

Table 5.54

Felony convictions and sentences imposed by State and Federal courts

By offense, United States, 1994^a

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of convicted felony defendants											
	Felony convictions			Prison sentences			Jail sentences			Probation sentences		
	Total	State	Federal	Total	State	Federal	Total	State	Federal	Total	State	Federal
All offenses	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Violent offenses	18.4	18.9	7.3	25.0	26.0	10.3	14.3	14.6	2.2	11.4	11.7	2.2
Murder/manslaughter ^b	1.3	1.4	0.4	2.8	2.9	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Rape	2.2	2.3	0.4	3.4	3.6	0.5	1.5	1.5	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.2
Robbery	5.3	5.3	5.2	8.9	9.0	7.8	2.2	2.3	0.7	2.1	2.2	0.7
Aggravated assault	7.2	7.5	0.8	7.5	8.0	0.8	7.7	7.9	0.7	6.2	6.4	0.6
Other violent ^c	2.4	2.4	0.5	2.3	2.4	0.5	2.8	2.9	0.4	2.0	2.1	0.4
Property offenses	31.3	31.6	26.5	28.4	29.4	12.2	32.3	31.9	45.8	35.1	34.5	53.6
Burglary	10.8	11.2	0.4	12.5	13.2	0.5	9.4	9.7	0.2	9.3	9.6	0.2
Larceny ^d	12.6	13.0	4.3	10.5	10.9	2.1	14.1	14.3	6.2	14.7	14.9	9.0
Motor vehicle theft	2.3	2.4	0.6	2.0	2.0	0.5	3.1	3.2	0.8	2.2	2.3	0.7
Other theft	10.2	10.5	3.7	8.5	8.9	1.6	11.0	11.1	5.5	12.4	12.6	8.3
Fraud/forgery ^e	8.0	7.3	21.9	5.5	5.2	9.6	8.8	8.0	39.3	11.2	10.1	44.5
Fraud ^f	3.9	3.2	19.2	2.7	2.3	8.5	4.6	3.8	34.2	5.3	4.2	38.9
Forgery	4.0	4.1	2.7	2.8	2.9	1.1	4.2	4.2	5.1	5.9	5.9	5.6
Drug offenses	31.9	31.4	41.4	31.2	29.6	55.0	32.3	32.6	21.5	32.6	33.2	16.7
Possession	12.0	12.5	0.5	8.9	9.4	0.3	15.2	15.6	0.8	14.0	14.4	0.8
Trafficking	19.9	19.0	40.9	22.3	20.2	54.7	17.1	17.0	20.7	18.6	18.7	15.9
Weapons offenses	3.8	3.6	8.2	3.7	3.3	10.5	3.8	3.7	4.8	3.8	3.8	3.9
Other offenses ^f	14.7	14.6	16.7	11.7	11.7	12.0	17.3	17.1	25.7	17.1	16.9	23.6

Note: See Note, table 5.50. In most States, the place of confinement is a local facility for a jail sentence and a State facility for a prison sentence. The Federal system has no equivalent to a local jail. To make Federal sentences more comparable to State sentences, Federal incarceration sentences of 1 year or less were considered jail sentences and Federal sentences of more than 1 year were considered prison sentences. For methodology used to collect the Federal data, see Appendix 13. For methodology used to collect the State data and definitions of offenses used for these tables, see Appendix 14.

^cIncludes offenses such as negligent manslaughter, sexual assault, and kidnaping.

^dIncludes motor vehicle theft.

^eIncludes embezzlement.

^fComposed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and immigration offenses.

^aSubcategories may not add to total because of rounding.

^bDoes not include negligent manslaughter.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, **Felony Sentences in the United States, 1994**, Bulletin NCJ-165149 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, July 1997), p. 3.