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Percent distribution of felony sentences imposed by State courts

By offense, United States, 2006^a

Most serious conviction offense	Total	Percent of felons sentenced to:			
		Incarceration		Nonincarceration	
		Prison	Jail	Straight probation	Other
All offenses	100%	41%	28%	27%	4%
Violent offenses	100	54	23	20	3
Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	100	93	2	3	2
Sexual assault, rape ^b	100	64	18	16	3
Rape	100	72	15	10	4
Other sexual assault	100	58	20	20	2
Robbery	100	71	14	13	2
Aggravated assault	100	43	30	25	3
Other violent ^c	100	39	30	26	4
Property offenses	100	38	29	29	4
Burglary	100	49	24	24	3
Larceny, motor vehicle theft	100	34	34	28	3
Motor vehicle theft	100	42	41	15	2
Fraud, forgery, embezzlement	100	32	27	35	6
Drug offenses	100	38	28	30	4
Possession	100	33	31	33	4
Trafficking	100	41	26	29	4
Weapons offenses	100	45	28	25	2
Other offenses ^d	100	36	34	27	3

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 on sentence type were reported for 98% of 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, probation, and then other sentences such as a fine, community service, or treatment. "Prison" includes sentences to death. 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.

^bIncludes offenses such as statutory rape and incest with a minor.

^cIncludes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

^dComposed 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 1.2 [Online]. Available: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/fssc06st.pdf> [Feb. 15, 2011].