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**Felony convictions in State courts**

By offense and method of conviction, United States, 2002<sup>a</sup>

Most serious conviction offense	Total	Trial		Guilty plea	
		Total	Jury		Bench
All offenses	100%	5%	2%	3%	95%
Violent offenses	100	10	7	3	90
Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	100	32	27	5	68
Sexual assault, rape	100	10	8	2	90
Rape	100	16	12	4	84
Other sexual assault	100	6	5	1	94
Robbery	100	9	6	3	91
Aggravated assault	100	8	4	4	92
Other violent <sup>b</sup>	100	8	4	4	92
Property offenses	100	4	1	3	96
Burglary	100	4	2	2	96
Larceny, motor vehicle theft	100	4	1	3	96
Motor vehicle theft	100	3	2	1	97
Fraud, forgery, embezzlement	100	3	1	2	97
Drug offenses	100	4	2	2	96
Possession	100	2	1	1	98
Trafficking	100	5	2	3	95
Weapons offenses	100	7	3	4	93
Other offenses <sup>c</sup>	100	3	1	2	97

Note: See Note, [table 5.44.2002](#). Data on type of conviction were available for 492,848 of the estimated total of 1,051,000 convicted felons. However, figures include estimates for cases missing a designation on method of conviction. For survey sampling procedures and definitions of terms, see [Appendix 16](#).

<sup>a</sup>Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup>Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

<sup>c</sup>Composed 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, 2002*, Bulletin NCJ 206916 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, December 2004), p. 8, Table 9. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.