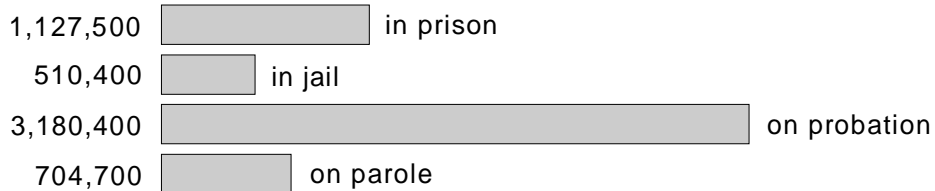




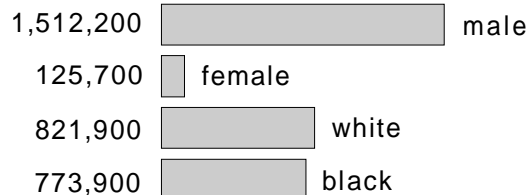
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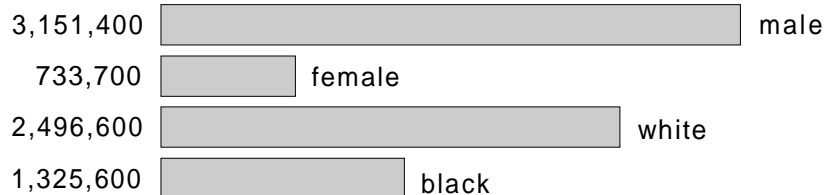
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Table 4.1. Selected characteristics of jail inmates, by conviction status, 1996 and 1989

Characteristic	Percent of jail inmates in 1996			Percent of jail inmates in 1989		
	Total	Convicted	Unconvicted	Total	Convicted	Unconvicted
Sex						
Male	89.8%	89.8%	90.3%	90.5%	90.0%	91.5%
Female	10.2	10.2	9.7	9.5	10.0	8.5
Race/Hispanic origin						
White non-Hispanic	37.3%	39.7%	32.4%	38.6%	42.5%	33.5%
Black non-Hispanic	40.8	38.9	44.7	41.7	37.1	48.2
Hispanic	18.5	18.3	19.1	17.4	17.5	16.7
Other ^a	3.5	3.2	3.8	2.3	2.9	1.6
Age						
17 or younger	2.3%	1.4%	4.1%	1.5%	1.1%	2.0%
18-24	28.5	27.9	30.2	32.6	30.9	35.1
25-34	37.4	38.9	34.7	42.9	44.0	41.2
35-44	23.9	24.4	22.6	16.7	17.0	16.5
45-54	6.3	6.0	6.9	4.6	5.0	4.0
55 or older	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.7	2.0	1.2
Marital status						
Married	15.7%	16.0%	14.4%	19.0%	20.1%	17.3%
Widowed	1.4	1.3	1.8	1.0	1.2	0.7
Divorced	15.6	16.3	14.2	15.1	15.8	14.2
Separated	8.7	8.4	9.1	8.2	8.2	8.4
Never married	58.6	58.0	60.5	56.7	54.8	59.4
Education^b						
8th grade or less	13.1%	12.7%	14.2%	15.6%	16.0%	15.1%
Some high school	33.4	31.7	36.6	38.2	38.1	39.0
High school graduate	40.0	42.5	35.3	33.1	32.2	34.3
Some college or more	13.5	13.1	14.0	13.1	13.7	11.7
Military service						
Veteran	11.7%	11.9%	11.1%	15.5%	15.7%	15.2%
Nonveteran	88.3	88.1	88.9	84.5	84.3	84.8
U.S. citizenship						
Citizen	91.8%	93.2%	89.1%	--	--	--
Noncitizen	8.2	6.8	10.9	--	--	--
Number of jail inmates	507,026	318,068	169,377	395,55	218,797	162,441

Note: Totals include inmates with an unknown conviction or no offense. In 1996 data for 0.1% of the inmates were missing for marital status; 0.7%, for education; 0.7%, for pre-arrest employment; 0.1%, for military service; and 0.1%, for citizenship. See appendix table 4.1 for 1996 survey standard errors and appendix table 4.4 for 1989 survey standard errors.

--Not available.

^aIncludes Asians, Pacific Islanders, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and other racial groups.

^bIn 1996 inmates who had not finished high school were asked specifically if they had received a GED.

Table 4.2. The most serious offense of jail inmates, by conviction status, 1996 and 1989

Most serious offense	Percent of jail inmates in 1996			Percent of jail inmates in 1989		
	Total	Convicted	Unconvicted	Total	Convicted	Unconvicted
All offenses	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Violent offenses	26.3%	21.8%	36.6%	22.5%	16.6%	30.4%
Murder ^a	2.8	1.2	6.0	2.8	1.2	5.1
Negligent manslaughter	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.3
Kidnaping	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.3	1.5
Rape	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.0
Other sexual assault	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.4
Robbery	6.5	5.6	8.8	6.7	5.0	9.1
Assault	11.6	10.0	15.4	7.2	5.1	10.0
Other violent ^b	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.1	1.0	1.2
Property offenses	26.9%	28.6%	25.5%	30.0%	29.2%	31.2%
Burglary	7.6	8.0	7.7	10.7	9.8	12.0
Larceny/theft	8.0	9.5	5.7	7.9	8.5	7.1
Motor vehicle theft	2.6	2.3	3.3	2.8	2.8	2.9
Arson	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.9
Fraud	4.6	4.8	4.3	4.0	4.2	3.6
Stolen property	2.1	2.4	1.9	2.4	2.2	2.6
Other property ^c	1.6	1.4	2.2	1.6	1.2	2.1
Drug offenses	22.0%	23.7%	20.2%	23.0%	22.5%	23.8%
Possession	11.5	12.6	10.0	9.7	10.7	8.4
Trafficking	9.2	9.5	9.2	12.0	10.7	13.7
Other/unspecified	1.3	1.5	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.6
Public-order offenses	24.3%	25.5%	17.4%	22.8%	30.2%	12.9%
Weapons	2.3	2.4	2.2	1.9	2.2	1.5
Obstruction of justice	4.8	3.3	4.0	2.8	2.4	3.4
Traffic	3.2	3.8	1.7	2.7	4.1	0.9
Driving while intoxicated ^d	7.4	9.5	3.6	8.8	13.8	2.0
Drunkness/morals ^e	2.0	1.9	2.4	1.7	2.0	1.3
Violation of parole/probation ^f	2.6	2.7	1.7	3.0	3.7	2.1
Other public-order ^g	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.6
Other offenses^h	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%	1.6%	1.4%	1.8%
Number of jail inmates	496,609	315,442	166,295	380,160	218,303	161,858

Note: Excludes an estimated 24,450 jail inmates in 1996 and 15,393 in 1989 whose offense or conviction status was unknown. See appendix table 4.2 for 1996 survey standard errors and appendix table 4.4 for 1989 survey standard errors.

^aIncludes nonnegligent manslaughter.

^bIncludes blackmail, extortion, hit-and-run driving with bodily injury, child abuse, and criminal endangerment.

^cIncludes destruction of property, vandalism, hit-and-run driving without bodily injury, trespassing, and possession of burglary tools.

^dIncludes driving while intoxicated and driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

^eIncludes drunkness, vagrancy, disorderly conduct, unlawful assembly, morals, and commercialized vice.

^fIncludes parole or probation violations, escape, AWOL, and flight to avoid prosecution.

^gIncludes rioting, abandonment, nonsupport, immigration violations, invasion of privacy, liquor law violations, tax evasion, and bribery.

^hIncludes juvenile offenses and other unspecified offenses.

Table 4.3. The most serious offense of jail inmates, by sex and race/Hispanic origin, 1996

Most serious offense	Percent of jail inmates					
	Male	Female	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Other*
All offenses	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Violent offenses	27.6%	14.9%	23.9%	29.1%	24.8%	27.4%
Murder	3.0	1.3	2.3	3.5	2.7	0.6
Negligent manslaughter	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.1
Kidnaping	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	1.0	0.2
Rape	0.5	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.3	1.6
Other sexual assault	3.0	0.1	4.0	1.9	2.1	2.1
Robbery	6.9	3.4	3.3	9.8	5.7	6.7
Assault	11.9	8.2	11.1	11.9	11.7	12.7
Other violent	1.3	1.3	1.6	0.8	1.2	3.4
Property offenses	26.3%	31.7%	30.0%	26.1%	22.3%	27.2%
Burglary	8.1	3.7	9.1	6.5	7.5	7.0
Larceny/theft	7.4	13.1	8.8	8.7	5.3	5.4
Motor vehicle theft	2.7	1.4	2.1	2.5	3.3	4.9
Arson	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.0
Fraud	3.8	11.1	5.7	4.5	2.1	6.7
Stolen property	2.3	0.9	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.3
Other property	1.7	1.0	1.8	1.4	2.0	1.0
Drug offenses	21.4%	27.4%	14.1%	27.6%	27.7%	10.8%
Possession	11.3	13.3	7.3	14.9	13.4	5.9
Trafficking	8.9	11.4	5.6	10.9	13.4	4.6
Other/unspecified	1.2	2.7	1.2	1.8	0.9	0.3
Public-order offenses	24.3%	24.7%	31.4%	16.9%	24.8%	34.6%
Weapons	2.5	0.7	1.3	3.1	2.4	2.7
Obstruction of justice	4.7	6.0	5.9	4.6	3.1	5.7
Traffic	3.3	1.9	4.2	1.8	3.7	4.8
Driving while intoxicated	7.6	5.2	13.2	1.9	7.2	9.6
Drunkennes/morals	1.7	5.4	1.9	2.0	2.2	3.2
Violation of parole/probation	2.5	3.0	2.8	1.9	3.3	4.5
Other public-order	2.0	2.6	2.0	1.6	2.9	4.1
Other offenses	0.4%	1.2%	0.7%	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%
Number of jail inmates	445,952	50,657	185,122	202,825	91,664	16,998

Note: Excludes an estimated 24,450 jail inmates whose offense was unknown.

See table 4.2 for definitions of offense categories. See appendix table 4.2 for survey standard errors.

*Includes Asians, Pacific Islanders, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and other racial groups.

Table 4.4. The most serious offense of jail inmates, by age, 1996

Most serious offense	Age of jail inmates						
	19 or younger	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 or older
All offenses	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Violent offenses	38.1%	24.8%	26.5%	22.2%	21.9%	23.5%	27.6%
Murder	5.4	4.3	1.9	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.4
Negligent manslaughter	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	1.3
Kidnaping	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.8
Rape	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.2	1.0	0.8
Other sexual assault	1.9	2.0	3.0	1.9	2.6	4.0	5.6
Robbery	14.7	5.8	6.6	4.8	4.9	3.7	2.4
Assault	12.9	9.6	12.5	11.7	10.3	11.2	13.7
Other violent	2.0	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.7
Property offenses	29.8%	30.0%	28.1%	26.1%	25.1%	22.4%	22.4%
Burglary	9.1	10.2	8.3	8.0	6.1	4.7	3.6
Larceny/theft	7.2	6.8	8.8	8.1	8.7	8.1	8.2
Motor vehicle theft	5.0	3.2	3.0	1.2	2.2	0.5	2.1
Arson	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.6
Fraud	3.5	4.2	4.3	4.9	4.4	5.4	6.5
Stolen property	2.9	2.8	1.9	2.3	1.9	1.2	0.8
Other property	1.9	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.3	2.4	0.8
Drug offenses	16.2%	23.2%	22.5%	24.6%	23.9%	25.3%	15.7%
Possession	8.9	11.5	12.2	12.8	12.4	14.3	6.9
Trafficking	6.6	10.6	9.1	10.0	9.3	10.3	7.6
Other/unspecified	0.6	1.2	1.2	1.8	2.2	0.7	1.3
Public-order offenses	14.6%	21.3%	22.5%	26.8%	29.1%	28.7%	34.0%
Weapons	3.5	3.9	1.4	1.3	2.2	1.8	1.9
Obstruction of justice	4.2	5.6	4.4	5.5	4.2	4.1	6.1
Traffic	1.9	2.2	3.5	4.4	3.2	2.9	4.0
Driving while intoxicated	0.6	4.2	7.4	7.7	12.0	9.9	14.4
Drunkenness/morals	1.3	0.9	1.7	2.7	2.4	3.7	2.4
Violation of parole/probation	2.2	2.9	1.8	3.0	2.7	2.7	3.3
Other public-order	0.9	1.6	2.2	2.2	2.5	3.7	2.0
Other offenses	1.3%	0.7%	0.5%	0.4%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%
Number of jail inmates	75,365	78,763	91,264	93,867	74,358	44,428	38,564

Note: Excludes an estimated 24,450 jail inmates whose offense was unknown.
See appendix table 4.2 for survey standard errors.

Table 4.5. Sex and race/Hispanic origin of jail inmates, by the most serious offense, 1996

Most serious offense		Percent of jail inmates					
		Sex		Race or Hispanic origin			
		Male	Female	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Other ^a
Violent offenses	130,583	94.2%	5.8%	33.8%	45.2%	17.4%	3.6%
Homicide ^b	15,898	95.6	4.4	32.1	50.8	16.4	0.7
Sexual assault ^c	15,836	99.8	0.2	54.5	28.2	13.4	3.9
Robbery	32,432	94.6	5.4	18.8	61.6	16.1	3.5
Assault	57,465	92.7	7.3	35.8	41.8	18.6	3.8
Other violent ^d	8,952	89.7	10.3	42.4	28.1	22.7	6.9
Property offenses	133,513	88.0%	12.0%	41.6%	39.6%	15.3%	3.5%
Burglary	37,978	95.1	4.9	44.1	34.6	18.1	3.1
Larceny/theft	39,630	83.3	16.7	40.9	44.6	12.1	2.3
Motor vehicle theft	12,878	94.5	5.5	30.4	39.6	23.5	6.4
Fraud	22,653	75.2	24.8	46.4	40.0	8.6	5.0
Stolen property	10,550	95.6	4.4	35.0	42.5	18.7	3.7
Other property ^e	9,824	91.9	8.1	45.3	34.4	18.6	1.7
Drug offenses	109,180	87.3%	12.7%	23.9%	51.2%	23.3%	1.7%
Possession	57,038	88.2	11.8	23.7	53.0	21.6	1.8
Trafficking	45,484	87.3	12.7	22.7	48.6	27.0	1.7
Other/unspecified	6,658	79.6	20.4	33.0	53.8	12.4	0.8
Public-order offenses	120,882	89.7%	10.3%	48.0%	28.3%	18.8%	4.9%
Weapons	11,340	97.1	2.9	21.6	54.8	19.6	4.0
Obstruction of justice	24,041	87.4	12.6	45.4	38.7	11.8	4.1
Traffic	15,717	93.8	6.2	49.9	23.6	21.4	5.1
Driving while intoxicated	36,637	92.8	7.2	66.9	10.6	18.1	4.4
Drunkenness/morals	10,141	73.0	27.0	34.0	40.6	20.0	5.4
Violation of parole/probation	12,834	88.3	11.7	40.9	29.6	23.5	6.0
Other public-order	10,172	87.3	12.7	35.8	31.5	25.8	6.9
Other offenses	2,452	74.5%	25.5%	53.2%	32.3%	14.5%	0.0%

Note: Excludes an estimated 24,450 jail inmates whose offense was unknown.

See appendix table 4.3 for survey standard errors.

^aIncludes Asians, Pacific Islanders, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and other racial groups.

^bIncludes murder, nonnegligent manslaughter, and negligent manslaughter.

^cIncludes rape and other sexual assault.

^dIncludes kidnaping and other violent offenses.

^eIncludes arson and other property crimes.

Table 4.6. Age of jail inmates, by the most serious offense, 1996

Most serious offense	Number of jail inmates	Age of jail inmates						
		19 or younger	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 or older
Violent offenses	130,583	22.0%	15.0%	18.5%	16.0%	12.5%	8.0%	8.2%
Homicide	15,898	27.3	24.1	12.5	10.1	10.9	6.2	8.9
Sexual assault	15,836	11.1	12.7	19.1	14.4	13.2	14.1	15.5
Robbery	32,432	34.3	14.1	18.6	14.0	11.2	5.1	2.8
Assault	57,465	16.9	13.1	19.8	19.1	13.3	8.6	9.2
Other violent	8,952	19.8	17.9	19.4	16.3	13.3	6.9	6.5
Property offenses	133,513	16.8%	17.7%	19.2%	18.4%	14.0%	7.4%	6.5%
Burglary	37,978	18.1	21.1	20.0	19.7	12.0	5.5	3.6
Larceny/theft	39,630	13.6	13.5	20.2	19.2	16.3	9.1	8.0
Motor vehicle theft	12,878	29.1	19.6	21.5	9.0	13.0	1.6	6.3
Fraud	22,653	11.8	14.6	17.3	20.3	14.4	10.7	11.0
Stolen property	10,550	21.0	21.2	16.1	20.4	13.7	4.9	2.8
Other property	9,824	16.3	22.4	17.0	15.1	12.7	11.2	5.2
Drug offenses	109,180	11.2%	16.8%	18.8%	21.1%	16.2%	10.3%	5.6%
Possession	57,038	11.8	15.8	19.5	21.0	16.1	11.1	4.6
Trafficking	45,484	10.9	18.4	18.3	20.7	15.2	10.1	6.4
Other/unspecified	6,658	7.3	13.9	16.3	25.5	24.9	4.8	7.3
Public-order offenses	120,882	9.1%	13.9%	16.9%	20.8%	17.9%	10.6%	10.8%
Weapons	11,340	23.2	26.8	11.3	10.8	14.7	7.0	6.4
Obstruction of justice	24,041	13.1	18.3	16.8	21.5	13.0	7.6	9.8
Traffic	15,717	9.3	11.3	20.1	26.1	15.2	8.3	9.7
Driving while intoxicated	36,637	1.3	8.9	18.5	19.7	24.4	12.0	15.1
Drunkenness/morals	10,141	9.6	7.1	15.5	25.3	17.2	16.1	9.3
Violation of parole/probation	12,834	13.2	17.9	12.8	21.6	15.4	9.3	9.9
Other public-order	10,172	6.3	12.3	19.8	20.0	18.1	16.0	7.4
Other offenses	2,452	41.2%	21.3%	17.0%	13.6%	1.1%	2.0%	3.8%

Note: Excludes an estimated 24,450 jail inmates whose offense was unknown.
See appendix table 4.3 for survey standard errors.

Table 4.7. Criminal justice status of jail inmates at arrest, by sex and race/Hispanic origin, 1996

Criminal justice status at arrest	Percent of jail inmates						
	Total	Male	Female	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Other
Any criminal justice status	53.6%	53.9%	50.8%	53.8%	54.4%	51.9%	50.6%
Probation	31.7	31.4	33.9	34.9	28.9	31.4	31.9
Parole	13.1	13.6	8.3	10.2	16.5	11.8	9.9
Bail/bond	12.7	12.8	12.1	12.9	13.3	10.7	12.7
Other pretrial release	4.4	4.4	4.9	5.4	3.7	3.7	5.5
Alcohol or drug diversion counseling	2.8	2.8	2.7	3.5	1.8	3.5	3.0
Work or study release, electronic monitoring, house arrest, or day or weekend reporting	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.9	1.9	2.2	4.9
Escape	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.1	0.5	1.3	1.3
Other release, including furlough	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.1	0.8	1.9	1.4

Note: Percentages add to more than total because inmates may have more than one status.

Table 4.8. Criminal justice status of jail inmates at arrest, by the most serious offense, 1996

Criminal justice status at arrest	Percent of jail inmates				
	Violent	Property	Drug	Public-order	Other
Any criminal justice status	46.3%	60.0%	61.0%	51.4%	34.1%
Probation	24.9	36.2	35.2	33.5	15.6
Parole	12.3	17.2	16.7	6.7	6.2
Bail/bond	11.8	12.3	14.3	13.5	5.6
Other pretrial release	3.3	4.8	4.7	5.2	4.3
Alcohol or drug diversion counseling	2.0	3.4	3.3	2.6	0.0
Work or study release, electronic monitoring, house arrest, or day or weekend reporting	2.2	2.8	2.2	2.5	3.5
Escape	0.6	0.9	0.7	1.5	0.0
Other release, including furloughs	0.8	0.9	1.8	1.1	0.0

Note: Percentages add to more than total because inmates may have more than one status. The most serious offense is the offense with the longest sentence and can be a current offense or a prior offense for which an inmate was serving a sentence when most recently arrested.

Table 4.9. Experience of convicted jail inmates with the judicial system, by type of charge, sex, and race/Hispanic origin, 1996

	Percent of convicted jail inmates								
	Type of charge			Sex		Race or Hispanic origin			
	Total	Felony	Misdemeanor	Male	Female	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Other
Lawyer for trial	88.2%	97.1%	71.7%	88.5%	85.8%	87.5%	89.5%	87.8%	81.6%
Court-appointed	69.6	76.6	56.3	69.5	70.9	63.8	74.2	73.7	64.8
Hired own	17.5	19.2	14.7	17.9	13.7	22.7	14.1	13.3	15.8
Both	1.1	1.3	0.7	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.2	0.8	1.0
No lawyer	11.8	2.9	28.3	11.5	14.1	12.5	10.4	12.2	18.4
Contact with lawyer	84.0%	93.4%	67.3%	84.5%	80.2%	83.9%	85.1%	84.7%	71.6%
Within 24 hours of arrest	13.3	13.5	13.2	13.0	15.6	12.2	12.4	17.1	17.7
Within week of arrest	23.8	25.5	21.3	23.8	23.9	25.7	23.0	22.1	19.1
More than week before trial	23.7	29.1	13.5	24.4	18.0	24.0	24.6	21.9	21.5
Within week of trial	23.2	25.3	19.3	23.3	22.7	22.0	25.1	23.6	13.3
Did not talk to lawyer	4.0	3.6	4.1	3.8	5.7	3.6	4.5	2.8	9.6
Plea	86.6%	84.8%	91.0%	86.1%	90.2%	89.4%	83.1%	88.0%	86.0%
Plea bargained	47.3	52.1	38.6	47.8	42.1	48.9	46.1	47.6	40.0
No plea bargain	39.3	32.7	52.4	38.3	48.1	40.5	37.0	40.4	46.0
Pleaded not guilty	13.4	15.3	9.0	13.8	9.7	10.7	16.9	12.0	14.0
Type of conviction									
Felony	63.7%	93.8%	3.6%	64.2%	59.6%	59.7%	69.0%	63.1%	53.5%
Misdemeanor	36.3	6.2	96.4	35.8	40.4	40.3	31.0	36.9	46.5
Number of jail inmates	315,552	198,653	97,903	281,430	31,776	124,344	121,368	57,116	9,988

Note: Total includes those charged in jurisdiction not using terms "misdemeanor" and "felony."

Table 4.10. Sentence length and time served since admission of inmates sentenced to local jails, by the most serious offense, 1996

Most serious offense	Sentenced jail inmates						
	Number	Maximum sentence ^a		Time served since admission ^b		Time served and to be served to expected date of release ^c	
		Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
All offenses	159,044	8.7 mo	22.9 mo	3.0 mo	6.6 mo	5.7 mo	10.4 mo
Violent offenses	30,655	12.0 mo	36.0 mo	4.2 mo	9.3 mo	8.2 mo	15.9 mo
Homicide	1,034	36.0	81.0	10.0	21.4	21.0	36.3
Sexual assault	3,896	12.0	29.0	6.3	9.4	11.6	17.9
Robbery	5,616	30.0	60.2	6.0	14.7	11.9	25.0
Assault	17,696	9.5	29.2	3.5	7.1	6.2	12.0
Other violent	2,413	12.0	20.6	4.0	7.7	6.0	10.7
Property offenses	41,371	11.0 mo	25.6 mo	4.0 mo	7.4 mo	6.4 mo	10.8 mo
Burglary	9,181	12.0	39.4	5.0	9.7	7.6	14.8
Larceny/theft	15,731	8.0	22.5	3.0	6.0	5.5	8.6
Motor vehicle theft	3,175	11.3	16.5	6.0	8.8	7.0	11.7
Fraud	7,180	10.0	24.7	3.0	8.3	6.2	11.2
Stolen property	3,383	12.0	24.0	4.7	6.8	7.6	10.6
Other property	2,721	5.6	11.3	1.5	5.3	2.5	7.4
Drug offenses	30,290	12.0 mo	23.9 mo	3.7 mo	8.4 mo	6.6 mo	12.9 mo
Possession	17,041	12.0	22.2	3.6	8.0	6.2	12.2
Trafficking	10,820	12.0	29.4	5.0	10.4	9.0	15.8
Other/unspecified	2,429	6.0	10.6	3.0	4.2	4.6	6.8
Public-order offenses	56,311	5.2 mo	13.4 mo	1.7 mo	3.5 mo	3.5 mo	5.9 mo
Weapons	3,405	12.0	18.1	2.5	8.0	8.2	10.0
Obstruction of justice	7,311	2.6	5.8	0.9	2.3	2.7	3.9
Traffic	9,170	3.0	5.7	1.1	2.2	2.2	3.8
Driving while intoxicated	22,309	6.0	20.1	1.9	3.7	4.1	6.4
Drunkenness/morals	4,080	4.0	9.2	1.0	2.7	2.8	4.9
Violation of parole/probation	6,286	6.0	7.7	1.7	4.1	4.0	6.8
Other public-order	3,751	6.0	16.9	2.8	4.2	4.6	9.0
Other offenses	417	12.0 mo	8.5 mo	2.0 mo	4.2 mo	6.2 mo	7.1 mo

Note: Because data on sentence length and time served are restricted to persons in jail, they overstate the average sentence and time to be served by those entering jail. Persons with shorter sentences leave jail more quickly, resulting in a longer average sentence among persons in the inmate sample.

^aBased on the total maximum sentence for all consecutive sentences.

^bBased on time served on sentence to date of interview.

^cBased on time served when interviewed plus time to be served until the expected date of release.

Table 4.11. Prior sentences to probation or incarceration for jail inmates, by the most serious offense, 1996 and 1989

Prior sentence	Percent of jail inmates in 1996						Total in 1989
	Total	Violent	Property	Drug	Public-order	Other	
Probation							
0	37.0%	44.9%	32.8%	35.7%	31.5%	61.3%	37.1%
1	34.6	32.7	37.1	38.1	32.2	31.2	33.9
2	13.9	9.4	15.7	14.6	16.5	2.1	14.9
3-5	12.2	10.7	12.1	9.8	16.7	5.4	11.4
6-10	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	2.4	0.0	2.2
11 or more	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.5
Incarceration							
0	41.5%	48.4%	36.9%	42.7%	36.6%	49.7%	43.4%
1	17.5	18.1	17.3	19.6	15.7	23.5	21.7
2	9.00	7.5	9.2	9.4	10.1	4.7	11.7
3-5	17.8	15.8	20.0	15.5	20.3	12.2	13.6
6-10	9.0	6.8	10.7	8.4	10.3	8.7	6.0
11 or more	5.1	3.5	5.9	4.5	7.0	1.2	3.7
Probation or incarceration							
0	27.3%	34.1%	23.1%	26.8%	23.0%	42.4%	23.5%
1	17.4	19.2	16.3	19.0	15.7	26.2	20.6
2	11.3	10.7	12.8	12.9	9.4	2.5	16.5
3-5	20.2	17.1	20.1	21.3	23.1	17.4	22.5
6-10	15.1	13.1	18.1	12.3	16.9	6.0	10.7
11 or more	8.7	5.9	9.6	7.7	11.9	5.5	6.2
Number of jail inmates	502,140	129,070	132,355	108,322	120,113	2,452	378,353

Note: Excludes inmates for whom data on prior sentences to probation or incarceration were unknown. Most serious offense is the offense with the longest sentence, if sentenced, and can be a current offense or a prior offense for which an inmate was serving a sentence when most recently arrested.

Table 4.12. Criminal history of jail inmates, by conviction status, 1996 and 1989

Criminal history	Percent of jail inmates in 1996			Percent of jail inmates in 1989		
	Total	Convicted	Unconvicted	Total	Convicted	Unconvicted
No previous sentence	29.2%	22.4%	41.6%	22.4%	19.6%	24.9%
Current violent offense	10.1	6.5	17.6	6.6	5.2	8.6
Current drug offense	6.7	5.8	8.7	6.7	6.2	7.3
Other current offense	12.4	10.0	15.4	9.1	9.2	9.0
Violent recidivists^a	33.9%	35.3%	32.5%	29.9%	26.1%	35.1%
Current and prior violent	11.8	13.3	9.8	7.5	5.9	9.7
Current violent only	8.9	7.8	11.7	10.5	8.0	13.8
Prior violent only	13.2	14.2	10.9	11.9	12.2	11.6
Nonviolent recidivists^b	36.9%	42.3%	25.9%	47.6%	53.3%	40.0%
Prior minor public-order offense only ^c	2.9	3.3	1.9	3.5	3.9	2.8
Current and prior drug offense only	7.0	8.4	4.9	4.3	4.5	4.0
Other prior offenses	27.0	30.7	19.0	39.9	44.9	33.2
Number of jail inmates	481,968	307,158	160,585	375,582	215,009	160,573

Note: Excludes 20,058 inmates in 1996 and 19,971 in 1989 for whom current offense or prior probation/ incarceration was unknown. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

^aViolent recidivists were convicted in the past, and either the current charge or a previous conviction was for a violent offense.

^bNonviolent recidivists were convicted of only nonviolent offenses in the past, and their current charge or conviction was for a nonviolent offense.

^cIncludes drunkenness, vagrancy, loitering, disorderly conduct, minor traffic offenses, commercialized vice, invasion of privacy, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, liquor law violations, and juvenile offenses.

Table 4.13. Criminal history of jail inmates, by sex, race/Hispanic origin, and age at first arrest, 1996

Criminal history	Percent of jail inmates								
	Sex		Race and Hispanic origin				Age at first arrest		
	Male	Female	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Other ^a	17 or younger	18-24	25 or older
No previous sentence	27.8%	41.5%	25.6%	30.3%	35.1%	23.5%	18.0%	31.1%	46.0%
Current violent offense	10.2	9.1	8.7	11.6	10.1	7.7	7.7	10.5	13.9
Current drug offense	5.9	13.1	3.5	7.7	11.5	2.7	3.1	6.7	13.7
Current nonviolent offense	11.6	19.3	13.3	11.0	13.6	13.0	7.2	13.9	18.4
Violent recidivists^b	35.9%	16.9%	32.4%	36.7%	28.7%	45.7%	44.9%	30.2%	20.0%
Current and prior violent	12.7	3.9	10.8	12.6	11.8	14.7	16.3	9.2	7.9
Current violent only	9.4	4.8	8.2	10.3	6.7	12.1	10.6	8.6	6.4
Prior violent only	13.7	8.1	13.3	13.9	10.2	18.9	18.0	12.4	5.7
Nonviolent recidivists^c	36.3%	41.6%	42.1%	32.9%	36.2%	30.8%	37.1%	38.7%	34.0%
Prior minor public-order offense only ^d	2.6	5.7	3.7	2.4	2.4	1.5	3.1	2.9	2.4
Current and prior drug offense only	6.9	7.9	4.0	8.9	9.1	4.6	6.0	8.8	7.4
Other prior offenses	26.9	28.0	34.3	21.6	24.6	24.6	28.0	27.8	24.3
Number of jail inmates	433,263	48,705	180,484	196,501	88,526	16,457	193,208	179,859	97,510

Note: Excludes 20,058 inmates for whom current offense or prior probation/incarceration was unknown. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

^aIncludes Asians, Pacific Islanders, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and other racial groups.

^bViolent recidivists were convicted in the past, and at least the current charge or a previous conviction was for a violent offense.

^cNonviolent recidivists were convicted of only nonviolent offenses in the past, and their current charge or conviction was for a nonviolent offense.

^dIncludes drunkenness, vagrancy, loitering, disorderly conduct, minor traffic offenses, commercialized vice, invasion of privacy, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, liquor law violations, and juvenile offenses.

Table 4.14. Prior drug use of jail inmates, by type of drug, 1996 and 1989

Type of drug	Percent of all jail inmates				Percent of convicted jail inmates			
	Ever used drugs		Used drugs regularly		Used drugs in the month before the offense		Used drugs at the time of the offense	
	1996	1989	1996	1989	1996	1989	1996	1989
Any drug	82.4%	77.7%	64.2%	58.0%	55.0%	43.8%	35.6%	27.0%
Marijuana or hashish	78.2%	70.7%	54.9%	47.8%	36.8%	28.0%	18.5%	9.0%
Cocaine or crack	50.4	50.4	31.0	30.7	24.1	23.5	15.2	13.7
Heroin/opiates	23.9	18.6	11.8	11.8	8.8	7.2	5.6	4.9
Depressants	29.9	21.1	10.4	9.0	5.9	3.9	2.4	1.2
Stimulants	33.6	22.1	16.5	12.1	10.4	5.4	6.1	2.2
Hallucinogens	32.2	23.7	10.5	9.4	4.6	3.2	1.6	1.6
Inhalants	16.8	--	4.8	--	1.0	--	0.3	--
Other drugs	...	11.0	...	5.4	0.1	2.4	...	0.1

Notes: Stimulants include amphetamine and methamphetamine; depressants include barbiturates, tranquilizers and Quaalude; and hallucinogens include LSD and PCP. In 1989 "Other drugs" includes t's and blues. In 1996 "Other drugs" includes any drugs that did not fall into the specified categories.

--Not available.

...Less than 0.05%.

Table 4.15. Convicted jail inmates who committed their offense for money for drugs, by the most serious offense, race, and age, 1996

Most serious offense	Number of inmates	Percent who committed offense for money for drugs						
		Total	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Hispanic	24 or younger	25-34	35 or older
All offenses	312,773	15.8%	12.8%	21.1%	12.9%	12.0%	18.7%	15.9%
Violent offenses	68,032	8.8%	7.8%	10.9%	6.8%	5.3%	11.9%	8.9%
Homicide	4,522	6.1	--	0.0	--	--	--	--
Sexual assault	9,602	1.1	0.0	--	--	--	0.0	0.0
Robbery	17,417	25.2	36.3	25.2	14.2	11.3	37.4	36.6
Assault	31,281	3.1	1.7	4.0	4.3	2.4	3.3	3.6
Property offenses	89,206	25.6%	24.6%	29.7%	22.1%	16.2%	29.6%	32.0%
Burglary	25,089	23.5	25.3	23.9	21.6	17.0	25.2	31.6
Larceny	29,139	33.5	29.4	39.6	31.2	22.9	36.8	38.9
Fraud	15,087	35.4	34.4	41.0	--	23.7	45.3	33.8
Other property offenses	19,891	9.4	4.9	12.3	--	5.7	10.4	15.4
Drug offenses	74,046	23.5%	16.5%	28.0%	21.1%	22.3%	24.9%	22.6%
Possession	39,368	15.4	5.2	19.6	17.2	13.4	14.1	18.3
Trafficking	29,910	34.4	31.2	39.2	26.3	31.8	40.4	27.9
Public-order offenses	80,286	4.2%	3.0%	8.4%	1.9%	3.2%	5.9%	3.1%
Driving while intoxicated	29,916	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
Other public-order	50,370	6.4	5.4	9.7	3.0	3.8	9.7	5.1

--The percentage was not calculated because there were 20 or fewer unweighted cases.

Table 4.16. Convicted jail inmates who committed current offense while using drugs or alcohol, by the most serious offense, 1996

Most serious offense	Percent of convicted jail inmates using drugs or alcohol at the time of the offense				
	Number convicted	Total	Drugs only	Alcohol only	Both
All offenses*	311,016	60.2%	19.6%	24.5%	16.1%
Violent offenses*	67,711	55.2%	13.5%	27.4%	14.3%
Homicide	4,574	50.3	3.4	31.0	15.9
Sexual assault	9,602	44.8	13.3	23.1	8.4
Robbery	17,146	63.2	24.9	18.8	19.5
Assault	31,179	54.2	7.1	33.3	13.8
Property offenses*	88,297	55.2%	21.0%	17.9%	16.3%
Burglary	24,789	55.9	16.6	20.7	18.6
Larceny/theft	28,938	56.5	22.9	18.5	15.1
Fraud	14,980	52.4	30.2	7.2	15.0
Other property	19,590	54.7	16.9	21.9	15.9
Drug offenses*	73,735	65.2%	35.7%	6.0%	23.5%
Possession	39,360	64.3	35.0	7.1	22.2
Trafficking	29,607	64.7	35.5	4.5	24.7
Public-order offenses*	80,069	65.4%	8.6%	46.2%	10.6%
Driving while intoxicated	29,870	95.1	1.5	83.2	10.4
Other public-order	50,200	47.7	12.8	24.2	10.7

*Includes offenses for which separate estimates are not shown.

Table 4.17. Substance abuse treatment of jail inmates, by drug and alcohol use, 1996

Type of treatment	Percent of all jail inmates			Percent of convicted jail inmates who had used in the month before the offense	
	Total	Used regularly		Alcohol	Drugs
		Alcohol	Drugs		
Any treatment	42.3%	55.6%	55.7%	54.7%	58.3%
Ever participated while under correctional supervision	28.8%	38.8%	38.7%	40.0%	43.7%
Prison/jail	20.7	27.9	28.4	28.4	31.7
Probation/parole	19.2	26.2	26.2	27.3	30.3
Since admission	10.3%	13.6%	14.0%	15.3%	16.9%
Self-help	7.7	10.2	10.4	11.8	12.5
Education/awareness	3.2	3.9	4.5	4.6	5.5
Special facility	1.6	2.2	2.3	2.2	3.0
Counseling	1.1	1.6	1.7	1.6	2.2
Detoxification	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0
Other treatment	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5
Number	502,105	297,149	321,933	206,270	172,553

Table 4.18. Family background of jail inmates, by sex and race/Hispanic origin, 1996

	Percent of jail inmates						
	Total	Male	Female	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Other
Person(s) lived with most of time while growing up:							
Both parents	39.7%	40.0%	36.5%	51.0%	27.2%	45.3%	32.7%
Mother only	43.3	43.4	42.3	34.2	54.8	36.5	43.7
Father only	4.9	5.0	3.6	6.5	3.2	5.1	5.1
Grandparents	7.0	6.7	9.8	3.6	9.7	8.0	6.0
Other	5.2	4.9	7.7	4.7	5.0	5.1	12.5
Ever lived in a foster home, agency, or institution while growing up							
	13.6%	13.1	17.9	18.1%	10.5%	9.4%	24.7%
Family ever received public assistance while growing up							
Welfare only	22.0%	22.0%	22.7%	19.2%	24.6%	21.8%	23.9%
Public housing only	4.8	4.7	5.8	1.7	8.4	2.6	8.0
Both	11.8	11.5	14.1	4.9	19.3	9.3	10.4
Family member ever incarcerated							
Any*	46.1%	44.7%	58.2%	46.7%	49.0%	37.1%	54.8%
Father	17.1	17.2	16.5	21.1	14.4	13.1	27.0
Mother	4.4	3.9	9.1	4.1	4.9	3.7	7.2
Brother	30.3	29.9	33.8	27.7	34.9	25.4	32.5
Sister	6.2	5.5	12.7	6.0	7.0	4.3	10.2
Spouse	3.3	2.1	13.6	4.9	1.7	2.3	9.5
Child	1.3	1.1	3.2	1.5	1.2	0.9	3.0
Parent or guardian ever abused alcohol or drugs while inmate was growing up							
Alcohol only	23.1%	22.8%	25.8%	30.3%	17.9%	18.8%	29.7%
Drugs only	1.3	1.2	2.2	1.3	1.5	1.0	0.7
Both alcohol and drugs	6.9	6.5	10.4	8.3	6.0	5.9	7.3

*Detail may not add to total because more than one response was possible.

Table 4.19. Prior physical or sexual abuse of jail inmates, by sex and race/Hispanic origin, 1996

Physical/sexual abuse before admission	Percent of jail inmates								
	Total	Male				Female			
		Total	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Total	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Hispanic
Ever	16.4%	12.9%	18.4%	8.8%	9.1%	47.5%	61.8%	37.2%	43.0%
Before 18	14.3	11.9	17.7	7.3	8.2	36.6	48.7	27.8	32.5
Since 18	4.7	2.3	2.8	2.2	1.9	26.7	38.5	19.9	20.0
Physically abused	13.3%	10.7%	14.9%	7.4%	7.6%	37.2%	51.4%	26.4%	35.5%
Sexually abused	8.7%	5.6%	12.9%	7.0%	3.6%	37.1%	48.0%	18.2%	34.2%
Raped	6.6	3.7	5.6	2.6	2.0	32.2	40.0	26.6	29.7
Completed	5.4	3.0	4.8	2.1	1.5	26.6	32.3	23.7	22.4
Attempted	1.2	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.5	5.6	7.9	2.9	7.3

Table 4.20. Children of jail inmates, by sex and race/Hispanic origin, 1996

Characteristic of inmates	Total ^a	Male				Female			
		Total ^a	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Total ^a	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Hispanic
Have children									
No	36.3%	38.1%	44.1%	32.3%	37.7%	20.3%	22.2%	18.2%	21.1%
Yes	63.7	61.9	55.9	67.7	62.3	79.7	77.8	81.8	78.9
Any under 18	57.9	56.5	48.4	62.8	59.2	70.5	67.5	72.4	73.1
Adult children only	5.8	5.4	7.4	5.0	3.1	9.2	10.3	9.4	5.8
Number of children under 18	620,530	536,299	166,923	247,020	103,720	84,240	26,086	39,309	13,491
Number of jail inmates with children under age 18	290,093	254,328	82,014	114,087	50,079	35,765	12,290	15,854	5,789
Number of children under 18^b									
1	38.6%	39.7%	38.7%	41.8%	38.5%	30.4%	34.6%	29.0%	31.2%
2	31.4	31.5	35.5	27.8	33.2	30.3	33.3	29.3	28.2
3	16.7	16.0	15.3	15.4	17.0	21.4	21.1	19.2	25.2
4	7.1	6.5	6.2	6.4	7.5	11.2	8.3	13.2	9.6
5	3.2	3.1	2.6	3.9	2.2	4.4	1.6	6.0	3.4
6	3.0	3.1	1.7	4.6	1.8	2.2	1.0	3.3	2.5
Lived with child(ren) under 18 before entering jail^b									
No	58.5%	60.9%	57.6%	65.6%	55.5%	41.1%	49.2%	35.3%	35.9%
Yes	41.5	39.1	42.4	34.4	44.5	58.9	50.8	64.7	64.1
Caretaker of child(ren) under 18^{b,c}									
Other parent	81.1%	88.3%	86.3%	89.5%	89.4%	29.9%	41.5%	23.1%	22.3%
Grandparent	18.1	13.9	13.8	13.9	13.4	47.7	39.1	52.8	54.0
Other relative/friend	8.7	6.0	6.1	6.0	5.5	27.9	25.2	28.8	29.6
Agency/foster home	3.0	1.9	3.0	1.6	0.7	10.9	13.7	7.7	9.4
Number of jail inmates	501,509	450,425	169,317	181,729	84,556	50,722	18,201	21,903	7,915

^aTotals include inmates of other races.

^bPercentages are based on inmates with children under age 18.

^cPercentages add to more than 100% because inmates with more than one child may have provided multiple responses.

Table 4.21. Health care of jail inmates, by sex and race/Hispanic origin, 1996

	Percent of jail inmates						
	Total	Male	Female	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Other
At admission of inmate, jail authorities X							
Asked about health or medical history	80.3%	80.1%	81.9%	82.0%	79.6%	78.7%	77.1%
Asked if inmate ever thought about or attempted suicide	72.6	72.6	72.2	77.0	70.4	69.0	70.1
Checked if sick, injured, or intoxicated	52.5	53.1	47.2	52.8	52.5	52.8	48.8
After admission, inmate had X							
Medical examination	48.5%	48.6%	47.4%	43.0%	54.6%	48.4%	37.5%
Any medical condition needing attention	42.8%	42.0%	50.2%	42.5%	47.1%	35.5%	36.8%
Medical problem	33.2	32.4	40.3	34.0	35.5	27.0	30.7
Accidental injury	7.6	7.8	5.6	6.9	9.0	6.3	6.3
Intentional injury	5.1	5.3	3.6	5.2	5.2	4.7	4.7
Received medical care for X							
Medical problem	22.0%	21.3%	28.4%	24.1%	23.0%	15.7%	19.7%
Accidental injury	5.6	5.7	4.2	5.2	6.3	4.9	4.1
Intentional injury	3.0	3.1	1.8	2.8	3.3	2.9	2.9

Table 4.22. Mental health treatment of jail inmates, by sex and race/Hispanic origin, 1996

Because of a mental or emotional problem, inmate had X	Percent of jail inmates					
	Total	Male	Female	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Hispanic
Received any mental health services						
Ever	25.6%	24.4%	35.6%	36.0%	19.2%	18.0%
Since admission	11.3	10.3	20.3	16.2	8.0	8.5
Received professional counseling						
Ever	18.7%	17.8%	26.6%	27.6%	13.9%	10.8%
Since admission	4.5	4.1	8.2	6.5	3.3	2.7
Taken a prescribed medication						
Ever	17.5%	16.4%	27.0%	25.1%	12.7%	12.3%
Since admission	9.2	8.3	16.5	13.2	6.4	6.6
Been admitted to mental health facility overnight						
Ever	10.2%	9.7%	14.9%	15.0%	7.3%	6.8%
Since admission	1.5	1.4	2.1	2.1	1.0	1.0
Received any other mental health services						
Ever	1.6%	1.6%	1.3%	2.2%	1.4%	0.5%
Since admission	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1

Table 4.23. Drinking practices and experiences of jail inmates, by sex, race/Hispanic origin, and age, 1996

	Percent of jail inmates								
	Total	Male	Female	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Hispanic	24 or younger	25-34	35 or older
All inmates									
Drinking practices									
Ever drink	87.9%	88.2%	82.7%	95.2%	83.2%	83.0%	82.6%	90.1%	90.5%
Ever drink regularly	59.4	60.7	48.0	72.4	51.7	49.1	49.8	61.3	66.5
In the year before their offense they drank X									
Daily or almost daily	28.3%	29.1%	21.4%	31.6%	29.4%	20.0%	23.6%	29.8%	31.0%
At least once a week	23.8	24.6	16.9	24.7	21.7	25.4	22.7	24.1	24.5
Less than once a week	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.3	4.4	5.4	4.6	3.8
Once a month or less	11.0	10.7	14.6	14.9	8.4	9.6	13.3	10.4	9.7
Did not drink	32.3	31.1	42.4	24.0	36.2	40.4	35.0	31.0	31.0
Had drunk in 1 day a 5th of liquor, 3 bottles of wine, or 3 6-packs of beer	40.3%	41.5%	29.4%	55.4%	29.9%	31.7%	35.4%	42.1%	43.0%
Experiences after drinking									
Used motor vehicle	48.7%	50.0%	37.7%	70.9%	32.7%	37.5%	34.4%	50.8%	60.3%
Had motor vehicle accident	15.4	16.0	10.2	25.4	7.7	10.7	9.0	16.6	20.4
Had arguments with family or friends	42.1	42.6	37.1	55.8	33.7	31.5	32.1	45.1	48.3
Had been in physical fight	36.6	37.6	27.1	50.3	28.1	26.0	31.4	39.1	38.6
Had been arrested or held by police	32.4	33.8	20.0	50.5	17.9	26.2	19.1	34.1	43.4
Lost job	11.5	12.0	7.5	17.8	6.3	9.5	5.5	14.0	14.5
Convicted inmates									
Drinking at time of offense									
Blood alcohol concentration (BAC)	40.5%	41.7%	30.4%	46.9%	34.6%	37.4%	31.1%	42.6%	46.7%
Less than 0.08	11.6%	11.9%	9.0%	11.0%	12.9%	9.9%	6.6%	12.6%	14.9%
0.08 to 0.09	1.8	1.8	1.3	1.8	1.5	2.2	1.9	1.4	2.1
0.10 to 0.19	7.2	7.5	4.8	9.0	5.1	7.8	5.6	7.8	8.0
0.20 to 0.39	9.0	9.3	6.2	11.9	6.3	7.8	7.4	9.7	9.7
0.40 or higher	10.9	11.1	9.3	13.2	8.7	9.6	9.6	11.1	12.1
Drinking 5 or more hours before offense	17.1%	17.7%	11.9%	21.8%	11.5%	17.0%	12.7%	18.6%	19.5%

Table 4.24. Life drinking experiences of convicted jail inmates, by drinking practices, 1996

Life experience	Percent of jail inmates					
	Ever drank	Ever drank regularly	Drank at time of offense	In the year before their offense drank X		
				At least once a week	At least once a month	Less than once a month
Percent of jail inmates who after drinking had everX						
Used motor vehicle	58.0%	71.5%	74.1%	68.4%	48.2%	38.8%
Had motor vehicle accident	18.7	24.8	28.1	24.2	10.7	9.4
Had arguments with family or friends	49.3	71.7	67.2	65.0	22.5	25.2
Been in physical fight	42.7	62.1	58.0	56.4	19.3	21.6
Been arrested or held by police	39.2	57.0	57.8	52.0	20.2	17.9
Lost job	19.3	19.3	23.9	18.5	5.2	4.7
Ever consumed in 1 day a 5th of liquor, 3 bottles of wine, or 3 6-packs of beer	48.3%	70.3%	66.1%	63.1%	23.3%	25.3%

Table 4.25. Conditions of confinement in local jails, by type of supervision, size of jurisdiction, and region of the country, 1996

Conditions in jail	Percent of jail inmates										
	Direct supervision*			Size of jurisdiction				Region of country			
	Total	Yes	No	99 or fewer	100 to 499	500 to 999	1,000 or more	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Type of housing											
Dormitory	43.6%	42.1%	45.9%	36.9%	46.8%	41.7%	45.3%	34.4%	39.1%	45.5%	49.4%
One floor structure with cells/rooms	17.4	15.2	20.7	30.9	17.4	11.7	14.0	18.2	23.8	18.7	9.8
Multifloor structure with cells/rooms	36.8	40.8	30.6	30.9	33.0	43.5	39.1	44.7	34.3	34.0	38.6
Area not intended to be housing	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.7	1.1	1.6	1.2	2.1	1.1	0.9	1.2
Other	1.1	0.7	1.6	0.5	1.7	1.5	0.4	0.6	1.7	0.9	1.1
Smells or odors											
Never	48.3%	51.4%	43.6%	57.1%	46.6%	48.5%	45.0%	53.3%	47.0%	50.5%	42.6%
Rarely	5.0	5.2	4.6	5.4	4.7	4.6	5.5	5.7	5.0	5.1	4.5
Now and then	14.1	13.8	14.6	12.8	14.4	13.3	15.2	12.4	13.5	14.0	15.9
Often	12.4	11.5	14.1	12.4	12.2	12.9	12.3	10.0	11.5	11.7	15.8
All the time	20.1	18.0	23.1	12.4	22.0	20.8	22.0	18.6	22.9	18.7	21.2
Insects, rats, or mice											
Never	58.6%	60.8%	54.9%	71.0%	61.2%	59%	48.3%	58.9%	60.3%	56.6%	60.6%
Rarely	6.6	6.2	7.2	7.1	7.2	5.6	6.6	5.7	7.3	6.5	6.9
Now and then	10.9	10.6	11.5	8.5	11.5	11.1	11.5	11.3	10.8	11.0	10.7
Often	7.7	7.1	9.0	6.0	7.3	8.6	8.6	7.6	8.3	8.3	6.5
All the time	16.1	15.3	17.4	7.4	12.8	15.8	24.9	16.5	13.3	17.6	15.4
Dirt or litter in housing											
Never	57.2%	62.5%	49.5%	63.6%	55.5%	59.7%	53.5%	63.7%	52.0%	57.8%	56.4%
Rarely	5.9	5.8	6.0	4.7	5.7	6.1	6.6	6.4	7.0	5.1	6.1
Now and then	10.8	10.1	12.0	9.6	11.7	9.1	12.0	10.3	12.2	9.7	12.0
Often	8.0	6.9	9.5	8.1	7.3	8.9	7.9	6.2	9.6	7.9	7.9
All the time	18.1	14.7	23.1	14.1	19.8	16.1	20.1	13.5	19.2	19.5	17.7
Housing has light from outside											
	72.6%	77.0%	66.2%	65.0%	72.6%	78.8%	72.2%	87.9%	68.6%	70.8%	69.3%
Housing has air conditioning											
	78.2%	80.0%	75.5%	76.2%	77.5%	81.8%	77.2%	59.9%	68.5%	87.3%	81.3%
Noise during sleeping hours											
Not at all noisy	29.8%	32.9%	25.2%	35.6%	27.8%	29.7%	28.8%	36.5%	26.6%	29.0%	29.6%
Slightly noisy	24.2	23.9	24.8	27.1	24.1	22.5	24.0	21.8	25.6	23.9	25.1
Moderately noisy	17.7	16.6	19.4	17.4	19.5	17.2	16.2	16.2	19.8	17.3	17.5
More than moderately noisy	6.6	6.3	6.9	5.4	5.5	7.3	8.0	5.9	6.8	6.3	7.3
Very noisy	21.7	20.2	23.7	14.5	23.2	23.3	23.1	19.6	21.1	23.5	20.5

Table 4.25. Continued

Conditions in jail	Percent of jail inmates										
	Direct supervision*			Size of jurisdiction				Region of country			
	Total	Yes	No	99 or fewer	100-499	500-999	1,000 or more	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Crowding in cell											
Not at all crowded	48.6%	51.6%	44.1%	60.5%	48.3%	49.1%	41.5%	53.3%	43.5%	52.4%	43.1%
Somewhat crowded	28.7	28.0	29.5	24.8	29.8	28.8	29.7	24.4	30.5	27.0	32.9
Very crowded	22.7	20.4	26.4	14.8	21.9	22.2	28.8	22.3	26.0	20.6	24.0
Crowding in jail											
Not at all crowded	18.7%	19.1%	18.4%	37.7%	20.3%	12.9%	10.4%	15.4%	16.7%	22.9%	15.2%
Somewhat crowded	27.3	27.5	27.3	31.2	30.2	26.6	22.5	27.5	22.5	28.6	28.8
Very crowded	54.0	53.4	54.4	31.1	49.5	60.5	67.2	57.1	60.8	48.5	55.9
Food amount											
Not enough	59.0%	59.4%	58.2%	49.6%	56.9%	60.8%	65.6%	62.6%	65.3%	59.1%	51.9%
Just enough	34.9	34.2	36.2	40.6	36.8	34.7	29.5	29.7	29.2	34.9	42.4
More than enough	6.1	6.4	5.6	9.8	6.3	4.5	4.9	7.8	5.5	6.0	5.7
Food taste											
Not very good	63.1%	63.7%	61.8%	47.7%	60.4%	66.3%	72.5%	67.3%	68.4%	61.4%	59.2%
Good	33.3	32.9	34.3	43.6	36.2	31.3	25.6	29.9	28.6	34.4	37.2
Very good	3.6	3.4	3.9	8.6	3.3	2.4	1.9	2.8	3.0	4.2	3.5
Inmate been in fight, hit, or punched since admission											
	14.3%	13.5%	15.7%	13.9%	12.9%	14.7%	16.0%	14.6%	13.9%	16.0%	11.8%
Safety from being hit, punched, or assaulted by other inmates											
Safe	51.7%	51.5%	52.2%	68.9%	53.9%	49.3%	41.2%	46.8%	53.7%	53.6%	50.1%
Somewhat safe	17.6	17.6	18.1	13.3	17.9	18.3	19.3	17.5	15.0	18.6	18.2
Neither safe nor unsafe	9.0	9.1	8.8	6.4	8.3	11.2	9.6	8.0	8.2	8.0	12.0
Somewhat unsafe	8.5	8.4	8.5	5.3	8.5	8.7	10.4	10.5	8.3	7.9	8.4
Unsafe	13.1	13.4	12.4	6.1	11.4	12.6	19.5	17.2	14.9	11.9	11.2
Safety in jail compared to streets											
Jail safer	20.9%	22.5%	18.7%	22.3%	21.4%	21.8%	18.8%	19.8%	18.8%	22.4%	20.6%
Streets safer	43.3	41.5	45.8	34.1	42.5	45.0	48.2	46.3	42.5	40.6	46.5
About the same	35.8	35.9	35.5	43.7	36.1	33.2	32.9	34.0	38.7	37.0	32.8
Number of jail inmates	502,105	299,247	193,669	85,244	157,654	114,069	145,138	76,297	95,931	206,772	123,105

*A correctional officer is stationed in the living unit 24 hours per day.

Table 4.26. Activities of jail inmates, by sex, race/Hispanic origin, and age, 1996

Activity in jail	Percent of jail inmates									
	Total	Male	Female	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Other	24 or younger	25-34	35 or older
In the 24 hours before the interview X										
Watching TV										
Watched TV	73.8%	74.5%	67.9%	73.2%	75.7%	71.2%	73.2%	74.5%	73.4%	73.6%
Did not watch available television	17.7	17.0	24.1	18.8	15.2	20.8	18.7	15.6	18.2	19.3
Television not available to watch	8.5	8.5	8.0	8.0	9.1	7.9	8.0	9.9	8.4	7.1
Reading										
Read	68.0%	67.7%	70.1%	72.9%	65.2%	63.7%	69.9%	65.3%	69.1%	69.2%
Did not read available material	17.4	17.3	18.3	17.6	15.2	21.5	19.2	19.7	16.2	16.6
Reading material not available	14.7	15.0	11.7	9.5	19.6	14.8	10.9	15.0	14.7	14.2
Physical exercise										
Participated	43.5%	45.5%	25.5%	39.9%	44.4%	49.0%	41.6%	51.5%	43.7%	35.4%
Games, arts and crafts, and other recreation										
Participated	55.4%	56.3%	47.2%	53.7%	56.4%	55.2%	61.7%	65.3%	54.1%	47.2%
In the week before the interview —										
Work assignment										
Any	26.4%	26.4%	26.4%	28.0%	24.8%	27.1%	23.3%	21.8%	26.2%	31.1%
General janitorial	9.4	9.1	12.0	9.4	9.5	8.9	11.2	7.1	8.8	12.3
Food preparation	9.4	9.6	7.5	8.9	9.1	11.6	5.4	8.4	10.3	9.3
Maintenance, repair or construction	3.5	3.8	0.5	5.2	2.4	2.3	3.6	2.0	3.7	4.6
Grounds and road maintenance	2.8	3.1	0.5	3.3	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.3	2.9	3.1
Laundry	2.1	1.9	4.3	2.7	1.9	1.0	3.3	1.4	2.3	2.6
Services like library, barbershop, or office	2.7	2.5	4.3	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.1	1.8	2.6	3.7
Goods production	0.7	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.3	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.5
Other	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.5	0.7	1.0	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.3
Visits from family/friends										
Visits in past week	42.1%	42.0%	43.4%	42.9%	41.3%	41.9%	46.4%	52.3%	41.3%	33.2%
None	21.9	22.4	18.2	21.9	23.1	21.0	12.6	21.1	22.0	22.7
None since admission	35.9	35.7	38.3	35.3	35.6	37.1	41.1	26.6	36.8	44.0
Telephone calls with family/friends										
Calls in past week	76.9%	76.4%	82.0%	77.6%	78.3%	73.0%	73.2%	82.5%	76.9%	71.5%
None	19.7	20.1	16.0	19.7	18.9	20.7	23.3	14.3	19.2	25.4
None allowed	3.4	3.5	2.0	2.6	2.8	6.2	3.5	3.2	3.8	3.1
Religious activities										
Participated	54.9%	53.4%	67.3%	49.6%	62.1%	50.4%	50.7%	53.6%	54.7%	56.3%
Number of jail inmates	501,500	450,816	50,684	187,273	204,018	92,104	17,715	155,071	187,053	159,376

Table 4.27. Illegal activities of friends while growing up, by family background characteristics of jail inmates, 1996

Illegal activities of friends while growing up	Percent of jail inmates												
	Total	Grew up living withX			Parents abused alcohol or drugs			Family received any welfare		Ever lived in foster home, institution, or agency		Family member ever incarcerated	
		Both parents	One or no parent	Neither	Alcohol	Drugs	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Any*	59.3%	54.4%	62.6%	52.6%	73.7%	83.4%	67.7%	54.2%	73.5%	57.1%	68.4%	51.7%	
Using drugs	47.3%	44.5%	49.2%	40.0%	63.2%	73.7%	53.1%	43.7%	62.2%	45.0%	54.2%	41.5%	
Having fights with other groups	30.1	25.3	33.2	25.7	39.4	48.0	37.0	25.8	42.9	28.1	35.4	25.6	
Shoplifting	23.5	20.6	25.4	17.8	36.1	42.7	29.6	19.7	38.5	21.2	29.3	18.7	
Drug trafficking	22.2	10.1	24.2	17.5	32.1	45.0	26.8	19.3	32.2	20.6	28.4	17.0	
Destroying property	19.6	19.4	19.7	15.0	29.5	37.1	23.6	17.1	30.7	17.8	23.4	16.4	
Selling stolen property	18.0	15.3	19.8	14.0	26.3	37.2	23.8	14.3	29.6	16.2	23.1	13.9	
Stealing motor vehicles or parts	17.1	14.1	19.0	13.2	25.3	34.1	21.3	14.4	27.6	15.4	21.6	13.3	
Breaking into homes, buildings	16.0	13.0	18.0	11.8	18.2	34.3	21.0	12.9	29.6	13.9	20.4	12.4	
Mugging, robbing, or extorting	8.5	6.4	10.0	6.9	11.9	19.3	12.9	5.8	13.8	7.7	11.0	6.6	
Other illegal activity	2.3	2.0	2.5	1.8	3.4	5.0	2.5	2.2	5.0	1.9	2.9	1.8	
Number of inmates	502,150	198,686	303,060	342,683	149,745	40,761	193,633	306,641	68,262	433,750	227,762.	271,459	

*Detail may not add to total because more than one response was possible.

Appendix table 4.1. Standard errors for selected characteristics of jail inmates, by conviction status, 1996

Characteristic	Standard errors of the estimates for X		
	Total	Convicted	Unconvicted
Sex			
Male/female	0.33	0.35	0.64
Race/Hispanic origin			
White non-Hispanic	1.27	1.45	1.45
Black non-Hispanic	1.28	1.41	1.61
Hispanic	0.75	0.88	1.14
Other	0.44	0.42	0.70
Age			
17 or younger	0.35	0.27	0.68
18-24	0.67	0.85	1.17
25-34	0.70	0.84	1.23
35-44	0.61	0.77	1.12
45-54	0.37	0.45	0.69
55 or older	0.18	0.22	0.29
Marital status			
Married	0.55	0.66	0.92
Widowed	0.16	0.18	0.35
Divorced	0.57	0.73	0.88
Separated	0.41	0.50	0.76
Never married	0.77	0.96	1.29
Education			
8th grade or less	0.54	0.64	0.94
Some high school	0.74	0.89	1.33
High school graduate	0.78	0.93	1.29
Some college or more	0.54	0.67	0.91
Military service			
Veterans/nonveterans	0.50	0.64	0.89
U.S. citizenship			
Citizen/noncitizen	0.46	0.51	0.88

Note: The reliability of an estimated percentage depends on the size of the percentage and its base. Each standard error when multiplied by 1.96 provides a 95-percent confidence interval around an estimated percentage. To calculate the standard error of the difference between two estimated percentages, take the square root of the sum of each squared standard error for the percentages being compared.

Appendix table 4.2. Standard errors for the most serious offense of jail inmates, by conviction status, sex, race/Hispanic origin, and age, 1996

Most serious offense	Standard error of the estimate for X								
	Total	Convicted	Unconvicted	Male	Female	White		Hispanic	Other
						non-Hispanic	non-Hispanic		
Violent offenses	0.77	0.88	1.40	0.85	0.94	1.22	1.16	1.51	3.41
Murder	0.27	0.19	0.64	0.30	0.27	0.35	0.51	0.54	0.57
Negligent manslaughter	0.09	0.10	0.21	0.10	0.06	0.15	0.18	0.12	0.13
Kidnaping	0.11	0.14	0.19	0.12	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.33	0.17
Rape	0.11	0.13	0.23	0.13	0.00	0.23	0.14	0.18	0.83
Other sexual assault	0.26	0.33	0.50	0.29	0.05	0.50	0.35	0.51	1.05
Robbery	0.40	0.45	0.77	0.44	0.46	0.52	0.72	0.78	2.13
Assault	0.48	0.55	0.99	0.53	0.74	0.77	0.76	1.12	2.67
Other violent	0.18	0.21	0.36	0.20	0.36	0.34	0.19	0.34	1.56
Property offenses	0.71	0.90	1.17	0.77	1.55	1.15	1.05	1.48	4.20
Burglary	0.42	0.53	0.71	0.46	0.49	0.77	0.57	0.89	1.84
Larceny/theft	0.42	0.57	0.59	0.45	1.25	0.70	0.64	0.73	2.02
Motor vehicle theft	0.24	0.28	0.46	0.27	0.30	0.36	0.37	0.60	1.89
Arson	0.09	0.09	0.18	0.10	0.18	0.21	0.11	0.03	0.00
Fraud	0.32	0.38	0.53	0.34	0.88	0.61	0.46	0.45	2.06
Stolen property	0.22	0.29	0.37	0.24	0.23	0.36	0.34	0.52	1.25
Other property	0.21	0.25	0.37	0.23	0.26	0.35	0.27	0.57	0.93
Drug offenses	0.66	0.81	1.11	0.70	1.28	0.82	1.14	1.67	2.70
Possession	0.50	0.65	0.80	0.54	0.93	0.65	0.85	1.20	2.18
Trafficking	0.45	0.54	0.83	0.49	0.92	0.53	0.81	1.27	1.61
Other/unspecified	0.17	0.23	0.23	0.18	0.40	0.30	0.28	0.31	0.28
Public-order offenses	0.77	0.98	1.01	0.81	1.40	1.18	0.87	1.74	4.15
Weapons	0.22	0.28	0.37	0.24	0.19	0.27	0.38	0.53	1.12
Obstruction of justice	0.32	0.33	0.52	0.34	0.62	0.56	0.49	0.54	1.84
Traffic	0.27	0.39	0.32	0.30	0.35	0.49	0.31	0.68	1.75
Driving while intoxicated	0.51	0.70	0.51	0.54	0.80	1.01	0.32	1.22	2.29
Drunkenness/morals	0.21	0.24	0.41	0.22	0.66	0.30	0.30	0.55	1.67
Violation of parole/probation	0.26	0.34	0.32	0.28	0.41	0.46	0.30	0.66	1.31
Other public-order	0.23	0.25	0.39	0.23	0.92	0.32	0.28	0.66	2.88
Other offenses	0.10	0.10	0.18	0.10	0.54	0.21	0.14	0.17	
	19 or younger	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 or older		
Violent offenses	2.78	1.44	1.68	1.52	1.68	2.16	2.44		
Murder	1.48	0.66	0.45	0.40	0.51	0.70	0.74		
Negligent manslaughter	0.32	0.21	0.15	0.12	0.22	0.20	0.74		
Kidnaping	0.27	0.26	0.31	0.19	0.34	0.27	0.45		
Rape	0.35	0.23	0.18	0.36	0.14	0.46	0.43		
Other sexual assault	0.92	0.50	0.60	0.46	0.67	1.08	1.21		
Robbery	1.75	0.87	0.93	0.73	0.83	1.06	0.96		
Assault	1.80	0.91	1.12	1.10	1.16	1.60	1.81		
Other violent	0.52	0.45	0.46	0.35	0.36	0.63	0.40		
Property offenses	2.29	1.56	1.52	1.52	1.66	2.01	2.17		
Burglary	1.30	0.95	0.96	0.96	0.95	0.98	0.91		
Larceny/theft	1.27	0.81	0.99	0.86	1.11	1.30	1.48		
Motor vehicle theft	1.15	0.56	0.60	0.35	0.57	0.32	0.89		
Arson	0.18	0.27	0.19	0.14	0.20	0.07	0.37		
Fraud	0.88	0.70	0.61	0.71	0.71	1.07	1.42		
Stolen property	0.68	0.63	0.46	0.57	0.56	0.45	0.39		
Other property	0.61	0.60	0.40	0.39	0.41	0.76	0.44		
Drug offenses	1.74	1.38	1.43	1.51	1.72	2.16	1.98		
Possession	1.21	1.03	1.16	1.16	1.36	1.75	1.33		
Trafficking	1.27	0.96	0.93	1.00	1.10	1.49	1.41		
Other/unspecified	0.10	0.36	0.34	0.55	0.51	0.31	0.58		
Public-order offenses	1.70	1.34	1.45	1.53	1.99	2.34	2.46		
Weapons	0.83	0.60	0.40	0.36	0.55	0.65	0.65		
Obstruction of justice	0.92	0.78	0.70	0.71	0.75	1.00	1.20		
Traffic	0.49	0.52	0.64	0.71	0.71	0.78	1.04		
Driving while intoxicated	0.26	0.61	0.89	0.96	1.58	1.57	1.86		
Drunkenness/morals	0.66	0.30	0.42	0.51	0.52	0.97	0.81		
Violation of parole/probation	1.09	0.54	0.43	0.64	0.59	0.81	0.94		
Other public-order	0.33	0.42	0.48	0.52	0.58	1.01	0.75		
Other offenses	0.34	0.40	0.20	0.18	0.04	0.11	0.24		

Note: See note on appendix table 4.1.

Appendix table 4.3. Standard errors of sex, race/Hispanic origin, and age of jail inmates, by the most serious offense, 1996

Most serious offense	Male or female	Race and Hispanic origin of jail inmates			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Violent offenses	0.42	1.60	1.73	1.16	0.68
Homicide	0.92	4.14	4.76	3.02	0.62
Sexual assault	0.15	4.36	4.01	2.86	1.50
Robbery	0.78	2.60	3.07	2.13	1.13
Assault	0.69	2.20	2.33	1.77	0.89
Other violent	2.34	5.64	4.74	4.63	3.31
Property offenses	0.76	1.89	1.88	1.12	0.58
Burglary	0.67	2.76	2.71	2.05	0.93
Larceny/theft	1.83	3.05	2.95	1.66	0.86
Motor vehicle theft	1.19	4.25	4.59	3.84	2.39
Fraud	2.30	3.96	3.74	1.79	1.48
Stolen property	1.14	5.14	5.27	4.19	1.96
Other property	1.71	5.45	5.00	4.86	1.63
Drug offenses	0.70	1.52	1.79	1.48	0.42
Possession	0.87	1.97	2.36	1.91	0.64
Trafficking	1.14	2.24	2.71	2.29	0.60
Other/unspecified	3.51	6.42	6.43	4.05	0.70
Public-order offenses	0.64	1.99	1.68	1.51	0.97
Weapons	0.92	3.98	4.69	3.90	1.63
Obstruction of justice	1.37	3.54	3.58	2.06	1.37
Traffic	1.17	4.52	3.62	3.52	2.04
Driving while intoxicated	1.01	3.24	1.77	2.85	1.06
Drunkenness/morals	3.52	4.59	4.79	4.35	2.72
Violation of parole/probation	1.85	5.07	4.28	4.39	2.09
Other public-order	4.20	5.28	5.00	5.41	5.08
Other offenses	9.55	10.45	9.92	6.02	

	Age of jail inmates						
	19 or young	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 or older
Violent offenses	1.38	1.19	1.18	1.11	1.01	0.82	0.83
Homicide	4.47	4.03	2.63	2.34	2.51	2.02	2.52
Sexual assault	3.23	3.24	3.42	3.08	3.09	3.01	3.03
Robbery	2.80	2.49	2.39	1.99	1.85	1.43	1.14
Assault	1.59	1.58	1.67	1.72	1.49	1.24	1.25
Other violent	3.27	4.88	4.95	4.03	3.67	3.29	2.49
Property offenses	0.97	1.30	1.08	1.06	0.96	0.69	0.71
Burglary	1.83	2.34	2.14	2.04	1.77	1.14	0.92
Larceny/theft	1.62	1.98	2.06	1.98	1.92	1.42	1.44
Motor vehicle theft	4.13	3.92	3.76	2.45	3.07	1.10	2.64
Fraud	1.97	2.88	2.42	2.59	2.21	2.06	2.29
Stolen property	3.23	4.99	3.72	4.58	3.65	1.90	1.42
Other property	3.23	5.46	3.78	3.69	3.27	3.29	2.19
Drug offenses	0.82	1.27	1.20	1.33	1.20	0.96	0.72
Possession	1.09	1.73	1.70	1.82	1.71	1.39	0.91
Trafficking	1.40	1.95	1.78	1.91	1.74	1.42	1.18
Other/unspecified	0.76	4.97	4.34	6.40	5.14	2.05	3.25
Public-order offenses	0.76	1.18	1.06	1.17	1.17	0.98	0.92
Weapons	3.56	4.35	3.06	2.86	3.37	2.46	2.18
Obstruction of justice	1.96	2.93	2.53	2.54	2.16	1.81	1.93
Traffic	1.64	3.14	3.24	3.59	3.08	2.16	2.47
Driving while intoxicated	0.38	1.60	1.95	2.18	2.56	1.92	1.99
Drunkenness/morals	3.29	2.80	3.55	4.09	3.45	3.94	2.95
Violation of parole/probation	4.14	3.90	2.97	4.25	3.17	2.69	2.76
Other public-order	1.64	3.82	4.01	4.14	3.91	3.92	2.73
Other offenses	6.98	10.8	7.13	6.51	1.05	1.99	3.77

Note: The reliability of an estimated percentage depends on the size of the percentage and its base. Each standard error when multiplied by 1.96 provides a 95-percent confidence interval around an estimated percentage. To calculate the standard error of the difference between two estimated percentages, take the square root of the sum of each squared standard error for the percentages being compared.

Appendix table 4.4. Generalized standard errors of the estimated percentages, of all jail inmates, 1989

Base of the estimate	Estimated percentage					
	98 or 2	95 or 5	90 or 10	80 or 20	70 or 30	50
1,000	4.4	6.9	9.5	12.7	14.6	15.9
5,000	2.0	3.1	4.3	5.7	6.5	7.1
10,000	1.4	2.2	3.0	4.0	4.6	5.0
25,000	0.9	1.4	1.9	2.5	2.9	3.2
50,000	0.6	1.0	1.3	1.8	2.1	2.2
100,000	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.6
200,000	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.1
395,553	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8

Note: The reliability of an estimated percentage depends on the size of the percentage and its base. Each standard error when multiplied by 1.96 provides a 95-percent confidence interval around an estimated percentage. To calculate the standard error of the difference between two estimated percentages, take the square root of the sum of each squared standard error for the percentages being compared.

Methodology

The 1996 Survey of Inmates in Local Jails was conducted for BJS by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Similar surveys of jail inmates were conducted in 1972, 1978, 1983, and 1989. From October 1995 through March 1996 Census interviewers collected data on individual characteristics of jail inmates, current offenses, sentences and time served, criminal histories, jail activities, conditions and programs, prior drug and alcohol use and treatment, and health care services provided while in jail.

The interviews, about an hour long, used computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI). With CAPI, computers provide the interviewer questions, including followup questions tailored to preceding answers. Before the interview inmates were told verbally and in writing that participation was voluntary and that that all information provided would be held in confidence. Participants were assured that the survey was solely for statistical purposes and that no individual could be identified through use of survey results.

Sample design

The sample for the 1996 survey was selected from a universe of 3,328 jails that were enumerated in the 1993 Census of Jails or opened after the Census but before the spring of 1996. The sample design was a stratified two-stage selection. In the first stage six separate strata were formed based on the size of the male and female populations. In two strata all jails were selected – those jails housing only females and those with more than 1,000 males or more than 50 females or both. In the remaining four strata a systematic sample of jails was selected.

Each jail within a stratum had an equal probability of selection. Equal probabilities were used instead of probability proportional to size because jail populations were likely to change between 1993 and 1995. Overall, 462 jails were selected. Interviews were conducted in 431 jails; 19 refused, 8 were closed, and 4 were on the universe list in error.

In the second sampling stage, interviewers visited each selected facility and systematically selected a sample of male and female inmates using predetermined procedures. As a result, approximately 1 in every 100 males were selected in 4 strata and 1 in 83 in the other stratum of males. Depending on the stratum, 1 in 50, 25, 24, or 21 females were selected. A total of 6,133 inmates were interviewed, and 738 refused to participate, for a second stage nonresponse of 10.8%. The total nonresponse from both stages was 13.7%.

Based on the completed interviews, estimates for the entire population were developed using weighting factors derived from the original probability of selection in the sample. These factors were adjusted for variable rates of nonresponse across strata and inmate characteristics. Further adjustments were made to control the survey estimates to counts of jail inmates obtained from the 1993 Census of Jails and the 1995 Annual Survey of Jails.

Accuracy of the survey estimates

The accuracy of the estimates from the 1996 Survey of Inmates in Local Jails depends on two types of error: sampling and measurement. Sampling error is variation that may occur by chance because a sample rather than a complete enumeration of the population was conducted. Measurement error can be attributed to many sources, such as nonresponse, differences in the interpretation of questions among inmates, recall difficulties, and processing errors. In any survey the full extent of the measurement error is never known.

The sampling error, as measured by an estimated standard error, varies by the size of the estimate and the size of the base population. Estimates of the standard errors for selected characteristics have been calculated for the 1996 and 1989 surveys of jail inmates (see appendix tables). These standard errors may be used to construct confidence intervals around percentages. For example, the 95-percent confidence interval around the percent of inmates in 1996 who were in jail

for a violent offense is approximately 26.3% plus or minus 1.96 times 0.77% (or 24.8% to 27.8%).

These standard errors may also be used to test the statistical significance of the difference between two sample statistics by pooling the standard errors of the two sample estimates. For example, the standard error of the difference in the percent in jail for violent offenses in 1996 compared to 1989 would be 1.03 (or the square root of the sum of the squared standard errors in each year). The 95% confidence interval around the difference would be 1.96 times 1.03% (or 2.01%). Since the observed difference of 3.8% (26.3% minus 22.5%) is greater than 2.01%, the difference would be considered statistically significant.