

Table 5.59

Type of sentence received by convicted defendants in the 75 largest counties

By conviction offense, United States, 2000^a

| Most serious conviction offense | Number of defendants | Percent of convicted defendants sentenced to: | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------|--------|------|------------------|-----------|------|
| | | Total | Incarceration | | | Nonincarceration | | |
| | | | Total | Prison | Jail | Total | Probation | Fine |
| All offenses | 28,810 | 100% | 69% | 33% | 36% | 31% | 30% | 1% |
| All felonies | 23,385 | 100 | 73 | 40 | 33 | 27 | 27 | (b) |
| Violent offenses | 4,042 | 100 | 79 | 49 | 30 | 21 | 21 | (b) |
| Murder | 117 | 100 | 96 | 96 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Rape | 222 | 100 | 75 | 56 | 19 | 25 | 25 | 0 |
| Robbery | 874 | 100 | 86 | 73 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 1 |
| Assault | 1,781 | 100 | 78 | 42 | 36 | 22 | 22 | (b) |
| Other violent | 1,048 | 100 | 72 | 33 | 39 | 28 | 28 | 0 |
| Property offenses | 7,129 | 100 | 71 | 39 | 33 | 29 | 28 | (b) |
| Burglary | 1,737 | 100 | 78 | 49 | 29 | 22 | 22 | 0 |
| Larceny/theft | 2,107 | 100 | 69 | 33 | 36 | 31 | 31 | (b) |
| Motor vehicle theft | 760 | 100 | 84 | 51 | 33 | 16 | 16 | 0 |
| Forgery | 886 | 100 | 59 | 31 | 28 | 41 | 40 | (b) |
| Fraud | 577 | 100 | 65 | 27 | 38 | 35 | 35 | 0 |
| Other property | 1,062 | 100 | 70 | 37 | 33 | 30 | 29 | 1 |
| Drug offenses | 9,661 | 100 | 71 | 36 | 34 | 29 | 29 | (b) |
| Trafficking | 4,177 | 100 | 72 | 42 | 30 | 28 | 28 | (b) |
| Other drug | 5,483 | 100 | 70 | 32 | 38 | 30 | 29 | 1 |
| Public-order offenses | 2,433 | 100 | 74 | 44 | 30 | 26 | 26 | (b) |
| Weapons | 754 | 100 | 72 | 44 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 0 |
| Driving-related | 1,020 | 100 | 76 | 40 | 36 | 24 | 24 | 0 |
| Other public-order | 659 | 100 | 73 | 48 | 25 | 27 | 27 | 1 |
| Misdemeanors ^c | 5,425 | 100 | 53 | 1 | 53 | 47 | 41 | 6 |

Note: See Note, table 5.51. Data on type of sentence were available for 93% of cases involving defendants who had been convicted. Sixty-seven percent of jail sentences and 12% of prison sentences included a probation term. Sentences to incarceration or probation may have included a fine, restitution, community service, treatment, or other court-ordered conditions. Sentences to incarceration that were suspended are included in the probation category. Total for all felonies includes cases that could not be classified into one of the four major offense categories. For methodology, definitions of terms, and crimes within offense categories, see Appendix 13.

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.

^bLess than 0.5%.

^cComprised of defendants with a felony arrest charge who were convicted of a misdemeanor.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Felony Defendants in Large Urban Counties, 2000*, NCJ 202021 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2003), p. 30.