

Table 1.88.2005

**DNA evidence used by full- and part-time prosecutors' offices**

By size of population served, United States, 2005

	Percent of prosecutors' offices				Part-time offices	
	Full-time offices (population served)			Part-time offices		
	All offices	Large	Medium			Small
		(1,000,000 or more)	(250,000 to 999,999)			(under 250,000)
<b>Forensic laboratory analyzing DNA</b>						
State-operated	95%	62%	92%	97%	94%	
Privately operated	34	73	53	38	13	
FBI	13	22	16	14	7	
Local agency	6	73	17	2	6	
<b>Problems with use of DNA evidence</b>						
Excessive delay in getting DNA results from laboratory	47	60	80	51	17	
Inconclusive DNA results	26	41	35	25	23	
Improper collection of evidence by police	12	32	13	15	(a)	
Difficulty obtaining expert witnesses	9	(a)	5	6	17	
Difficulty getting DNA results admitted in court as evidence	1	5	1	1	(a)	
<b>District databases</b>						
Offender DNA database	28	89	51	28	17	
Local forensic DNA database	8	49	25	5	5	

Note: See Note, [table 1.85.2005](#). Data on type of forensic laboratory analyzing DNA evidence and problems with use of DNA evidence were available for 82% prosecutors' offices.

<sup>a</sup>Less than 0.5%.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Prosecutors in State Courts, 2005*, Bulletin NCJ 213799 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, July 2006), p. 8, Table 12.