



Profile of felons convicted in State courts, 1992

The 1992 National Judicial Reporting Program compiled demographic data (sex, race, and age) as well as sentencing information for persons convicted of a felony in State courts. This section summarizes results from that collection.

White defendants were 52% of those convicted of a felony in State courts; black felons were 47%; and persons of other races (American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, and Pacific Islanders), 1% (table 2.1).

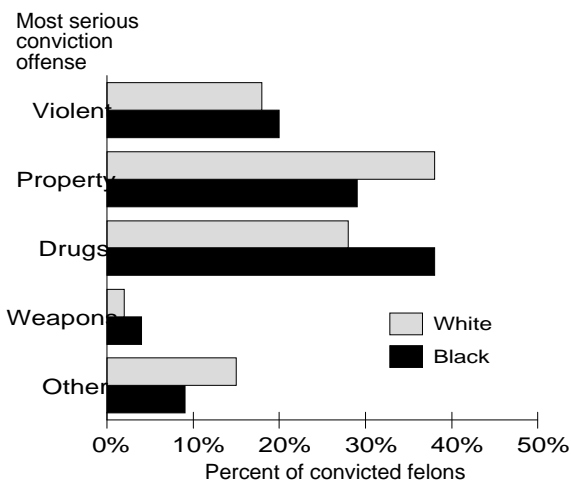
Among persons convicted of a felony, white felons were less likely than blacks to be sent to prison: 42% of convicted white defendants received a prison sentence, 56% of black defendants, and 52% of defendants of other races (table 2.5).

Among persons sentenced to prison, blacks received a State prison sentence 7 months longer than that of whites: 81 months for blacks and 74 months for whites (table 2.7).

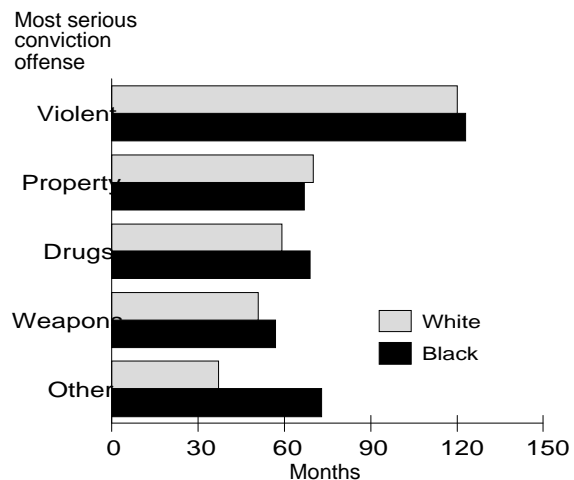
However, when the national data are disaggregated and tabulated separately by region, the 7-month racial disparity in sentence lengths disappears. In two regions — the Northeast and the West — whites and blacks received identical overall sentences: 63 months in the Northeast and 44 months in the West. In the other two there were differences, but they were small (less than 7 months), not statistically significant, and mixed in direction. Average sentences in the South were 94 months for whites and 95 months for blacks. Averages in the Midwest were 72 months for whites and 69 months for blacks.

Why the disparity disappeared once the data were disaggregated probably has to do with two facts: (1) on average the South metes out longer sentences than the rest of the Nation (table 5.3), and (2) half of all convicted blacks but a third of convicted whites were sentenced in the South (mirroring the fact that about half the black population and a third of the white population resides in the South - table 2.14). The racial comparison based on aggregated statistics masks these important differences relevant to sentencing. But the racial comparison based on disaggregated statistics takes the differences into account.

Offense distribution of persons convicted of a felony in State courts, by race, 1992



Average sentence to State prison for a felony imposed by State courts, by offense and race, 1992



Drug offenses comprised 38% of the conviction offenses of blacks versus 28% of the conviction offenses of whites. State prison sentences were generally similar between the races.

Other findings were —

- In 1992 men comprised 87% of persons convicted of a felony (table 2.1). An estimated 48% of males received a State prison sentence, compared to 30% of females (table 2.4). As a result of this sentencing difference, males comprised a larger percentage of the total sentenced to prison (91%) than the total convicted (87%).
- Among all felons convicted nationwide, about 465,000 (52%) were white, 420,000 (47%) were black, and an estimated 9,000 (1%) were of other races (American Indian, Alaska Native, Asian, or Pacific Islander) (table 2.1).
- The most serious conviction offense was a violent felony in 13% of cases for women, and 23% of cases for men. Among convicted whites 19% had a violent felony conviction offense; among blacks 23% (table 2.8).
- The average age of felons convicted in 1992 was 30 years (table 2.3).
- Men sentenced to prison nationwide had an average sentence length of 6 years and 8 months, while women nationwide had an average prison sentence of 5 years (table 2.6).
- Men nationwide were sentenced to local jail for an average of 7 months, and women for 6 months (table 2.6). The larger proportion of violent conviction offenses for men partly explains their greater likelihood of a sentence to incarceration and longer average sentences.

Table 2.1. Sex, race, and age of persons convicted of felonies in State courts by offense, 1992

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of convicted felons who were											
	Total	Sex		Race			Age					
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	14-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
All offenses	100%	87%	13%	52%	47%	1%	9%	46%	31%	10%	3%	1%
Violent offenses	100%	93%	7%	48%	50%	2%	13%	46%	27%	9%	3%	2%
Murder ^a	100	90	10	41	58	1	18	46	23	9	3	1
Rape	100	98	2	66	30	4	6	38	33	13	6	4
Robbery	100	94	6	34	65	1	18	53	23	5	1	--
Aggravated assault	100	90	10	50	48	2	10	45	29	10	4	2
Other violent ^b	100	93	7	72	27	1	7	37	32	15	5	4
Property offenses	100%	83%	17%	58%	41%	1%	11%	48%	29%	9%	2%	1%
Burglary	100	95	5	60	39	1	14	52	26	7	1	--
Larceny ^c	100	81	19	57	42	1	12	46	29	10	2	1
Fraud ^d	100	62	38	57	42	1	4	45	35	12	3	1
Drug offenses	100%	85%	15%	44%	55%	1%	7%	46%	34%	10%	2%	1%
Possession	100	83	17	44	55	1	7	42	37	12	2	--
Trafficking	100	86	14	44	55	1	7	49	33	9	2	--
Weapons offenses	100%	96%	4%	39%	60%	1%	13%	49%	25%	10%	2%	1%
Other offenses^e	100%	90%	10%	64%	34%	2%	7%	41%	34%	13%	4%	1%

Note: See note on table 1.1. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding. Data on sex were available for 781,681 cases; on race, 550,405; and on age, 712,679.

--Less than 0.5%.

^aIncludes nonnegligent manslaughter.

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

^cIncludes motor vehicle theft.

^dIncludes forgery and embezzlement.

^eComposed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and driving while intoxicated.

Table 2.2. Offenses of felons convicted in State courts, by sex, race, and age, 1992

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of convicted felons											
	Total	Sex		Race			Age					
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	14-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
All offenses	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Violent offenses	18%	20%	10%	18%	20%	37%	25%	19%	17%	18%	23%	36%
Murder ^a	1	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	2
Rape	2	3	--	3	2	16	2	2	3	3	6	10
Robbery	6	7	3	4	9	5	12	7	5	3	2	1
Aggravated assault	7	7	5	7	7	13	7	7	6	7	9	13
Other violent ^b	2	2	1	3	1	3	2	2	2	3	5	10
Property offenses	34%	32%	43%	38%	29%	30%	39%	35%	31%	30%	26%	17%
Burglary	13	14	5	15	11	15	20	15	11	9	5	2
Larceny ^c	14	13	18	15	12	13	16	13	12	13	13	10
Fraud ^d	7	5	20	8	6	2	3	7	8	9	8	5
Drug offenses	33%	31%	35%	28%	38%	8%	22%	32%	35%	32%	27%	20%
Possession	13	12	15	11	15	4	9	11	15	15	11	8
Trafficking	20	19	20	17	23	4	14	21	20	17	17	12
Weapons offenses	2%	3%	1%	2%	4%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%	3%	5%
Other offenses^e	13%	14%	11%	15%	9%	24%	10%	12%	15%	17%	21%	22%

Note: See note on tables 1.1 and 2.1. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

--Less than 0.5%.

^aIncludes nonnegligent manslaughter.

^bIncludes offenses such as negligent manslaughter, sexual assault, and kidnapping.

^cIncludes motor vehicle theft.

^dIncludes forgery and embezzlement.

^eComposed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and driving while intoxicated.

Table 2.3. Average age of convicted felons in State courts, 1992

Most serious conviction offense	Average age in years	
	Mean	Median
All offenses	30 yrs	28 yrs
Violent offenses	29 yrs	27 yrs
Murder ^a	28	25
Rape	33	31
Robbery	26	25
Aggravated assault	30	28
Other violent ^b	33	31
Property offenses	29 yrs	27 yrs
Burglary	27	25
Larceny ^c	29	27
Fraud ^d	31	30
Drug offenses	30 yrs	29 yrs
Possession	31	30
Trafficking	30	28
Weapons offenses	29 yrs	27 yrs
Other offenses^e	31 yrs	30 yrs

Note: See note on tables 1.1 and 2.1.

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^eComposed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and driving while intoxicated.

Table 2.4. Types of sentences imposed by State courts, by sex of felons, 1992

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of felons sentenced to —						
	Total	Incarceration			Nonincarceration		
		Total	Prison	Jail	Total	Probation	Other
Male							
All offenses	100%	74%	48%	27%	26%	25%	1%
Violent offenses	100%	83%	61%	22%	17%	17%	1%
Murder ^a	100	97	93	4	3	3	--
Rape	100	87	67	20	13	13	--
Robbery	100	89	74	15	11	11	--
Aggravated assault	100	76	46	30	24	23	1
Other violent ^b	100	70	40	30	30	30	1
Property offenses	100%	72%	46%	26%	28%	27%	1%
Burglary	100	77	54	23	23	22	1
Larceny ^c	100	71	41	29	29	29	1
Fraud ^d	100	61	37	24	39	38	1
Drug offenses	100%	75%	45%	29%	25%	25%	1%
Possession	100	68	37	31	32	31	1
Trafficking	100	79	51	28	21	21	--
Weapons offenses	100%	69%	42%	27%	31%	30%	1%
Other offenses^e	100%	68%	37%	31%	32%	30%	1%
Female							
All offenses	100%	56%	30%	27%	44%	43%	1%
Violent offenses	100%	69%	42%	27%	31%	31%	1%
Murder ^a	100	92	84	8	8	8	0
Rape	100	78	42	36	22	22	0
Robbery	100	77	54	23	23	23	1
Aggravated assault	100	60	30	31	40	39	1
Other violent ^b	100	66	29	37	34	33	--
Property offenses	100%	50%	27%	23%	50%	49%	2%
Burglary	100	67	37	30	33	33	--
Larceny ^c	100	53	27	26	47	46	2
Fraud ^d	100	43	23	20	57	55	2
Drug offenses	100%	61%	31%	30%	39%	38%	1%
Possession	100	58	27	31	42	41	1
Trafficking	100	64	34	30	36	36	1
Weapons offenses	100%	51%	27%	25%	49%	48%	1%
Other offenses^e	100%	54%	26%	28%	46%	44%	2%

Note: See note on tables 1.1 and 2.1. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding. Data on sentence type by sex were available for 775,026 cases; and by race, 538,727. Some estimates in this table are based on as few as 1 case and are therefore unreliable.

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Table 2.5. Types of sentences imposed by State courts, by race of felons, 1992

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of felons sentenced to —						
	Total	Incarceration			Nonincarceration		
		Total	Prison	Jail	Total	Probation	Other
White							
All offenses	100%	74%	42%	32%	26%	26%	1%
Violent offenses	100%	81%	55%	25%	19%	19%	1%
Murder ^a	100	97	90	7	3	3	--
Rape	100	86	62	24	14	14	1
Robbery	100	89	72	18	11	10	1
Aggravated assault	100	73	39	34	27	26	1
Other violent ^b	100	71	45	26	29	28	1
Property offenses	100%	70%	43%	28%	30%	29%	1%
Burglary	100	78	52	26	22	22	--
Larceny ^c	100	69	37	33	31	30	1
Fraud ^d	100	58	36	22	42	41	1
Drug offenses	100%	75%	34%	41%	25%	24%	1%
Possession	100	69	29	40	31	30	1
Trafficking	100	80	37	42	20	20	1
Weapons offenses	100%	72%	38%	35%	28%	27%	1%
Other offenses^e	100%	71%	38%	32%	29%	28%	1%
Black							
All offenses	100%	75%	56%	19%	25%	24%	1%
Violent offenses	100%	85%	69%	17%	15%	14%	--
Murder ^a	100	97	94	2	4	4	0
Rape	100	90	82	8	10	10	--
Robbery	100	90	77	13	10	9	--
Aggravated assault	100	78	53	24	22	22	1
Other violent ^b	100	72	44	28	28	28	0
Property offenses	100%	72%	53%	19%	28%	28%	1%
Burglary	100	80	63	17	20	19	1
Larceny ^c	100	72	51	21	28	28	1
Fraud ^d	100	55	38	17	45	44	1
Drug offenses	100%	74%	54%	20%	26%	26%	1%
Possession	100	66	44	23	34	33	1
Trafficking	100	79	60	18	21	21	--
Weapons offenses	100%	68%	50%	19%	32%	31%	1%
Other offenses^e	100%	70%	52%	18%	30%	29%	1%

Note: See note on tables 1.1, 1.2, and 2.1. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding. Data on sentence type by sex were available for 775,026 cases; and by race, 538,727. Some estimates in this table are based on as few as 1 case and are therefore unreliable. --Less than 0.5%.

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Table 2.6. Mean sentence lengths for felony sentences imposed by State courts, by sex of felons, 1992

Most serious conviction offense	Maximum sentence length in months for felons sentenced to —			
	Incarceration			Probation
	Total	Prison	Jail	
Male				
All offenses	54 mo	80 mo	7 mo	47 mo
Violent offenses	94 mo	125 mo	8 mo	53 mo
Murder ^a	241	254	10	70
Rape	125	161	8	70
Robbery	99	115	11	63
Aggravated assault	57	89	7	44
Other violent ^b	57	91	6	52
Property offenses	47 mo	69 mo	7 mo	47 mo
Burglary	57	78	8	55
Larceny ^c	34	54	7	42
Fraud ^d	49	76	6	44
Drug offenses	45 mo	68 mo	7 mo	48 mo
Possession	33	56	4	43
Trafficking	51	74	8	52
Weapons offenses	33 mo	50 mo	5 mo	39 mo
Other offenses^e	32 mo	52 mo	7 mo	43 mo
Female				
All offenses	35 mo	60 mo	6 mo	43 mo
Violent offenses	60 mo	94 mo	6 mo	49 mo
Murder ^a	187	203	15	98
Rape	64	105	8	50
Robbery	58	77	9	66
Aggravated assault	36	67	5	39
Other violent ^b	33	65	6	60
Property offenses	32 mo	55 mo	5 mo	42 mo
Burglary	29	49	5	47
Larceny ^c	28	48	6	40
Fraud ^d	37	64	4	43
Drug offenses	30 mo	53 mo	6 mo	47 mo
Possession	22	43	4	41
Trafficking	36	60	8	52
Weapons offenses	139 mo	257 mo	3 mo	32 mo
Other offenses^e	21 mo	37 mo	5 mo	38 mo

Note: See note on tables 1.1, 1.2, and 2.1. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding. Data on sentence type by sex were available for 775,026 cases; and by race, 538,727. Some estimates in this table are based on as few as 1 case and are therefore unreliable.

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^dIncludes forgery and embezzlement.

^eComposed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and driving while intoxicated.

Table 2.7. Mean sentence lengths for felony sentences imposed by State courts, by race of felons, 1992

Most serious conviction offense	Maximum sentence length in months for felons sentenced to —			
	Total	Incarceration Prison	Jail	Probation
White				
All offenses	45 mo	74 mo	7 mo	45 mo
Violent offenses	84 mo	120 mo	8 mo	51 mo
Murder ^a	208	229	12	71
Rape	120	163	9	73
Robbery	90	110	11	59
Aggravated assault	47	81	7	43
Other violent ^b	62	93	7	53
Property offenses	45 mo	70 mo	8 mo	45 mo
Burglary	58	82	9	53
Larceny ^c	31	53	7	41
Fraud ^d	45	68	7	41
Drug offenses	30 mo	59 mo	6 mo	45 mo
Possession	22	47	4	42
Trafficking	35	65	8	48
Weapons offenses	29 mo	51 mo	5 mo	36 mo
Other offenses^e	23 mo	37 mo	7 mo	41 mo
Black				
All offenses	63 mo	81 mo	7 mo	49 mo
Violent offenses	101 mo	123 mo	8 mo	54 mo
Murder ^a	241	248	8	86
Rape	148	161	9	61
Robbery	100	115	11	70
Aggravated assault	62	86	7	42
Other violent ^b	49	77	5	66
Property offenses	51 mo	67 mo	7 mo	49 mo
Burglary	58	72	8	63
Larceny ^c	40	53	8	42
Fraud ^d	62	86	6	45
Drug offenses	52 mo	69 mo	7 mo	49 mo
Possession	39	58	4	42
Trafficking	59	75	9	56
Weapons offenses	43 mo	57 mo	5 mo	34 mo
Other offenses^e	56 mo	73 mo	8 mo	50 mo

Note: See note on tables 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3. Data on sentence length by sex were available for 557,592 cases; and by race, 400,207. Some estimates in this table are based on as few as 1 case and are therefore unreliable.

^aIncludes nonnegligent manslaughter.

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

^cIncludes motor vehicle theft.

^dIncludes forgery and embezzlement.

^eComposed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and driving while intoxicated.

Table 2.8. Offenses of felons sentenced to incarceration or prison, by sex and race, in State courts, 1992

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of convictions				
	Total	Sex		Race	
		Male	Female	White	Black
Sentenced to incarceration					
All offenses	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Violent offenses	21%	23%	13%	19%	23%
Murder ^a	2	2	2	2	2
Rape	3	3	1	4	2
Robbery	8	8	4	5	10
Aggravated assault	7	7	6	7	7
Other violent ^b	2	2	1	3	1
Property offenses	32%	31%	38%	36%	28%
Burglary	14	15	6	16	12
Larceny ^c	12	12	17	14	11
Fraud ^d	5	4	15	6	5
Drug offenses	32%	31%	38%	28%	38%
Possession	11	11	16	10	13
Trafficking	21	20	22	18	24
Weapons offenses	3%	3%	1%	2%	3%
Other offenses^e	12%	13%	10%	14%	8%
Sentenced to prison					
All offenses	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Violent offenses	25%	26%	15%	23%	25%
Murder ^a	3	3	3	3	3
Rape	4	4	1	5	2
Robbery	10	10	5	7	12
Aggravated assault	7	7	5	6	7
Other violent ^b	2	2	1	3	1
Property offenses	32%	31%	39%	39%	27%
Burglary	15	16	6	19	13
Larceny ^c	11	11	17	13	11
Fraud ^d	5	4	16	7	4
Drug offenses	30%	29%	36%	23%	36%
Possession	10	9	14	8	12
Trafficking	20	20	22	15	25
Weapons offenses	3%	3%	1%	2%	3%
Other offenses^e	11%	11%	9%	14%	8%

Note: See note on tables 1.1, 1.2, and 2.1. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

^aIncludes nonnegligent manslaughter.

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^cIncludes motor vehicle theft.

^dIncludes forgery and embezzlement.

^eComposed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and driving while intoxicated.

Table 2.9. Offenses of felons sentenced to jail or probation, by sex and race, in State courts, 1992

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of convictions				
	Total	Sex		Race	
		Male	Female	White	Black
Sentenced to jail					
All offenses	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Violent offenses	16%	16%	11%	14%	18%
Murder ^a	--	--	--	--	--
Rape	2	2	--	2	1
Robbery	4	4	2	2	6
Aggravated assault	8	8	6	7	9
Other violent ^b	2	3	2	2	2
Property offenses	31%	30%	38%	33%	29%
Burglary	11	12	6	13	10
Larceny ^c	14	14	18	15	13
Fraud ^d	6	4	15	5	6
Drug offenses	36%	34%	40%	36%	41%
Possession	14	13	18	14	18
Trafficking	21	20	22	22	23
Weapons offenses	3%	3%	1%	2%	4%
Other offenses^e	15%	17%	11%	15%	9%
Sentenced to probation					
All offenses	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Violent offenses	12%	14%	8%	13%	12%
Murder ^a	--	--	--	--	--
Rape	1	1	--	2	1
Robbery	2	3	2	2	3
Aggravated assault	6	6	5	7	6
Other violent ^b	2	3	1	3	1
Property offenses	38%	35%	49%	43%	33%
Burglary	11	13	4	13	9
Larceny ^c	15	14	20	17	13
Fraud ^d	11	8	26	12	11
Drug offenses	31%	31%	31%	26%	40%
Possession	15	15	15	13	20
Trafficking	16	16	16	13	20
Weapons offenses	3%	4%	1%	2%	5%
Other offenses^e	15%	17%	11%	17%	11%

Note: See note on tables 1.1, 1.2, and 2.1. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

--Less than 0.5%.

^aIncludes nonnegligent manslaughter.

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

^cIncludes motor vehicle theft.

^dIncludes forgery and embezzlement.

^eComposed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and driving while intoxicated.

Table 2.10. Percent of all convicted felons sentenced to incarceration or prison, by sex and race, 1992

Most serious conviction offense	Percent receiving designated sentence			
	White		Black	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Sentenced to incarceration				
All offenses	76%	59%	78%	58%
Violent offenses	82%	66%	87%	69%
Murder ^a	97	94	97	92
Rape	86	**	90	**
Robbery	90	76	91	79
Aggravated assault	75	58	80	59
Other violent ^b	72	63	71	77
Property offenses	74%	54%	76%	52%
Burglary	78	71	81	67
Larceny ^c	71	56	76	57
Fraud ^d	65	47	63	45
Drug offenses	77%	65%	76%	62%
Possession	70	63	68	58
Trafficking	82	67	80	66
Weapons offenses	73%	46%	69%	55%
Other offenses^e	72%	57%	72%	57%
Sentenced to prison				
All offenses	44%	30%	59%	38%
Violent offenses	56%	40%	71%	47%
Murder ^a	91	82	95	84
Rape	63	**	82	**
Robbery	73	57	79	57
Aggravated assault	40	27	56	34
Other violent ^b	47	24	43	54
Property offenses	45%	29%	57%	35%
Burglary	52	42	64	44
Larceny ^c	39	25	54	39
Fraud ^d	41	29	45	29
Drug offenses	35%	28%	56%	38%
Possession	30	27	46	31
Trafficking	39	29	62	44
Weapons offenses	38%	18%	50%	38%
Other offenses^e	39%	29%	53%	38%

Note: See note on tables 1.1, 1.2, and 2.1. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

**Not calculated.

^aIncludes nonnegligent manslaughter.

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

^cIncludes motor vehicle theft.

^dIncludes forgery and embezzlement.

^eComposed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and driving while intoxicated.

Table 2.11. Percent of all convicted felons sentenced to jail or probation, by sex and race, 1992

Most serious conviction offense	Percent receiving designated sentence			
	White		Black	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Sentenced to jail				
All offenses	32%	30%	18%	21%
Violent offenses	25%	27%	16%	22%
Murder ^a	6	12	2	8
Rape	24	**	8	**
Robbery	18	19	13	22
Aggravated assault	35	30	24	26
Other violent ^b	25	40	28	23
Property offenses	28%	25%	19%	18%
Burglary	26	29	17	23
Larceny ^c	33	31	22	18
Fraud ^d	24	19	18	16
Drug offenses	42%	37%	19%	24%
Possession	41	36	22	26
Trafficking	43	38	18	22
Weapons offenses	35%	29%	19%	17%
Other offenses^e	33%	28%	18%	19%
Sentenced to probation				
All offenses	24%	41%	23%	42%
Violent offenses	19%	34%	13%	31%
Murder ^a	3	6	3	8
Rape	14	**	10	**
Robbery	10	24	9	21
Aggravated assault	25	42	20	41
Other violent ^b	29	37	29	23
Property offenses	27%	47%	24%	48%
Burglary	22	29	19	33
Larceny ^c	29	44	24	43
Fraud ^d	35	53	37	55
Drug offenses	23%	35%	24%	38%
Possession	30	37	32	43
Trafficking	18	33	20	34
Weapons offenses	27%	54%	31%	45%
Other offenses^e	28%	43%	28%	43%

Note: See note on tables 1.1, 1.2, and 2.1. Data on sentence type by sex and race were available for 538,669 cases.

**Not calculated.

^aIncludes nonnegligent manslaughter.

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

^cIncludes motor vehicle theft.

^dIncludes forgery and embezzlement.

^eComposed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and driving while intoxicated.

Table 2.12. Mean State felony sentence lengths, by sex, race, and type of felony sentences, 1992

Most serious conviction offense	Mean sentence length in months for felons who were —			
	White		Black	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Sentenced to incarceration				
All offenses	46 mo	32 mo	65 mo	40 mo
Violent offenses	85 mo	58 mo	103 mo	65 mo
Murder ^a	212	179	245	199
Rape	120	**	148	**
Robbery	93	54	102	59
Aggravated assault	47	38	65	35
Other violent ^b	64	28	46	90
Property offenses	47 mo	34 mo	54 mo	31 mo
Burglary	59	29	59	34
Larceny ^c	33	19	42	29
Fraud ^d	43	49	76	33
Drug offenses	31 mo	26 mo	54 mo	36 mo
Possession	22	19	42	26
Trafficking	35	31	61	44
Weapons offenses	29 mo	16 mo	34 mo	244 mo
Other offenses^e	24 mo	20 mo	59 mo	26 mo
Sentenced to prison				
All offenses	75 mo	58 mo	84 mo	59 mo
Violent offenses	121 mo	95 mo	125 mo	92 mo
Murder ^a	231	204	251	216
Rape	163	**	162	**
Robbery	112	68	117	78
Aggravated assault	82	75	89	57
Other violent ^b	95	59	73	119
Property offenses	71 mo	58 mo	70 mo	44 mo
Burglary	83	45	72	50
Larceny ^c	55	35	56	38
Fraud ^d	63	77	102	50
Drug offenses	60 mo	53 mo	71 mo	55 mo
Possession	48	41	59	45
Trafficking	65	61	76	61
Weapons offenses	51 mo	35 mo	45 mo	358 mo
Other offenses^e	38 mo	36 mo	77 mo	36 mo

Note: See note on tables 1.1, 1.2, and 2.1. Data on sentence length by sex and race were available for 534,919 cases.

**Not calculated.

^aIncludes nonnegligent manslaughter.

^bIncludes offenses such as negligent manslaughter, sexual assault, and kidnapping.

^cIncludes motor vehicle theft.

^dIncludes forgery and embezzlement.

^eComposed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and driving while intoxicated.

Table 2.13. Mean State felony sentence lengths, by sex, race, and type of felony sentences, 1992

Most serious conviction offense	Mean sentence length in months for felons who were —			
	White		Black	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Sentenced to jail				
All offenses	7 mo	6 mo	7 mo	6 mo
Violent offenses	8 mo	7 mo	9 mo	6 mo
Murder ^a	10	22	7	8
Rape	9	**	9	**
Robbery	12	9	11	8
Aggravated assault	7	5	7	5
Other violent ^b	7	8	5	2
Property offenses	8 mo	6 mo	8 mo	6 mo
Burglary	10	6	8	5
Larceny ^c	7	7	7	8
Fraud ^d	8	6	7	4
Drug offenses	7 mo	6 mo	7 mo	6 mo
Possession	4	3	4	4
Trafficking	8	8	9	8
Weapons offenses	5 mo	3 mo	5 mo	3 mo
Other offenses^e	7 mo	4 mo	8 mo	5 mo
Sentenced to probation				
All offenses	46 mo	43 mo	50 mo	46 mo
Violent offenses	52 mo	46 mo	55 mo	50 mo
Murder ^a	76	53	76	125
Rape	74	**	62	**
Robbery	59	61	69	74
Aggravated assault	44	34	43	38
Other violent ^b	51	72	65	98
Property offenses	46 mo	41 mo	51 mo	44 mo
Burglary	53	51	64	55
Larceny ^c	42	39	43	39
Fraud ^d	41	41	43	47
Drug offenses	44 mo	49 mo	50 mo	45 mo
Possession	42	43	42	39
Trafficking	46	55	57	51
Weapons offenses	37 mo	28 mo	35 mo	29 mo
Other offenses^e	43 mo	33 mo	48 mo	55 mo

Note: See note on tables 1.1, 1.2, and 2.1. Data on sentence length by sex and race were available for 534,919 cases.

**Not calculated.

^aIncludes nonnegligent manslaughter.

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Table 2.14. Population percent of U.S. residents, by region and race, 1990

Race	Total	South	Outside the South			
			Total	Northeast	Midwest	West
Total	100%	34%	66%	20%	24%	21%
White	100	33	67	21	26	20
Black	100	53	47	19	19	9
Other	100	21	79	16	10	52
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
White	80	77	82	83	87	76
Black	12	19	9	11	10	5
Other	8	5	9	6	3	19

Note: Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.
Source: *Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1994.*
