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Current offense and criminal history of veterans and nonveterans in State and Federal prisons

United States, 1997 and 2004^a

Current offense and criminal history	Percent of prisoners, 1997				Percent of prisoners, 2004			
	State		Federal		State		Federal	
	Veterans	Non-veterans	Veterans	Non-veterans	Veterans	Non-veterans	Veterans	Non-veterans
Current offense								
Violent offenses	55.1%	46.1%	22.4%	13.4%	57.4%	46.8%	19.0%	14.1%
Homicide ^b	16.8	12.8	2.3	1.4	14.9	11.8	3.2	2.3
Sexual assault ^c	17.8	7.2	1.6	0.7	22.5	9.4	3.3	0.6
Robbery	10.4	14.7	13.6	9.3	8.4	13.1	10.3	8.3
Assault	8.2	9.5	1.9	1.2	9.0	10.3	2.0	2.0
Other violent	1.9	1.9	3.0	0.9	2.6	2.2	0.4	0.8
Property offenses	20.3	22.2	10.9	6.1	15.6	19.1	10.5	6.1
Burglary	8.9	10.9	0.1	0.4	6.4	8.4	0.0	0.5
Larceny	4.3	4.2	1.1	0.4	3.9	3.9	0.6	0.4
Motor vehicle theft	1.4	1.9	0.2	0.3	1.2	1.8	0.0	0.4
Fraud	3.2	2.6	8.7	4.2	2.7	2.9	9.0	4.2
Stolen property	1.5	1.6	0.5	0.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)
Other property ^d	0.9	1.0	0.2	0.4	1.3	2.2	0.9	0.6
Drug offenses	14.4	21.5	51.3	64.6	15.0	22.1	46.3	56.2
Possession	4.7	9.4	6.5	12.3	5.6	6.0	0.9	3.2
Trafficking	9.0	11.6	41.3	46.3	9.0	15.5	44.8	51.1
Other drug	0.7	0.6	3.5	5.9	0.4	0.6	0.6	2.0
Public-order offenses	10.2	9.8	14.6	14.8	12.0	11.8	22.9	20.2
Weapons	1.7	2.6	7.8	6.7	0.9	2.7	12.2	10.8
Other public-order	8.4	7.3	6.8	8.1	11.1	9.2	10.7	9.4
Other/unspecified	0.1	0.3	0.8	1.1	0.0	0.2	1.3	3.4
Criminal history								
None	30.1	22.9	39.7	38.7	29.8	22.8	40.0	34.7
Priors	69.9	77.1	60.3	61.3	70.2	77.2	60.0	65.3
Violent recidivists ^e	44.3	47.2	26.4	22.7	42.6	44.0	23.1	25.6
Drug recidivists only	2.3	3.1	8.0	10.6	2.0	3.6	7.4	8.5
Other recidivists ^f	23.3	26.8	25.8	28.0	25.6	29.7	29.5	31.1

Note: See Note, [table 6.0007.2004](#).

^aPercents may not add to total because of rounding.

^bIncludes murder and manslaughter.

^cIncludes rape and other sexual assault.

^dIn 2004, stolen property and arson are included in the "other property" category.

^eRecidivists with at least one current or past violent offense.

^fIncludes recidivists with unknown offense types.

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