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Percent distribution of felony convictions in State courts

By offense and method of conviction, United States, 2006^a

Most serious conviction offense	Total	Trial		Guilty plea	
		Total	Jury		Bench
All offenses	100%	6%	4%	2%	94%
Violent offenses	100	10	8	2	90
Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	100	39	36	2	61
Sexual assault, rape	100	12	10	2	88
Rape	100	16	13	3	84
Other sexual assault ^b	100	9	8	2	91
Robbery	100	11	9	2	89
Aggravated assault	100	8	5	3	92
Other violent ^c	100	7	5	2	93
Property offenses	100	5	3	2	95
Burglary	100	6	4	2	94
Larceny, motor vehicle theft	100	5	3	2	95
Motor vehicle theft	100	4	4	(d)	96
Fraud, forgery, embezzlement	100	5	3	2	95
Drug offenses	100	4	3	2	96
Possession	100	2	1	1	98
Trafficking	100	6	3	2	94
Weapons offenses	100	7	5	2	93
Other offenses ^e	100	3	3	1	97

Note: These data are from the National Judicial Reporting Program (NJRP), a biennial survey of State felony courts. Data were collected for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics by the U.S. Census Bureau. The 2006 NJRP survey was based on a sample of 300 counties selected to be nationally representative. The sample included at least one county from every State except, by chance, Nevada, South Dakota, and Wyoming. Only offenses that State penal codes define as felonies are included. Excluded are Federal courts and State or local courts that did not adjudicate adult felony cases. Data on type of conviction were reported for 66% of convicted felons. These data are estimates derived from a sample and therefore are subject to sampling variation. For survey sampling procedures and definitions of terms, see [Appendix 16](#).

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.

^bIncludes offenses such as statutory rape and incest with a minor.

^cIncludes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

^dLess than 0.5%.

^eComposed 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, 2006--Statistical Tables*, NCJ 226846, Table 4.1 [Online]. Available: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/fssc06st.pdf> [Feb. 21, 2011]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.