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Profile of felons convicted in State courts, 1994

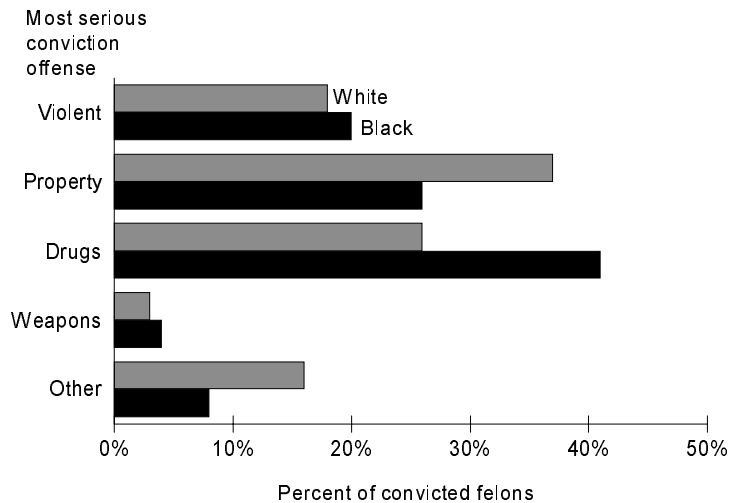
The 1994 National Judicial Reporting Program compiled demographic data (sex, race, and age) as well as sentencing information for persons convicted of a felony in State courts. This section summarizes results from that collection.

White defendants were 51% of those convicted of a felony in State courts; black felons were 48%; and persons of other races (American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, and Pacific Islanders), 1% (table 2.1).

Among persons convicted, white felons were less likely than blacks to be sent to prison: 42% of convicted white defendants received a prison sentence; 55% of blacks defendants (table 2.5).

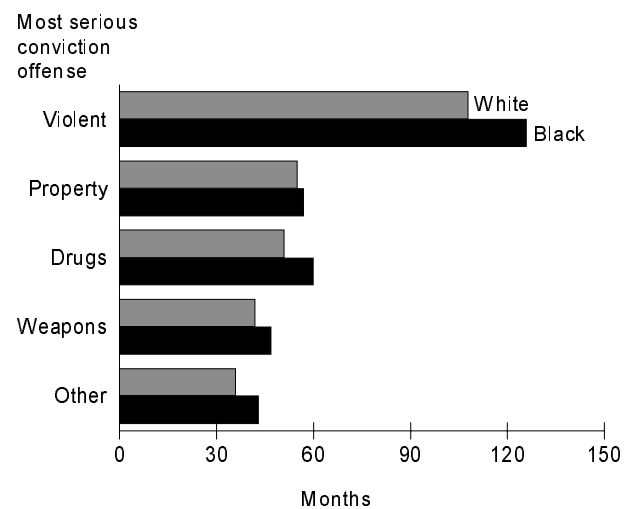
The average State prison sentence was 11 months longer for blacks than whites: 75 months for blacks and 64 months for whites.

Offense distribution of persons convicted of a felony in State courts, by race, 1994



Drug offenses comprised 41% of the conviction offenses of blacks versus 26% of the conviction offenses of whites.

Average sentence to State prison for a felony imposed by State courts, by offense and race, 1994



State prison sentences were generally similar between the races.

Other findings were —

- In 1994 men comprised 85% of persons convicted of a felony (table 2.1). An estimated 50% of males received a State prison sentence, compared to 33% of females (table 2.4).
- The most serious conviction offense was a violent felony in 13% of cases for women, and 24% of cases for men. Among convicted whites, 20% had a violent felony conviction offense; among blacks, 24% (table 2.8).
- The average age of felons convicted in 1994 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 4½ years (table 2.6).
- Men nationwide were sentenced to local jail for an average of 7 months, and women for 5 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. Offense, by sex, race, and age of felons convicted in State courts, 1994

Most serious conviction offense	Total	Percent of convicted felons who were										
		Sex		Race			Age					
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	13-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
All offenses	100%	85%	15%	51%	48%	1%	10%	43%	31%	12%	3%	1%
Violent offenses	100%	92%	8%	48%	51%	1%	14%	44%	27%	10%	3%	2%
Murder ^a	100	89	11	37	62	1	18	45	22	10	4	1
Rape	100	97	3	64	35	1	7	34	33	16	6	4
Robbery	100	94	6	28	71	1	23	51	21	5	--	--
Aggravated assault	100	89	11	53	46	1	11	44	29	11	4	1
Other violent ^b	100	89	11	73	26	1	6	40	31	15	5	3
Property offenses	100%	81%	19%	59%	40%	1%	11%	44%	31%	11%	2%	1%
Burglary	100	93	7	59	40	1	15	47	29	8	1	--
Larceny ^c	100	80	20	59	40	1	11	43	30	12	3	1
Fraud ^d	100	61	39	61	38	1	4	41	37	14	3	1
Drug offenses	100%	83%	17%	41%	59%	--	7%	43%	34%	12%	3%	1%
Possession	100	81	19	46	53	1	7	41	37	12	2	1
Trafficking	100	84	16	37	63	--	7	45	32	12	3	1
Weapons offenses	100%	95%	5%	37%	62%	1%	14%	50%	23%	9%	3%	1%
Other offenses^e	100%	87%	13%	67%	31%	2%	6%	39%	36%	14%	4%	1%

Note: See note on table 1.2. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding. Data on sex were available for 616,160 cases; on race, 490,838; and on age, 710,795. --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 vandalism.

Table 2.2. Sex, race, and age of felons convicted in State courts, by offense, 1994

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of convicted felons											
	Total	Sex		Race			Age					
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	13-19	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	19%	21%	11%	18%	20%	21%	27%	20%	16%	17%	23%	35%
Murder ^a	1	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	2
Rape	2	3	--	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	5	11
Robbery	6	7	2	3	8	5	13	7	4	2	1	2
Aggravated assault	7	8	5	8	8	10	8	8	7	7	10	11
Other violent ^b	2	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	3	4	9
Property offenses	31%	29%	40%	37%	26%	33%	35%	32%	31%	30%	26%	21%
Burglary	11	13	5	14	10	13	17	12	10	8	6	4
Larceny ^c	13	12	16	15	11	16	15	13	12	14	12	10
Fraud ^d	7	5	18	9	6	4	3	7	8	9	8	7
Drug offenses	32%	32%	37%	26%	41%	16%	23%	32%	34%	33%	29%	22%
Possession	12	12	16	12	14	11	9	12	15	14	11	8
Trafficking	19	20	21	15	27	5	14	20	20	20	18	14
Weapons offenses	4%	4%	1%	3%	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Other offenses^e	14%	14%	11%	16%	8%	27%	10%	13%	16%	17%	19%	20%

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 kidnaping.

^cIncludes motor vehicle theft.

^dIncludes forgery and embezzlement.

^eComposed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 2.3. Average age of convicted felons in State courts, 1994

Most serious conviction offense	Average age in years	
	Mean	Median
All offenses	30 yrs	29 yrs
Violent offenses	29	27
Murder ^a	28	25
Rape	34	32
Robbery	26	24
Aggravated assault	30	28
Other violent ^b	33	31
Property offenses	30 yrs	28 yrs
Burglary	28	26
Larceny ^c	30	28
Fraud ^d	32	30
Drug offenses	30 yrs	29 yrs
Possession	31	30
Trafficking	30	29
Weapons offenses	28 yrs	26 yrs
Other offenses^e	32 yrs	31 yrs

Note: See note on tables 1.1 and 2.1.

^aIncludes nonnegligent manslaughter.

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^dIncludes forgery and embezzlement.

^eComposed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 2.4. Sex of felons and offense, by types of State court sentences imposed, 1994

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of felons sentenced to —						
	Total	Incarceration			Nonincarceration		
		Total	Prison	Jail	Total	Probation	Other
Male							
All offenses	100%	74%	50%	24%	26%	22%	5%
Violent offenses	100%	83%	67%	16%	17%	14%	3%
Murder ^a	100	98	97	2	2	1	--
Rape	100	88	74	14	12	11	1
Robbery	100	88	78	10	12	9	3
Aggravated assault	100	77	54	23	23	18	4
Other violent ^b	100	74	50	25	26	21	4
Property offenses	100%	71%	47%	24%	29%	23%	6%
Burglary	100	75	55	21	25	19	5
Larceny ^c	100	69	42	27	31	24	7
Fraud ^d	100	66	39	27	34	28	6
Drug offenses	100%	72%	45%	27%	28%	23%	5%
Possession	100	69	37	32	31	29	2
Trafficking	100	73	50	23	27	20	7
Weapons offenses	100%	74%	49%	25%	26%	22%	4%
Other offenses^e	100%	68%	41%	27%	32%	28%	4%
Female							
All offenses	100%	64%	33%	31%	36%	31%	5%
Violent offenses	100%	76%	47%	29%	24%	19%	5%
Murder ^a	100	93	89	4	7	5	2
Rape	100	97	71	26	3	3	--
Robbery	100	86	67	19	14	13	1
Aggravated assault	100	68	30	38	32	26	6
Other violent ^b	100	73	39	34	27	20	7
Property offenses	100%	59%	31%	28%	41%	36%	5%
Burglary	100	72	43	29	28	23	4
Larceny ^c	100	60	28	32	40	34	6
Fraud ^d	100	54	31	24	46	41	5
Drug offenses	100%	68%	33%	36%	32%	27%	4%
Possession	100	68	26	42	32	29	2
Trafficking	100	68	37	30	32	26	6
Weapons offenses	100%	67%	28%	39%	33%	30%	3%
Other offenses^e	100%	60%	27%	33%	40%	35%	4%

Note: See note on tables 1.1 and 2.1. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding. Some estimates in this table are based on as few as 1 case and are therefore unreliable.
 --Less than 0.5%.
^aIncludes nonnegligent manslaughter.

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^dIncludes forgery and embezzlement.
^eComposed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 2.5. Race of felons and offense, by types of State court sentences imposed, 1994

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of felons sentenced to —						
	Total	Incarceration			Nonincarceration		
		Total	Prison	Jail	Total	Probation	Other
White							
All offenses	100%	73%	42%	31%	27%	22%	5%
Violent offenses	100%	81%	58%	24%	19%	15%	4%
Murder ^a	100	99	96	3	1	1	--
Rape	100	89	73	16	11	10	1
Robbery	100	87	74	14	13	9	4
Aggravated assault	100	78	48	30	22	18	4
Other violent ^b	100	72	41	30	28	22	7
Property offenses	100%	71%	43%	28%	29%	23%	6%
Burglary	100	76	52	25	24	19	5
Larceny ^c	100	69	39	30	31	24	7
Fraud ^d	100	67	37	30	33	27	6
Drug offenses	100%	72%	33%	39%	28%	22%	6%
Possession	100	72	27	45	28	25	3
Trafficking	100	72	38	35	28	19	8
Weapons offenses	100%	74%	37%	37%	26%	20%	5%
Other offenses^e	100	68%	38%	30%	32%	28%	4%
Black							
All offenses	100%	74%	55%	20%	26%	21%	5%
Violent offenses	100%	86%	72%	14%	14%	10%	4%
Murder ^a	100	97	96	1	3	2	--
Rape	100	89	81	8	11	9	3
Robbery	100	90	80	10	10	7	4
Aggravated assault	100	80	57	23	20	14	6
Other violent ^b	100	84	60	23	16	15	2
Property offenses	100%	73%	51%	22%	27%	21%	6%
Burglary	100	77	60	17	23	15	8
Larceny ^c	100	72	47	26	28	22	6
Fraud ^d	100	67	43	24	33	28	5
Drug offenses	100%	69%	50%	19%	31%	25%	6%
Possession	100	68	45	23	32	32	1
Trafficking	100	70	52	18	30	22	8
Weapons offenses	100%	70%	50%	20%	30%	26%	5%
Other offenses^e	100%	74%	49%	25%	26%	23%	3%

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

^dIncludes forgery and embezzlement.

^eComposed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stole property and vandalism.

Table 2.6. Mean length of felony State court sentences imposed, by sex of felons and offense, 1994

Most serious conviction offense	Maximum sentence length (in months) for felons sentenced to —			
	Total	Incarceration		Probation
		Prison	Jail	
Male				
All offenses	51 mo	72 mo	7 mo	38 mo
Violent offenses	94 mo	116 mo	8 mo	45 mo
Murder ^a	262	268	9	57
Rape	127	150	7	58
Robbery	101	112	10	49
Aggravated assault	59	82	7	41
Other violent ^b	49	69	8	43
Property offenses	42 mo	59 mo	7 mo	41 mo
Burglary	53	69	8	46
Larceny ^c	31	46	7	37
Fraud ^d	35	54	6	38
Drug offenses	41 mo	60 mo	6 mo	34 mo
Possession	27	45	5	32
Trafficking	49	67	8	35
Weapons offenses	33 mo	47 mo	6 mo	33 mo
Other offenses^e	28 mo	42 mo	7 mo	36 mo
Female				
All offenses	31 mo	54 mo	5 mo	38 mo
Violent offenses	60 mo	95 mo	5 mo	39 mo
Murder ^a	189	198	3	47
Rape	109	147	5	31
Robbery	61	76	8	46
Aggravated assault	24	49	5	39
Other violent ^b	55	98	6	32
Property offenses	28 mo	47 mo	5 mo	39 mo
Burglary	34	53	5	37
Larceny ^c	24	44	6	37
Fraud ^d	29	48	4	40
Drug offenses	28 mo	51 mo	5 mo	38 mo
Possession	18	39	4	38
Trafficking	36	58	7	39
Weapons offenses	17 mo	33 mo	5 mo	33 mo
Other offenses^e	16 mo	29 mo	5 mo	34 mo

Note: See note on tables 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 2.1. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding. 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 vandalism.

Table 2.7. Mean length of felony State court sentences imposed, by race of felons and offense, 1994

Most serious conviction offense	Maximum sentence length (in months) for felons sentenced to —			
	Total	Incarceration		Probation
		Prison	Jail	
White				
All offenses	40 mo	64 mo	6 mo	37 mo
Violent offenses	79 mo	108 mo	7 mo	42 mo
Murder ^a	229	238	8	56
Rape	124	149	7	53
Robbery	98	115	9	53
Aggravated assault	46	71	6	39
Other violent ^b	46	74	7	40
Property offenses	37 mo	55 mo	7 mo	39 mo
Burglary	47	65	9	45
Larceny ^c	29	46	7	36
Fraud ^d	31	51	6	36
Drug offenses	27 mo	51 mo	6 mo	35 mo
Possession	20	46	4	33
Trafficking	33	54	7	37
Weapons offenses	23 mo	42 mo	5 mo	32 mo
Other offenses^e	23 mo	36 mo	6 mo	32 mo
Black				
All offenses	58 mo	75 mo	7 mo	31 mo
Violent offenses	107 mo	126 mo	8 mo	37 mo
Murder ^a	286	291	6	47
Rape	148	159	8	50
Robbery	108	119	10	40
Aggravated assault	66	89	7	32
Other violent ^b	56	73	8	41
Property offenses	42 mo	57 mo	6 mo	34 mo
Burglary	56	69	7	36
Larceny ^c	32	45	7	33
Fraud ^d	34	49	5	36
Drug offenses	46 mo	60 mo	7 mo	29 mo
Possession	31	43	5	28
Trafficking	54	68	8	30
Weapons offenses	36 mo	47 mo	6 mo	22 mo
Other offenses^e	31 mo	43 mo	6 mo	28 mo

Note: See note on tables 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3. 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 man-

slaughter, sexual assault, and kidnaping.
^cIncludes motor vehicle theft.
^dIncludes forgery and embezzlement.
^eComposed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 2.8. Sex and race of felons sentenced to incarceration or prison by State courts, by offense, 1994

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of convictions				
	Total	Sex		Race	
		Male	Female	White	Black
Incarceration					
All offenses	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Violent offenses	22%	24%	13%	20%	24%
Murder ^a	2	2	2	1	2
Rape	3	3	1	3	2
Robbery	7	8	3	4	10
Aggravated assault	8	8	6	9	8
Other violent ^b	2	2	2	3	1
Property offenses	31%	28%	36%	36%	26%
Burglary	12	13	6	14	10
Larceny ^c	12	11	15	14	10
Fraud ^d	7	4	15	8	5
Drug offenses	32%	31%	39%	26%	38%
Possession	12	11	17	11	13
Trafficking	20	20	22	14	25
Weapons offenses	3%	4%	1%	3%	4%
Other offenses^e	12%	13%	11%	15%	8%
Prison					
All offenses	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Violent offenses	26%	28%	16%	24%	27%
Murder ^a	3	3	3	2	3
Rape	3	4	1	5	2
Robbery	9	10	5	5	12
Aggravated assault	9	9	5	9	8
Other violent ^b	2	2	2	3	1
Property offenses	31%	28%	37%	38%	25%
Burglary	13	14	7	17	11
Larceny ^c	11	10	14	14	9
Fraud ^d	6	4	17	7	5
Drug offenses	30%	29%	37%	20%	37%
Possession	10	9	13	7	12
Trafficking	20	20	24	13	26
Weapons offenses	3%	4%	1%	2%	4%
Other offenses^e	11%	11%	9%	15%	7%

Note: See note on tables 1.1, 1.2, and 2.1. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding. Some estimates in this table are based on as few as 1 case and are therefore unreliable.

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sexual assault, and kidnaping.

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^dIncludes forgery and embezzlement.

^eComposed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 2.9. Sex and race of felons sentenced to jail or probation by State courts, by offense, 1994

Most serious conviction offense	Percent of convictions				
	Total	Sex		Race	
		Male	Female	White	Black
Jail					
All offenses	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Violent offenses	14%	15%	10%	14%	15%
Murder ^a	--	--	--	--	--
Rape	1	2	--	1	1
Robbery	2	3	1	1	4
Aggravated assault	8	8	6	8	9
Other violent ^b	2	2	2	3	1
Property offenses	32%	30%	35%	34%	30%
Burglary	10	11	5	11	9
Larceny ^c	14	13	17	15	14
Fraud ^d	8	6	13	8	7
Drug offenses	36%	36%	42%	33%	40%
Possession	17	16	22	17	16
Trafficking	19	20	20	16	24
Weapons offenses	4%	4%	1%	3%	4%
Other offenses^e	14%	16%	12%	16%	11%
Probation					
All offenses	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Violent offenses	12%	13%	7%	12%	11%
Murder ^a	--	--	--	--	--
Rape	1	1	--	1	1
Robbery	2	3	1	1	3
Aggravated assault	6	7	5	7	6
Other violent ^b	2	2	1	3	1
Property offenses	34%	32%	46%	39%	27%
Burglary	10	12	4	12	9
Larceny ^c	14	14	19	17	11
Fraud ^d	9	6	23	11	7
Drug offenses	37%	34%	33%	27%	48%
Possession	14	14	15	12	17
Trafficking	22	20	19	15	31
Weapons offenses	4%	4%	1%	2%	5%
Other offenses^e	14%	17%	13%	19%	8%

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 vandalism.

Table 2.10. Percent of convicted felons sentenced by State courts to incarceration or prison, by sex, race, and offense, 1994

Most serious conviction offense	Percent receiving designated sentence			
	White		Black	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Sentenced to incarceration				
All offenses	73%	68%	76%	66%
Violent offenses	80%	81%	87%	74%
Murder ^a	99	100	99	87
Rape	89	--	88	--
Robbery	86	88	90	87
Aggravated assault	77	75	82	66
Other violent ^b	71	77	84	74
Property offenses	71%	65%	76%	60%
Burglary	75	76	77	71
Larceny ^c	68	63	75	63
Fraud ^d	69	62	75	55
Drug offenses	72%	69%	70%	69%
Possession	71	69	69	72
Trafficking	72	70	71	66
Weapons offenses	73%	71%	73%	67%
Other offenses^e	70%	68%	77%	65%
Sentence to prison				
All offenses	45%	30%	58%	39%
Violent offenses	60%	43%	74%	51%
Murder ^a	97	91	97	86
Rape	74	--	81	--
Robbery	74	69	81	66
Aggravated assault	53	22	61	38
Other violent ^b	43	39	61	45
Property offenses	46%	32%	55%	36%
Burglary	52	42	61	48
Larceny ^c	41	26	51	33
Fraud ^d	39	34	50	36
Drug offenses	34%	24%	52%	41%
Possession	28	18	47	40
Trafficking	38	30	54	41
Weapons offenses	41%	31%	54%	30%
Other offenses^e	42%	28%	54%	28%

Note: See note on tables 1.1, 1.2, and 2.1.

Detail may not sum to total because of rounding. 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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^dIncludes forgery and embezzlement.

^eComposed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Table 2.11. Percent of convicted felons sentenced by State courts to jail or probation, by sex, race, and offense, 1994

Most serious conviction offense	Percent receiving designated sentence			
	White		Black	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Sentenced to jail				
All offenses	28%	38%	18%	27%
Violent offenses	20%	38%	13%	23%
Murder ^a	2	9	1	1
Rape	15	--	7	--
Robbery	13	18	8	21
Aggravated assault	24	53	21	28
Other violent ^b	28	38	23	29
Property offenses	26%	32%	21%	24%
Burglary	23	33	16	22
Larceny ^c	27	37	24	30
Fraud ^d	29	28	25	19
Drug offenses	38%	45%	18%	28%
Possession	44	51	22	32
Trafficking	34	39	17	25
Weapons offenses	32%	40%	19%	37%
Other offenses^e	28%	40%	23%	37%
Sentenced to probation				
All offenses	27%	32%	24%	34%
Violent offenses	20%	19%	13%	26%
Murder ^a	1	0	1	13
Rape	11	--	12	--
Robbery	14	12	10	13
Aggravated assault	23	25	18	34
Other violent ^b	29	23	16	26
Property offenses	29%	35%	24%	40%
Burglary	25	24	23	29
Larceny ^c	32	37	25	37
Fraud ^d	31	38	25	45
Drug offenses	28%	31%	30%	31%
Possession	29	31	31	28
Trafficking	28	30	29	34
Weapons offenses	27%	29%	27%	33%
Other offenses^e	30%	32%	23%	35%

Note: See note on tables 1.1, 1.2, and 2.1.

--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 vandalism.

Table 2.12. Mean length of State felony incarceration and prison sentences, by sex and race of felons, 1994

Most serious conviction offense	Mean sentence length (in months) for felons who were —			
	White		Black	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Sentenced to incarceration				
All offenses	43 mo	25 mo	61 mo	34 mo
Violent offenses	83 mo	53 mo	110 mo	62 mo
Murder ^a	248	170	295	179
Rape	126	--	143	--
Robbery	103	47	109	62
Aggravated assault	52	14	71	33
Other violent ^b	45	58	54	52
Property offenses	40 mo	26 mo	45 mo	30 mo
Burglary	50	33	59	30
Larceny ^c	31	19	33	29
Fraud ^d	34	30	38	31
Drug offenses	27 mo	20 mo	47 mo	34 mo
Possession	20	12	31	24
Trafficking	32	27	55	41
Weapons offenses	26 mo	16 mo	35 mo	15 mo
Other offenses^e	25 mo	12 mo	34 mo	15 mo
Sentenced to prison				
All offenses	66 mo	51 mo	77 mo	53 mo
Violent offenses	109 mo	96 mo	127 mo	88 mo
Murder ^a	255	189	301	183
Rape	150	--	154	--
Robbery	119	58	118	80
Aggravated assault	72	39	93	53
Other violent ^b	69	113	71	77
Property offenses	57 mo	48 mo	59 mo	45 mo
Burglary	67	56	72	41
Larceny ^c	46	39	45	46
Fraud ^d	52	50	53	45
Drug offenses	50 mo	46 mo	61 mo	52 mo
Possession	45	34	42	39
Trafficking	52	53	70	61
Weapons offenses	42 mo	34 mo	46 mo	26 mo
Other offenses^e	37 mo	22 mo	45 mo	30 mo

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Table 2.13. Mean length of State felony sentences to jail and probation, by sex and race of felons, 1994

Most serious conviction offense	Mean sentence length (in months) or felons who were —			
	White		Black	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Sentenced to jail				
All offenses	7 mo	5 mo	7 mo	6 mo
Violent offenses	8 mo	5 mo	8 mo	8 mo
Murder ^a	11	2	6	4
Rape	7	--	9	--
Robbery	10	8	10	9
Aggravated assault	7	4	7	5
Other violent ^b	8	6	8	9
Property offenses	8 mo	5 mo	7 mo	7 mo
Burglary	9	6	7	5
Larceny ^c	7	6	7	8
Fraud ^d	7	4	5	5
Drug offenses	6 mo	5 mo	7 mo	7 mo
Possession	4	4	5	5
Trafficking	8	6	8	8
Weapons offenses	5 mo	4 mo	6 mo	5 mo
Other offenses^e	7 mo	4 mo	7 mo	4 mo
Sentenced to probation				
All offenses	36 mo	34 mo	31 mo	34 mo
Violent offenses	42 mo	38 mo	37 mo	37 mo
Murder ^a	59	--	53	44
Rape	54	--	50	--
Robbery	55	33	41	45
Aggravated assault	38	42	32	36
Other violent ^b	40	31	41	29
Property offenses	39 mo	36 mo	35 mo	37 mo
Burglary	46	31	37	35
Larceny ^c	35	38	33	34
Fraud ^d	35	35	33	40
Drug offenses	34 mo	37 mo	29 mo	31 mo
Possession	31	34	28	31
Trafficking	37	39	30	31
Weapons offenses	33 mo	29 mo	24 mo	25 mo
Other offenses^e	31 mo	23 mo	28 mo	29 mo

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