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

By conviction offense, United States, 2006^a

Most serious conviction offense	Number of defendants	Percent of convicted defendants sentenced to:						
		Total	Incarceration			Nonincarceration		
			Total	Prison	Jail	Total	Probation	Other ^b
All offenses	33,025	100%	70%	35%	36%	30%	25%	5%
All felonies	27,810	100	73	40	32	27	25	2
Violent offenses	4,713	100	80	55	26	20	18	1
Murder	147	100	100	98	2	0	X	X
Rape	146	100	80	67	12	21	21	0
Robbery	1,515	100	86	72	14	14	13	1
Assault	1,893	100	76	43	33	24	23	1
Other violent	1,014	100	76	42	34	24	20	4
Property offenses	8,573	100	75	38	37	25	23	2
Burglary	2,307	100	82	47	35	18	16	1
Larceny/theft	2,685	100	71	32	39	29	27	2
Motor vehicle theft	997	100	87	50	37	13	12	1
Forgery	662	100	72	38	34	28	27	1
Fraud	964	100	55	24	31	45	40	5
Other property	957	100	78	34	43	22	20	2
Drug offenses	10,710	100	67	36	32	33	31	2
Trafficking	3,370	100	77	47	30	23	22	1
Other drug	7,339	100	63	30	32	37	35	3
Public-order offenses	3,749	100	73	41	32	27	25	2
Weapons	1,100	100	80	53	27	20	19	1
Driving-related	1,197	100	65	35	30	35	31	4
Other public-order	1,451	100	74	37	37	26	24	2
Misdemeanors ^c	5,212	100	57	3	54	43	22	21

Note: These data were collected by the Pretrial Justice Institute for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics as part of the State Court Processing Statistics program. The data are based on 39 of the 75 most populous counties in the United States and a sample of 16,211 felony defendants' cases collected from the 39 sampled counties. These cases were representative of the estimated 58,100 felony defendants whose cases were filed in the 75 counties in May 2006. The sample was designed and selected by the U.S. Census Bureau. These data are estimates derived from a sample and therefore are subject to sampling variation.

Data on type of sentence were available for 94% of cases involving defendants who had been convicted. Sixty-eight percent of jail sentences and 9% 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 entirely 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.

^bIncludes fines, community service, restitution, and treatment.

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