences to death. Felons receiving a sentence other than incarceration or probation are included in "probation." For survey sampling procedures and definitions of terms, see [Appendix 16](#).

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

<sup>b</sup>Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

<sup>c</sup>Composed 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, 2002*, Bulletin NCJ 206916 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, December 2004), p. 2, Table 2.