

Table 6.20

Most serious current offense of jail inmates

By sex, race, and Hispanic origin, United States, 2002

Most serious offense	Percent of jail inmates				
	Sex		Race, Hispanic origin		
	Male	Female	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic
Number of jail inmates	551,186	72,306	223,292	249,304	114,562
Violent offenses	26.5%	17.1%	21.8%	26.9%	27.1%
Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	2.1	1.4	1.2	2.4	2.5
Negligent manslaughter	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6
Rape	0.7	NA	0.6	0.5	0.6
Other sexual assault	3.1	0.9	4.0	1.7	2.5
Robbery	5.8	3.6	2.8	7.7	6.0
Assault	12.2	8.0	10.6	11.8	13.0
Other violent ^a	1.3	2.5	1.6	1.3	1.0
Property offenses	23.3	32.4	28.1	24.0	17.5
Burglary	7.2	2.9	8.3	6.3	4.8
Larceny/theft	6.5	10.3	8.1	7.3	4.2
Motor vehicle theft	2.0	1.4	2.2	1.8	2.1
Fraud	3.7	14.0	6.2	4.6	2.9
Stolen property	1.7	1.6	1.6	2.1	1.1
Other property ^b	1.9	1.5	1.3	1.9	2.1
Drug offenses	24.1	29.2	18.5	30.6	27.5
Possession	10.3	14.5	8.6	12.7	12.4
Trafficking	12.3	10.9	7.7	16.3	13.9
Other/unspecified drug	1.5	3.8	2.2	1.6	1.1
Public-order offenses	25.5	20.8	31.0	18.0	27.5
Weapons	2.2	0.6	1.8	2.4	1.9
Obstruction of justice	3.8	4.4	4.4	3.7	3.1
Driving while intoxicated ^c	6.6	4.9	10.9	1.8	7.7
Drunkenness, morals ^d	1.5	3.3	1.9	1.5	1.8
Violation of parole, probation ^e	2.9	3.1	3.6	2.6	2.3
Immigration violations	1.9	0.5	NA	0.6	6.6
Other public-order ^f	2.7	1.5	3.5	2.3	1.5
Other offenses ^g	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.4	NA

Note: See Note, table 6.18. The table excludes inmates for whom offense was unknown but includes offenses for which estimates are not shown separately. For information on methodology and survey sampling procedures, see Appendix 4.

^aIncludes blackmail, extortion, kidnaping, hit-and-run driving with bodily injury, child abuse, and criminal endangerment.

^bIncludes destruction of property, vandalism, arson, hit-and-run driving without bodily injury, trespassing, and possession of burglary tools.

^cIncludes driving while intoxicated and driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

^dIncludes drunkenness, vagrancy, disorderly conduct, unlawful assembly, morals, and commercialized vice.

^eIncludes parole or probation violations, escape, absence without leave (AWOL), and flight to avoid prosecution.

^fIncludes rioting, abandonment, nonsupport, invasion of privacy, liquor law violations, and tax evasion.

^gIncludes juvenile offenses and other unspecified offenses.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Profile of Jail Inmates, 2002*, Special Report NCJ 201932 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, July 2004), p. 4, Table 4. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.