

Table 332. Felony Convictions in State Courts: 2000 to 2004

[In 2004, an estimated 1,145,438 persons were convicted of a felony (federal and state courts). Of that number, 1,078,920 were convicted in state courts, the vast majority (95%) of whom pleaded guilty. At the time of sentencing, about 3 out of 4 felons sentenced (77%) were sentenced for a single felony]

Most serious conviction	Felony convictions in state courts					
	2000		2002		2004	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All offenses	924,700	100.0	1,051,000	100.0	1,078,920	100.0
Violent offenses	173,200	18.7	197,030	18.8	194,570	18.0
Murder ¹	8,600	0.9	8,990	0.9	8,400	0.8
Rape/Sexual assault	31,500	3.4	35,500	3.4	33,190	3.1
Robbery	36,800	4.0	38,430	3.7	38,850	3.6
Aggravated assault	79,400	8.6	95,600	9.1	94,380	8.7
Other violent ²	17,000	1.8	18,510	1.8	19,750	1.8
Property offenses	262,000	28.3	325,200	30.9	310,680	28.8
Burglary ³	79,300	8.6	100,640	9.6	93,870	8.7
Larceny ³	100,000	10.8	124,320	11.8	119,340	11.1
Fraud/forgery ⁴	82,700	8.9	100,240	9.5	97,470	9.0
Drug offenses	319,700	34.6	340,330	32.4	362,850	33.6
Possession	116,300	12.6	127,530	12.1	161,090	14.9
Trafficking	203,400	22.0	212,810	20.2	201,760	18.7
Weapon offenses	28,200	3.1	32,470	3.1	33,010	3.1
Other offenses ⁵	141,600	15.3	155,970	14.8	177,810	16.5

¹ A small number of cases were classified as nonnegligent manslaughter when it was unclear if the conviction offense was murder or nonnegligent manslaughter. ² Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping. ³ When vehicle theft could not be distinguished from other theft, the case was coded as "other theft." This results in a conservative estimate of vehicle thefts. ⁴ Includes embezzlement. ⁵ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Criminal Sentencing Statistics*, Series NCJ 215646, July 2007; <<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/sent.htm>>.