

Table 6.36

**State and Federal prisoners reporting possession of firearms during current offense**

By type of offense, United States, 1991 and 1997

Current offense	Prisoners			
	1991		1997	
	Number	Percent who possessed a firearm during current offense	Number	Percent who possessed a firearm during current offense
<b>State</b>				
All prisoners	700,050	16.3%	1,037,241	18.4%
Violent offense	323,653	29.1	483,713	30.2
Property offense	171,749	3.2	227,726	3.1
Drug offense	148,743	4.1	213,974	8.1
Public-order offense	47,001	16.1	99,396	19.1
<b>Federal</b>				
All prisoners	53,348	11.8	87,466	14.8
Violent offense	9,113	38.0	12,604	35.4
Property offense	7,011	2.1	5,811	2.9
Drug offense	30,788	3.9	54,561	8.7
Public-order offense	4,964	28.5	12,708	27.3

Note: See Note, [table 6.35](#). For a list of offenses included in each category, see [table 6.37](#).

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Firearm Use by Offenders*, Special Report NCJ 189369 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, November 2001), p. 3, Table 3.