

Table 5.47.2004

Percent distribution of felony sentences imposed by State courts

By offense, United States, 2004^a

Most serious conviction offense	Total	Percent of felons sentenced to:			
		Incarceration		Nonincarceration	
		Prison	Jail	Straight probation	Other
All offenses	100%	40%	30%	28%	2%
Violent offenses	100	54	24	20	2
Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	100	89	3	7	1
Sexual assault, rape	100	61	20	17	2
Rape	100	69	20	9	2
Other sexual assault	100	57	19	22	2
Robbery	100	72	15	12	1
Aggravated assault	100	43	30	26	2
Other violent ^b	100	41	32	25	2
Property offenses	100	37	31	30	2
Burglary	100	49	26	24	1
Larceny, motor vehicle theft	100	34	35	28	2
Motor vehicle theft	100	41	45	11	3
Fraud, forgery, embezzlement	100	30	29	37	3
Drug offenses	100	37	30	30	3
Possession	100	35	29	31	4
Trafficking	100	39	30	28	2
Weapons offenses	100	44	28	27	1
Other offenses ^c	100	34	35	29	2

Note: See Note, table 5.44.2004. Data on sentence type were available for 1,062,629 of the estimated total of 1,078,920 convicted felons. For persons receiving a combination of sentences, the sentence designation came from the most severe penalty imposed—prison being the most severe, followed by jail, then probation. "Prison" includes sentences to death. For survey sampling procedures and definitions of terms, see Appendix 16.

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.

^bIncludes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

^cComposed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *State Court Sentencing of Convicted Felons, 2004 Statistical Tables*, NCJ 217995, Table 1.2 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/scscf04st.htm> [Aug. 8, 2007].