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Time between arrest and sentencing for felons convicted in State courts

By offense, United States, 2006

| Most serious conviction offense | Median time (in days) | Following arrest, cumulative percent sentenced within: | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|----------|----------|--------|
| | | 1 month | 3 months | 6 months | 1 year |
| All offenses | 265 | 4% | 14% | 33% | 67% |
| Violent offenses | 295 | 2 | 9 | 26 | 62 |
| Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter | 505 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 31 |
| Sexual assault, rape | 348 | 1 | 5 | 19 | 54 |
| Robbery | 282 | 1 | 7 | 25 | 65 |
| Aggravated assault | 279 | 2 | 10 | 29 | 65 |
| Other violent ^a | 244 | 4 | 14 | 35 | 72 |
| Property offenses | 237 | 3 | 15 | 38 | 70 |
| Burglary | 234 | 3 | 15 | 39 | 71 |
| Larceny, motor vehicle theft | 220 | 5 | 18 | 41 | 71 |
| Fraud, forgery, embezzlement | 261 | 2 | 12 | 33 | 66 |
| Drug offenses | 271 | 6 | 15 | 32 | 66 |
| Possession | 257 | 9 | 20 | 35 | 68 |
| Trafficking | 282 | 3 | 12 | 30 | 64 |
| Weapons offenses | 253 | 4 | 15 | 34 | 69 |
| Other offenses ^b | 253 | 3 | 14 | 34 | 69 |

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 time to dispose of felonies were reported for 33% of convicted felons. The median marks the point above which and below which 50% of all cases fall. 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](#).

^aIncludes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

^bComposed 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*, Bulletin NCJ 226846, Table 4.5 [Online]. Available: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/fssc06st.pdf> [Feb. 21, 2011]