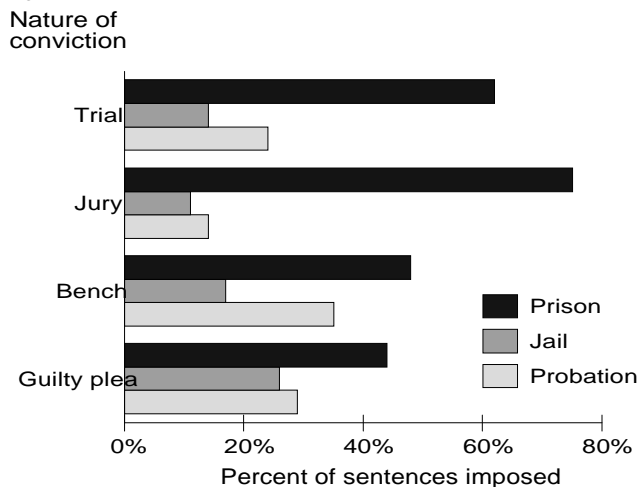




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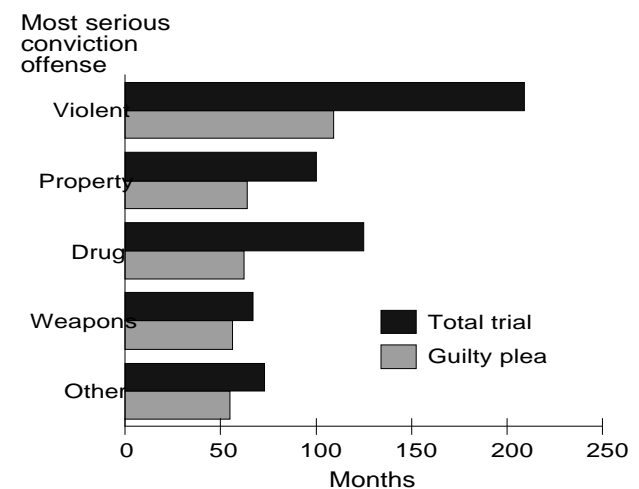
- Nationwide in 1992, 92% of convictions were the product of a guilty plea (table 4). That number is not the same as the percentage of felony convictions that involved a plea bargain between the prosecution and the defense. Plea bargains, in which the defendant agrees to plead guilty in exchange for dropped or reduced charges or in exchange for a reduced sentence, is a common practice in the criminal justice system. The proportion of those who pleaded guilty as part of a plea bargain is not known.
- An estimated 821,000 persons pleaded guilty to a felony offense. Persons convicted of murder were the least likely to have pleaded guilty and the most likely to have been convicted by a jury (table 4.1). Murderers convicted by a jury were the most likely of all convicted defendants to have received a life sentence (47%) or the death penalty (4%) (table 4.6).
- Of felons convicted in State courts, 4% were found guilty by a jury, and 4% were found guilty by a judge in a bench trial (table 4.2). The most serious offenses — the violent crimes of murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, and other violent offenses — comprised about 19% of all felony convictions but an estimated 46% of all jury trials (table 4.3).
- Convictions for murder or nonnegligent manslaughter, had the lowest percentage of guilty pleas (59%) (table 4.2).
- Sentences to prison or jail occurred in 86% of jury convictions, 65% of bench trial convictions (decided by a judge alone), and 70% of guilty pleas (table 4.4).
- An estimated 75% of felons convicted by a jury received a prison sentence, compared to 48% of those convicted by a judge and 44% of those who pleaded guilty (table 4.4).
- Prison sentences were much longer for felons convicted by a jury trial (190 months) than for felons who pleaded guilty (72 months) or were convicted by a judge (88 months) (table 4.5).
- Felons sentenced to jail in a jury trial received a mean or average sentence of 11 months. The mean jail sentence in a bench trial was 7 months; in a guilty plea, 7 months (table 4.5).
- An estimated 51% of felons convicted of murder or nonnegligent manslaughter by a jury were sentenced to life in prison or to death. Such sentences for murder or nonnegligent manslaughter occurred in about 14% of the bench trials and 15% of the guilty pleas (table 4.6).
- In 43% of jury trial convictions nationwide, felons were found guilty of multiple offenses. Twenty-three percent of the guilty pleas and 17% of the bench trial convictions involved multiple offenses (table 4.7).

**Types of sentences imposed by State courts, by nature of conviction, 1992**



A prison sentence resulted in 62% of trial convictions versus 44% of guilty plea convictions.

**Average sentence to State prison, by offense and nature of conviction, 1992**



The average sentence to prison for drug offenses was about 10 years for trial convictions versus 5 years for guilty pleas.

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The following findings on elapsed time are based on cases with complete disposition information. Because small differences exist between cases with complete information and cases with incomplete information, these statistics may differ from other elapsed-time statistics derived from the survey:

- Mean elapsed time from date of arrest to date of felony conviction was about 6 months. Jury cases took the longest time (about 9 months). Guilty plea cases took almost as much time (about 169 days) as bench trial cases (192 days). The longest average time was for murder or nonnegligent manslaughter, about 10½ months, and the shortest, almost 5 months, for burglary and larceny (table 4.9).

- Mean elapsed time from conviction to sentencing for persons convicted of a felony was about 1 month, regardless of the method of conviction (table 4.10).

- Mean elapsed time from arrest to sentencing in 1992 was nearly 7 months, unchanged from 1988; the median was nearly 5 months, also unchanged (table 4.11).

- Cases decided by juries had a mean elapsed time from arrest to sentencing of about 10 months; those disposed by guilty plea or a bench trial, a mean of 6¾ months (table 4.11).

**Table 4.1. Number of felony convictions in State courts, by type of conviction, 1992**

Most serious conviction offense	Number of felons convicted by —				Guilty plea
	Total	Total	Trial Jury	Bench	
<b>All offenses</b>	893,630	72,968	37,593	35,376	820,662
<b>Violent offenses</b>	165,101	25,336	16,680	8,656	139,765
Murder <sup>a</sup>	12,549	5,122	4,076	1,046	7,427
Rape	21,655	3,952	3,023	929	17,703
Robbery	51,879	6,085	3,860	2,225	45,794
Aggravated assault	58,969	7,462	4,409	3,053	51,507
Other violent <sup>b</sup>	20,049	2,716	1,312	1,404	17,333
<b>Property offenses</b>	297,494	16,154	7,473	8,681	281,340
Burglary	114,630	7,412	3,759	3,652	107,218
Larceny <sup>c</sup>	119,000	6,717	2,668	4,049	112,283
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	63,864	2,025	1,045	980	61,839
<b>Drug offenses</b>	280,231	21,230	8,567	12,663	259,001
Possession	109,426	9,878	1,839	8,039	99,548
Trafficking	170,805	11,352	6,728	4,624	159,453
<b>Weapons offenses</b>	26,422	2,331	1,205	1,126	24,091
<b>Other offenses<sup>e</sup></b>	124,382	7,917	3,668	4,249	116,465

Note: See note on tables 1.1 and 3.6. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding. Data on type of conviction were available for 703,787 cases. Table figures include estimates for cases missing a designation on type of conviction.

<sup>a</sup>Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

<sup>b</sup>Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter, sexual assault, and kidnaping.

<sup>c</sup>Includes motor vehicle theft.

<sup>d</sup>Includes forgery and embezzlement.

<sup>e</sup>Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and driving while intoxicated.

**Table 4.2. Offenses of felons convicted in State courts, by type of conviction, 1992**

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of felons convicted by —				Guilty plea
	Total	Trial			
		Total	Jury	Bench	
<b>All offenses</b>	100%	8%	4%	4%	92%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	100%	15%	10%	5%	85%
Murder <sup>a</sup>	100	41	33	8	59
Rape	100	18	14	4	82
Robbery	100	12	8	4	88
Aggravated assault	100	13	8	5	87
Other violent <sup>b</sup>	100	14	7	7	86
<b>Property offenses</b>	100%	5%	2%	3%	95%
Burglary	100	6	3	3	94
Larceny <sup>c</sup>	100	6	2	4	94
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	100	3	2	1	97
<b>Drug offenses</b>	100%	8%	3%	5%	92%
Possession	100	9	2	7	91
Trafficking	100	7	4	3	93
<b>Weapons offenses</b>	100%	9%	5%	4%	91%
<b>Other offenses<sup>e</sup></b>	100%	6%	3%	3%	94%

Note: See note on tables 1.1, 3.6, and 4.1. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding. Data on conviction type were available for 703,787 cases.

<sup>a</sup>Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

<sup>b</sup>Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter, sexual assault, and kidnaping.

<sup>c</sup>Includes motor vehicle theft.

<sup>d</sup>Includes forgery and embezzlement.

<sup>e</sup>Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and driving while intoxicated.

**Table 4.3. Offenses of felons convicted in State courts, by nature of conviction, 1992**

Most serious conviction offense	Percent convicted by —				Guilty plea
	Total	Total	Jury	Bench	
<b>All offenses</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	19%	36%	46%	26%	18%
Murder <sup>a</sup>	1	7	11	3	1
Rape	2	6	9	3	2
Robbery	6	9	11	7	6
Aggravated assault	7	11	13	9	7
Other violent <sup>b</sup>	2	4	3	4	2
<b>Property offenses</b>	33%	22%	20%	25%	34%
Burglary	13	10	10	11	13
Larceny <sup>c</sup>	13	9	7	11	13
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	7	3	3	3	8
<b>Drug offenses</b>	31%	28%	22%	35%	32%
Possession	12	13	5	21	12
Trafficking	19	16	18	13	20
<b>Weapons offenses</b>	3%	4%	4%	4%	3%
<b>Other offenses<sup>e</sup></b>	14%	10%	9%	11%	13%

Note: See note on tables 1.1, 3.6, and 4.1. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

<sup>a</sup>Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

<sup>b</sup>Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter, sexual assault, and kidnaping.

<sup>c</sup>Includes motor vehicle theft.

<sup>d</sup>Includes forgery and embezzlement.

<sup>e</sup>Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and driving while intoxicated.

**Table 4.4. Types of sentences imposed by State courts, by nature of conviction, 1992**

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of felons sentenced to —						
	Total	Incarceration			Nonincarceration		
		Total	Prison	Jail	Total	Probation	Other
<b>Trial</b>							
<b>All offenses</b>	100%	76%	62%	14%	24%	24%	1%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	100%	89%	79%	10%	11%	11%	--
Murder <sup>a</sup>	100	98	98	1	2	1	--
Rape	100	92	85	7	9	9	0
Robbery	100	92	85	7	8	8	--
Aggravated assault	100	82	66	16	18	18	--
Other violent <sup>b</sup>	100	83	62	21	17	17	1
<b>Property offenses</b>	100%	68%	53%	15%	32%	31%	1%
Burglary	100	76	62	14	24	24	0
Larceny <sup>c</sup>	100	64	48	17	36	35	1
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	100	51	40	12	49	44	5
<b>Drug offenses</b>	100%	66%	51%	15%	34%	34%	1%
Possession	100	49	31	18	51	51	0
Trafficking	100	80	68	12	20	19	1
<b>Weapons offenses</b>	100%	70%	58%	12%	30%	30%	--
<b>Other offenses<sup>e</sup></b>	100%	72%	49%	24%	28%	26%	1%
<b>Jury</b>							
<b>All offenses</b>	100%	86%	75%	11%	14%	14%	1%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	100%	94%	87%	7%	6%	6%	--
Murder <sup>a</sup>	100	99	98	1	1	1	--
Rape	100	95	89	6	5	5	0
Robbery	100	96	92	4	4	4	--
Aggravated assault	100	88	72	16	12	12	0
Other violent <sup>b</sup>	100	88	79	9	12	11	1
<b>Property offenses</b>	100%	75%	58%	16%	25%	25%	1%
Burglary	100	80	65	15	20	20	0
Larceny <sup>c</sup>	100	72	52	20	28	27	2
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	100	61	48	12	39	37	3
<b>Drug offenses</b>	100%	84%	75%	9%	16%	15%	1%
Possession	100	74	58	16	26	26	0
Trafficking	100	87	80	7	13	12	1
<b>Weapons offenses</b>	100%	76%	66%	10%	24%	24%	--
<b>Other offenses<sup>e</sup></b>	100%	76%	56%	20%	24%	22%	2%

**Table 4.4. (cont.) Types of sentences imposed by State courts, by nature of conviction, 1992**

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of felons sentenced to —						
	Total	Incarceration			Nonincarceration		
		Total	Prison	Jail	Total	Probation	Other
<b>Bench</b>							
<b>All offenses</b>	100%	65%	48%	17%	35%	35%	--
<b>Violent offenses</b>	100%	80%	65%	15%	20%	19%	--
Murder <sup>a</sup>	100	96	94	2	4	4	--
Rape	100	80	71	9	20	20	0
Robbery	100	85	72	13	15	15	0
Aggravated assault	100	73	56	17	27	27	1
Other violent <sup>b</sup>	100	78	47	31	22	22	0
<b>Property offenses</b>	100%	63%	49%	13%	37%	37%	1%
Burglary	100	72	59	13	28	28	0
Larceny <sup>c</sup>	100	59	45	15	41	41	0
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	100	41	31	11	59	51	8
<b>Drug offenses</b>	100%	53%	35%	19%	47%	47%	0%
Possession	100	43	24	19	57	57	0
Trafficking	100	70	52	18	30	30	0
<b>Weapons offenses</b>	100%	63%	50%	14%	37%	37%	0%
<b>Other offenses<sup>e</sup></b>	100%	69%	42%	27%	31%	31%	--
<b>Guilty plea</b>							
<b>All offenses</b>	100%	70%	44%	26%	30%	29%	1%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	100%	79%	56%	23%	21%	21%	1%
Murder <sup>a</sup>	100	95	89	6	5	5	--
Rape	100	85	63	23	15	14	--
Robbery	100	88	72	16	12	12	--
Aggravated assault	100	71	41	30	29	29	1
Other violent <sup>b</sup>	100	68	36	31	32	32	1
<b>Property offenses</b>	100%	67%	42%	25%	33%	32%	1%
Burglary	100	76	52	23	24	24	1
Larceny <sup>c</sup>	100	66	38	28	34	33	1
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	100	53	32	21	47	46	2
<b>Drug offenses</b>	100%	70%	42%	28%	30%	29%	1%
Possession	100	63	33	30	37	36	1
Trafficking	100	75	48	27	25	25	1
<b>Weapons offenses</b>	100%	67%	39%	28%	33%	33%	1%
<b>Other offenses<sup>e</sup></b>	100%	67%	36%	31%	33%	32%	2%

Note: See note on tables 1.1, 1.2, and 3.6. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding. Data on conviction type were available for 738,166 cases. Some estimates in this table are based on as few as 1 case and are therefore unreliable.

--Less than 0.5%.

<sup>a</sup>Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

<sup>b</sup>Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter, sexual assault, and kidnaping.

<sup>c</sup>Includes motor vehicle theft.

<sup>d</sup>Includes forgery and embezzlement.

<sup>e</sup>Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property

**Table 4.5. Average felony sentence lengths in State courts, by nature of conviction, 1992**

Most serious conviction offense	Maximum sentence length in months for convictions by —									
	Total		Total		Trial Jury		Bench		Guilty plea	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
<b>Sentences to prison</b>										
<b>All offenses</b>	79 mo	48 mo	150 mo	75 mo	190 mo	108 mo	88 mo	60 mo	72 mo	48 mo
<b>Violent offenses</b>	125 mo	72 mo	209 mo	120 mo	251 mo	144 mo	121 mo	72 mo	109 mo	72 mo
Murder <sup>a</sup>	251	180	327	240	360	240	252	240	230	180
Rape	164	96	266	180	292	240	173	120	139	84
Robbery	117	84	198	120	249	168	92	72	106	72
Aggravated assault	87	60	138	72	173	90	76	60	78	60
Other violent <sup>b</sup>	88	60	157	82	202	96	93	48	75	60
<b>Property offenses</b>	67 mo	42 mo	100 mo	60 mo	120 mo	60 mo	80 mo	60 mo	64 mo	40 mo
Burglary	76	48	110	72	120	80	100	60	74	48
Larceny <sup>c</sup>	53	36	92	60	133	60	60	48	48	36
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	69	36	74	36	86	48	55	36	72	36
<b>Drug offenses</b>	67 mo	48 mo	125 mo	72 mo	161 mo	96 mo	71 mo	48 mo	62 mo	48 mo
Possession	55	36	92	48	156	64	58	48	50	33
Trafficking	72	48	137	84	162	108	81	60	66	48
<b>Weapons offenses</b>	55 mo	36 mo	67 mo	36 mo	78 mo	42 mo	52 mo	36 mo	56 mo	36 mo
<b>Other offenses<sup>e</sup></b>	53 mo	27 mo	73 mo	42 mo	97 mo	60 mo	45 mo	30 mo	55 mo	30 mo
<b>Sentences to jail</b>										
<b>All offenses</b>	7 mo	5 mo	9 mo	5 mo	11 mo	6 mo	7 mo	3 mo	7 mo	6 mo
<b>Violent offenses</b>	8 mo	6 mo	10 mo	6 mo	11 mo	6 mo	10 mo	6 mo	8 mo	6 mo
Murder <sup>a</sup>	10	10	6	4	7	7	5	4	9	10
Rape	8	6	16	7	17	6	16	12	8	6
Robbery	11	9	16	12	16	10	16	23	11	9
Aggravated assault	7	6	9	6	9	6	8	5	7	5
Other violent <sup>b</sup>	6	4	6	6	4	3	7	6	6	4
<b>Property offenses</b>	7 mo	5 mo	8 mo	3 mo	12 mo	6 mo	5 mo	2 mo	7 mo	5 mo
Burglary	8	6	13	6	18	9	6	3	8	6
Larceny <sup>c</sup>	7	4	5	2	7	2	4	1	7	5
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	6	3	4	3	5	6	4	2	6	3
<b>Drug offenses</b>	6 mo	5 mo	6 mo	3 mo	12 mo	6 mo	5 mo	2 mo	7 mo	5 mo
Possession	4	3	3	2	7	6	2	1	4	3
Trafficking	8	6	11	4	14	6	9	3	8	6
<b>Weapons offenses</b>	6 mo	4 mo	8 mo	4 mo	15 mo	6 mo	3 mo	1 mo	6 mo	4 mo
<b>Other offenses<sup>e</sup></b>	6 mo	4 mo	10 mo	7 mo	8 mo	6 mo	12 mo	9 mo	7 mo	6 mo



**Table 4.5. (cont.) Average felony sentence lengths in State courts, by nature of conviction, 1992**

Most serious conviction offense	Maximum sentence length in months for convictions by —									
	Total		Total		Trial		Bench		Guilty plea	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
<b>Sentences to probation</b>										
<b>All offenses</b>	47 mo	36 mo	66 mo	48 mo	44 mo	30 mo	75 mo	60 mo	47 mo	36 mo
<b>Violent offenses</b>	52 mo	36 mo	71 mo	48 mo	52 mo	48 mo	82 mo	48 mo	51 mo	36 mo
Murder <sup>a</sup>	78	60	170	60	65	60	239	240	69	60
Rape	71	60	71	48	78	48	65	36	70	60
Robbery	62	60	93	48	54	48	108	60	62	60
Aggravated assault	45	36	58	36	48	36	65	36	43	36
Other violent <sup>b</sup>	52	36	73	36	37	36	90	48	51	36
<b>Property offenses</b>	47 mo	36 mo	60 mo	48 mo	40 mo	36 mo	72 mo	60 mo	47 mo	36 mo
Burglary	55	36	69	48	47	48	85	72	56	36
Larceny <sup>c</sup>	43	36	59	36	35	30	71	60	43	36
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	44	36	43	30	37	30	47	36	45	36
<b>Drug offenses</b>	48 mo	36 mo	76 mo	60 mo	49 mo	30 mo	81 mo	72 mo	47 mo	36 mo
Possession	45	36	73	72	36	30	77	72	42	36
Trafficking	51	36	82	36	58	36	95	36	51	36
<b>Weapons offenses</b>	38 mo	24 mo	34 mo	24 mo	32 mo	24 mo	35 mo	24 mo	39 mo	30 mo
<b>Other offenses<sup>e</sup></b>	42 mo	36 mo	51 mo	36 mo	38 mo	30 mo	58 mo	36 mo	45 mo	36 mo

Note: See note on tables 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, and 3.6. Some estimates in this table are based on as few as 1 case and are therefore unreliable.

<sup>a</sup>Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

<sup>b</sup>Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter, sexual assault, and kidnaping.

<sup>c</sup>Includes motor vehicle theft.

<sup>d</sup>Includes forgery and embezzlement.

<sup>e</sup>Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and driving while intoxicated.

**Table 4.6. Sentences for felons convicted of murder or nonnegligent manslaughter in State courts, by nature of conviction, 1992**

Nature of conviction	Type of sentence			
	Total	Life	Death	Other*
All	100%	26%	2%	72%
Trial	100	42	4	54
Jury	100	47	4	49
Bench	100	14	--	86
Guilty plea	100	15	--	85

Note: Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

--Less than 0.5%.

\*Includes sentences to incarceration or probation.

**Table 4.7. Number of felony offenses for which convicted and sentenced in 1992, by nature of conviction, 1992**

Nature of conviction	Percent convicted of —		
	Total	One offense	Two or more offenses
All	100%	77%	23%
Trial	100	70	30
Jury	100	57	43
Bench	100	84	17
Guilty plea	100	77	23

Note: See note on tables 1.6 and 3.6. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

**Table 4.8. Types of sentences imposed by State courts, by number of conviction offenses and nature of conviction, 1992**

Nature of conviction	Percent of felons sentenced to —						
	Total	Incarceration			Nonincarceration		
		Total	Prison	Jail	Total	Probation	Other
<b>Convicted of one offense</b>							
All	100%	68%	41%	27%	32%	31%	1%
Trial	100	72	56	16	28	27	1
Jury	100	87	74	13	13	12	1
Bench	100	61	44	17	39	39	--
Guilty plea	100	68	40	28	32	31	1
<b>Convicted of multiple offenses</b>							
All	100%	77%	55%	22%	23%	22%	1%
Trial	100	84	73	11	16	16	--
Jury	100	84	76	8	16	15	--
Bench	100	82	64	18	18	18	--
Guilty plea	100	77	54	23	23	23	1

Note: See note on tables 1.2, 1.6, and 3.6. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.  
 --Less than 0.5%.

**Table 4.9. Average number of days between arrest and conviction for felony cases in State courts, by nature of conviction, 1992**

Most serious conviction offense	Number of days between arrest and conviction for cases disposed by —				
	Total	Total	Trial Jury	Bench	Guilty plea
<b>Mean number of days</b>					
<b>All offenses</b>	173 days	226 days	268 days	192 days	169 days
<b>Violent offenses</b>	198 days	265 days	295 days	217 days	187 days
Murder <sup>a</sup>	314	355	364	322	289
Rape	217	299	321	248	199
Robbery	178	244	247	239	170
Aggravated assault	189	236	283	183	182
Other violent <sup>b</sup>	197	199	230	182	196
<b>Property offenses</b>	156 days	205 days	228 days	190 days	154 days
Burglary	152	179	186	173	151
Larceny <sup>c</sup>	152	226	274	201	147
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	172	221	236	210	170
<b>Drug offenses</b>	177 days	210 days	252 days	190 days	174 days
Possession	177	174	186	173	178
Trafficking	176	242	269	215	172
<b>Weapons offenses</b>	182 days	212 days	245 days	188 days	179 days
<b>Other offenses<sup>e</sup></b>	166 days	177 days	247 days	142 days	166 days
<b>Median number of days</b>					
<b>All offenses</b>	120 days	165 days	204 days	144 days	116 days
<b>Violent offenses</b>	147 days	204 days	230 days	160 days	139 days
Murder <sup>a</sup>	246	280	287	256	227
Rape	165	235	259	176	147
Robbery	131	192	198	174	124
Aggravated assault	141	181	217	147	134
Other violent <sup>b</sup>	155	160	230	144	153
<b>Property offenses</b>	107 days	140 days	147 days	139 days	105 days
Burglary	107	119	144	115	106
Larceny <sup>c</sup>	101	156	147	156	98
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	113	139	125	142	112
<b>Drug offenses</b>	119 days	156 days	178 days	143 days	116 days
Possession	115	129	162	125	112
Trafficking	122	170	196	164	118
<b>Weapons offenses</b>	128 days	176 days	232 days	150 days	123 days
<b>Other offenses<sup>e</sup></b>	117 days	138 days	200 days	115 days	116 days

Note: See note on table 1.1. Data were available for 695,019 cases. Some estimates in this table are based on as few as 1 case and are therefore unreliable.

<sup>a</sup>Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

<sup>b</sup>Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter, sexual assault, and kidnapping.

<sup>c</sup>Includes motor vehicle theft.

<sup>d</sup>Includes forgery and embezzlement.

<sup>e</sup>Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and driving while intoxicated.

**Table 4.10. Average number of days between conviction and sentencing for felony cases in State courts, by nature of conviction, 1992**

Most serious conviction offense	Number of days between conviction and sentencing for cases disposed by —				
	Total	Trial			Guilty plea
		Total	Jury	Bench	
<b>Mean number of days</b>					
<b>All offenses</b>	27 days	28 days	34 days	22 days	27 days
<b>Violent offenses</b>	27 days	33 days	38 days	24 days	26 days
Murder <sup>a</sup>	31	40	42	32	25
Rape	34	37	42	25	33
Robbery	24	28	33	20	23
Aggravated assault	23	30	36	22	22
Other violent <sup>b</sup>	37	35	37	33	37
<b>Property offenses</b>	22 days	31 days	30 days	32 days	22 days
Burglary	22	26	24	28	22
Larceny <sup>c</sup>	22	37	42	35	22
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	23	29	26	31	22
<b>Drug offenses</b>	34 days	22 days	28 days	18 days	35 days
Possession	27	18	11	19	28
Trafficking	37	25	32	17	38
<b>Weapons offenses</b>	28 days	22 days	33 days	13 days	28 days
<b>Other offenses<sup>e</sup></b>	26 days	18 days	34 days	8 days	26 days
<b>Median number of days</b>					
<b>All offenses</b>	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days
<b>Violent offenses</b>	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days
Murder <sup>a</sup>	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	1	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated assault	0	0	0	0	0
Other violent <sup>b</sup>	0	16	0	20	0
<b>Property offenses</b>	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny <sup>c</sup>	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Drug offenses</b>	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days
Possession	0	0	0	0	0
Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Weapons offenses</b>	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days
<b>Other offenses<sup>e</sup></b>	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days

Note: See note on tables 1.1 and 4.9. Data were available for 695,019 cases. Some estimates in this table are based on as few as 1 case and are therefore unreliable.

<sup>a</sup>Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

<sup>b</sup>Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter, sexual assault, and kidnaping.

<sup>c</sup>Includes motor vehicle theft.

<sup>d</sup>Includes forgery and embezzlement.

<sup>e</sup>Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and driving while intoxicated.

**Table 4.11. Average number of days between arrest and sentencing for felony cases in State courts, by nature of conviction, 1992**

Most serious conviction offense	Number of days between arrest and sentencing for cases disposed by —				
	Total	Trial		Bench	Guilty plea
	Total	Jury			
<b>Mean number of days</b>					
<b>All offenses</b>	203 days	255 days	300 days	216 days	199 days
<b>Violent offenses</b>	227 days	298 days	330 days	246 days	215 days
Murder <sup>a</sup>	339	393	405	351	308
Rape	254	331	357	267	237
Robbery	205	275	280	266	196
Aggravated assault	214	264	313	206	206
Other violent <sup>b</sup>	234	249	285	229	232
<b>Property offenses</b>	182 days	228 days	253 days	212 days	180 days
Burglary	177	199	209	192	175
Larceny <sup>c</sup>	181	254	315	221	176
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	195	245	242	247	193
<b>Drug offenses</b>	211 days	237 days	281 days	216 days	209 days
Possession	213	209	199	211	213
Trafficking	209	264	304	225	206
<b>Weapons offenses</b>	213 days	237 days	279 days	205 days	211 days
<b>Other offenses<sup>e</sup></b>	195 days	199 days	275 days	157 days	195 days
<b>Median number of days</b>					
<b>All offenses</b>	143 days	191 days	231 days	171 days	139 days
<b>Violent offenses</b>	171 days	233 days	268 days	192 days	160 days
Murder <sup>a</sup>	274	308	326	273	253
Rape	185	259	282	204	175
Robbery	153	211	230	199	144
Aggravated assault	162	210	240	173	155
Other violent <sup>b</sup>	190	211	272	188	184
<b>Property offenses</b>	125 days	164 days	167 days	164 days	123 days
Burglary	124	149	156	142	123
Larceny <sup>c</sup>	121	168	187	168	118
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	133	183	125	185	132
<b>Drug offenses</b>	147 days	182 days	214 days	173 days	141 days
Possession	147	172	169	172	142
Trafficking	146	209	220	182	141
<b>Weapons offenses</b>	156 days	193 days	232 days	164 days	151 days
<b>Other offenses<sup>e</sup></b>	141 days	154 days	230 days	128 days	140 days

Note: See note on tables 1.1 and 4.9. Data were available for 695,019 cases. Some estimates in this table are based on as few as 1 case and are therefore unreliable.

<sup>a</sup>Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

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