

Table 6.46

Participation in education programs for those in State and Federal prisons, in local jails, and on probation

By type of program, United States, selected years^a

Education program	Prisoners				Local jail inmates, 1996	Probationers, 1995
	State		Federal			
	1991	1997	1991	1997		
Total	56.6%	51.9%	67.0%	56.4%	14.1%	22.9%
Basic	5.3	3.1	10.4	1.9	0.8	0.4
GED ^b /high school	27.3	23.4	27.3	23.0	8.6	7.8
College courses	13.9	9.9	18.9	12.9	1.0	6.1
English as a second language	NA	1.2	NA	5.7	NA	NA
Vocational	31.2	32.2	29.4	31.0	4.8	7.0
Other	2.6	2.6	8.4	5.6	2.1	3.4
Total population	709,042	1,046,136	53,753	87,624	501,159	2,055,942

Note: See Note, [table 6.45](#).

^aDetail may not add to total due to rounding or inmates' participation in more than one educational program.

^bGeneral Educational Development certificate.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Education and Correctional Populations*, Special Report NCJ 195670 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, January 2003), p. 4, Table 4.