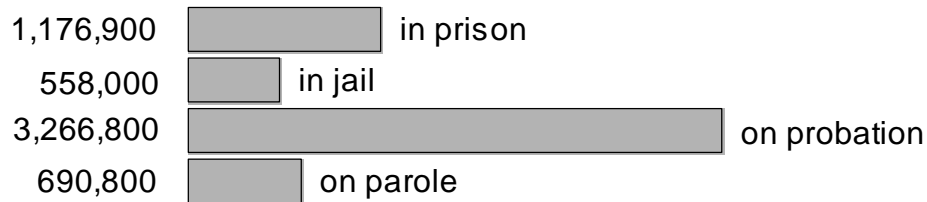




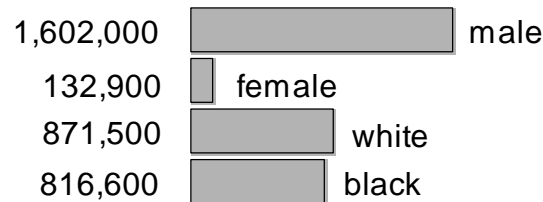
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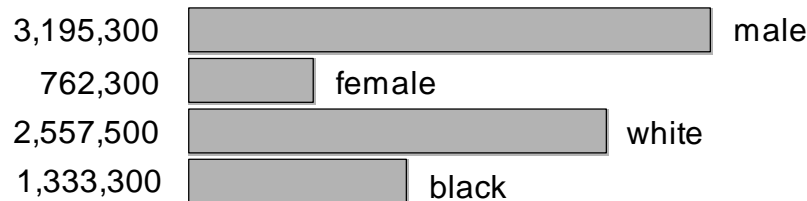
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**Table 4.1. Selected characteristics of State and Federal prison inmates, 1997 and 1991**

Characteristic	Percent of prison inmates			
	State inmates		Federal inmates	
	1997	1991	1997	1991
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	93.7%	94.6%	92.8%	92.2%
Female	6.3	5.4	7.2	7.8
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>				
White non-Hispanic	33.3%	35.4%	29.9%	38.4%
Black non-Hispanic	46.5	45.6	37.8	29.9
Hispanic	17.0	16.6	27.3	28.0
Other*	3.2	2.4	5.0	3.8
<b>Age</b>				
17 or younger	0.5%	0.6%	0%	0%
18-24	19.3	21.3	8.9	9.3
25-34	38.1	45.7	36.6	36.0
35-44	29.4	22.7	30.6	32.9
45-54	9.8	6.5	16.3	15.0
55-64	2.2	2.4	6.2	5.7
65 or older	0.7	0.7	1.4	1.1
Median age	32 yrs	30 yrs	36 yrs	36 yrs
<b>Marital status</b>				
Married	16.6%	18.2%	30.4%	37.9%
Widowed	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.8
Separated	5.8	6.2	5.8	6.7
Divorced	18.6	18.5	20.5	21.0
Never married	57.1	55.3	41.6	32.6
<b>Educational attainment</b>				
8th grade or less	14.2%	14.3%	12.0%	11.0%
Some high school	28.9	26.9	17.4	12.3
GED	25.1	24.6	19.8	22.6
High school graduate	18.5	19.4	24.3	22.4
Some college	10.7	12.2	17.5	21.3
College graduate or more	2.7	2.7	9.1	10.4
Median education	12 yrs	12 yrs	12 yrs	12 yrs
<b>Military service</b>				
Veterans	12.5%	16.3%	14.5%	19.9%
Non-veterans	87.5	83.7	85.5	80.1
<b>U.S. citizenship</b>				
Citizen	95.0%	95.6%	81.7%	81.6%
Other countries	5.0	4.4	18.3	18.4
Mexico	2.9	2.1	9.0	4.1
Central or South America	1.6	0.6	7.7	6.3
Other	0.5	1.7	1.5	8.0
Number of prison inmates	1,059,607	704,203	89,072	54,006

Note: In 1997 State inmate data were missing for marital status on 0.2% of the inmates; for education, 0.4%; for military service, 0.1%; and for citizenship, 0.1%. In 1997 Federal inmate data were missing for marital status on 0.2% of the inmates; for education, 0.4%; for military service, 0.1%; and for citizenship, 0.2%. State inmate data for 1991 and Federal inmate data for both 1991 and 1997 include sentenced inmates only.

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

**Table 4.2. Selected characteristics of State and Federal prison inmates, by gender, 1997 and 1991**

Characteristic	Percent of prison inmates							
	1997				1991			
	State inmates		Federal inmates		State inmates		Federal inmates	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>								
White non-Hispanic	33.3%	33.2%	29.9%	29.1%	35.4%	36.2%	39.2%	29.0%
Black non-Hispanic	46.4	47.7	38.1	34.5	45.5	46.0	29.2	38.6
Hispanic	17.1	15.4	27.0	32.2	16.8	14.2	27.8	29.5
Other*	3.2	3.7	5.0	4.2	2.3	3.6	3.8	2.9
<b>Age</b>								
17 or younger	0.6%	0.6%	0%	0%	0.7%	0.1%	0%	0%
18-24	19.8	10.9	8.9	8.6	21.6	16.3	9.1	11.3
25-29	18.8	17.8	18.5	15.6	24.1	26.1	16.2	19.5
30-34	19.0	25.7	18.2	19.8	21.3	24.2	19.5	20.7
35-39	17.3	22.4	15.7	16.5	14.0	16.6	17.5	19.4
40-44	11.8	11.8	14.8	15.5	8.6	8.9	15.5	11.9
45-49	6.2	6.5	9.8	12.5	4.4	4.0	9.4	8.4
50-54	3.6	2.5	6.3	5.7	2.2	2.1	5.9	3.8
55-59	1.5	1.2	4.6	3.1	1.5	0.9	3.8	3.2
60-64	0.7	0.4	1.7	1.6	1.0	0.4	2.0	1.1
65 or older	0.7	0.3	1.4	1.1	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.7
<b>Marital status</b>								
Married	16.6%	17.3%	30.4%	29.5%	18.1%	17.3%	38.7%	28.8%
Widowed	1.6	5.8	1.4	6.0	1.6	5.9	1.4	5.7
Separated	18.5	19.9	20.4	21.1	18.4	19.1	20.9	22.5
Divorced	5.6	9.8	5.5	10.0	5.9	12.5	6.3	10.6
Never married	57.8	47.1	42.2	33.5	55.9	45.1	32.6	32.3
<b>Educational attainment</b>								
8th grade or less	14.0%	13.2%	11.7%	11.1%	14.4%	12.1%	11.0%	12.0%
Some high school	25.4	28.3	14.6	13.8	26.7	29.5	12.0	15.3
GED	29.0	22.4	24.3	26.3	24.7	20.2	22.6	19.6
High school graduate	18.5	19.3	22.9	20.0	19.5	20.2	22.6	23.0
Any college	13.2	16.8	26.5	28.9	14.7	18.0	31.8	30.1
<b>Military service</b>								
Veterans	13.3%	1.6%	15.5%	2.2%	17.2%	1.9%	21.7%	1.4%
Non-veterans	86.7	98.4	84.5	97.8	82.8	98.1	78.3	98.6
Number of prison inmates	993,364	66,242	82,646	6,426	672,847	38,796	49,784	4,222

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

**Table 4.3. Current offense of State and Federal prison inmates, 1997 and 1991**

Current offense	Percent of prison inmates			
	State inmates		Federal inmates	
	1997	1991	1997	1991
<b>Violent offenses</b>	47.2%	46.6%	14.8%	17.3%
Murder <sup>a</sup>	11.7	10.6	1.5	1.9
Negligent manslaughter	1.6	1.8	0.1	0.3
Kidnaping	1.2	1.2	0.6	1.0
Rape	2.6	3.5	0.2	0.3
Other sexual assault	6.0	5.9	0.6	0.4
Robbery	14.1	14.8	10.0	11.2
Assault	9.4	8.2	1.3	1.5
Other violent <sup>b</sup>	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6
<b>Property offenses</b>	22.0%	24.8%	6.8%	10.2%
Burglary	10.7	12.4	0.3	0.7
Larceny/theft	4.2	4.9	0.5	0.9
Motor vehicle theft	1.8	2.2	0.2	0.5
Arson	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.3
Fraud <sup>c</sup>	2.7	2.8	4.9	6.9
Stolen property	1.6	1.4	0.5	0.8
Other property <sup>d</sup>	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1
<b>Drug offenses</b>	20.7%	21.3%	62.6%	57.9%
Possession	8.8	7.6	11.5	13.6
Trafficking	11.3	13.3	45.5	42.9
Other/unspecified	0.6	0.5	5.6	1.4
<b>Public-order offense</b>	9.9%	6.9%	14.8%	12.4%
Weapons <sup>e</sup>	2.4	1.8	6.8	5.7
Violation of probation/parole <sup>f</sup>	3.1	1.6	0.8	0.8
Other public-order <sup>g</sup>	4.3	3.4	7.2	5.9
<b>Other<sup>h</sup></b>	0.2%	0.4%	1.1%	2.2%
Number of prison inmates	1,046,705	704,181	88,018	53,689

Note: Current offense data were available for 98.8% of State prison inmates and 98.8% of Federal prison inmates. Detail may not add to totals because of rounding. Data for Federal prison inmates include sentenced only.

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

<sup>b</sup>Includes blackmail, extortion, hit-and-run driving with bodily injury, child abuse, and criminal endangerment.

<sup>c</sup>Includes Federal offenses of embezzlement, fraud, forgery, and counterfeiting.

<sup>d</sup>Includes destruction of property, vandalism, hit-and-run driving without bodily injury, trespassing, and possession of burglary tools.

<sup>e</sup>Includes Federal firearm and explosives violations.

<sup>f</sup>Includes escape, AWOL, flight to avoid prosecution.

<sup>g</sup>Includes obstruction of justice, traffic, driving while intoxicated, driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, drunkenness, vagrancy, disorderly conduct, unlawful assembly, morals, commercialized vice, rioting, abandonment, nonsupport, immigration violations, invasion of privacy, liquor law violations, tax evasion, bribery, and Federal regulatory and common criminal enterprise offenses, tax law violations, racketeering, and extortion.

<sup>h</sup>Includes juvenile offenses and unspecified offenses.

**Table 4.4. Current offense of State and Federal prison inmates, by gender and race/Hispanic origin, 1997**

Current offense	Percent of State prison inmates						Percent of Federal prison inmates					
	Male	Female	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	Male	Female	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
<b>Violent offenses</b>	48.5%	28.2%	47.0%	48.3%	43.5%	54.2%	15.4%	6.7%	18.6%	15.3%	6.8%	32.8%
Murder	11.9	8.5	11.2	12.5	10.7	10.4	1.5	0.8	1.2	1.3	0.9	7.1
Negligent manslaughter	1.5	2.6	1.7	1.4	1.8	2.5	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	0	0.5
Kidnaping	1.2	0.6	1.5	0.9	1.2	1.2	0.6	0.3	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.5
Rape	2.7	0.4	3.5	2.3	1.2	4.4	0.3	0	0.1	0.2	0.1	2.0
Other sexual assault	6.3	0.9	10.6	3.1	4.4	7.7	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.1	0	9.5
Robbery	14.6	7.2	8.8	18.5	12.9	13.4	10.5	3.4	13.7	11.7	4.5	4.5
Assault	9.5	6.8	8.7	9.0	10.8	13.4	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.3	0.8	6.4
Other violent	0.7	1.3	1.1	0.6	0.6	1.2	0.6	0.8	1.2	0.3	0.2	2.3
<b>Property offenses</b>	21.7%	26.6%	28.3%	19.1%	18.4%	18.2%	6.4%	12.2%	13.0%	4.3%	2.6%	11.4%
Burglary	11.1	5.0	13.6	9.4	8.9	8.7	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	0
Larceny/theft	3.9	8.6	4.8	4.1	3.4	4.4	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.1	0.7
Motor vehicle theft	1.9	1.1	2.1	1.4	2.5	1.3	0.3	0	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3
Arson	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.7
Fraud	2.2	10.1	4.2	2.1	1.5	1.6	4.4	10.4	10.0	2.7	1.5	8.9
Stolen property	1.6	1.1	2.1	1.3	1.5	1.5	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3
Other property	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0	0.4
<b>Drug offenses</b>	19.7%	34.4%	11.8%	25.0%	27.4%	13.8%	61.9%	71.7%	49.4%	67.2%	74.0%	42.7%
Possession	8.4	14.6	5.6	10.3	11.4	6.1	11.6	10.1	6.1	10.5	19.5	6.8
Trafficking	10.8	18.5	5.7	13.9	15.6	7.4	44.5	58.1	39.7	50.3	47.8	30.7
Other/unspecified	0.5	1.3	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.3	5.8	3.5	3.6	6.4	6.8	5.1
<b>Public-order offense</b>	9.8%	10.5%	12.8%	7.4%	10.3%	13.2%	15.4%	7.8%	18.0%	12.2%	15.5%	10.8%
Weapons	2.5	1.0	2.0	2.7	2.6	3.7	7.3	1.3	8.8	8.1	3.0	6.8
Violation of probation/parole	3.0	4.8	3.3	2.8	3.3	4.2	0.8	0.5	8.6	3.3	11.7	3.2
Other public-order	4.3	4.7	7.5	2.0	4.5	5.3	7.3	5.9	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.8
<b>Other</b>	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	0.3%	0.3%	0.6%	1.0%	1.7%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	2.3%
Number of prison inmates	980,971	65,735	346,733	488,210	178,657	33,106	81,623	6,396	26,345	33,264	24,153	4,256

Note: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.



**Table 4.5. Current offense of State and Federal prison inmates, by age, 1997**

Current offense	Percent of State prison inmates					Percent of Federal prison inmates				
	24 or younger	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 or older	24 or younger	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 or younger
<b>Violent offenses</b>	53.1%	42.8%	45.3%	54.1%	61.4%	17.8%	13.3%	15.0%	15.9%	15.0%
Murder	11.1	9.6	11.5	17.9	23.8	1.9	1.6	0.9	1.9	1.5
Negligent manslaughter	1.8	1.6	1.2	2.2	2.4	0.3	0.1	0	0.0	0
Kidnaping	0.9	0.9	1.5	1.5	1.4	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.9
Rape	1.0	2.0	3.5	4.7	3.7	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.5
Other sexual assault	2.5	4.9	7.3	9.5	18.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.8	1.3
Robbery	21.2	14.0	12.2	9.1	4.2	12.2	9.1	10.6	10.2	8.3
Assault	13.5	9.1	7.6	8.3	6.3	1.7	1.1	1.5	1.5	0.6
Other violent	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.9	1.5	1.0	0.3	0.6	0.6	1.9
<b>Property offenses</b>	20.8%	24.4%	22.6%	16.1%	12.6%	3.8%	5.4%	6.6%	10.2%	10.0%
Burglary	11.2	12.0	10.8	6.2	3.5	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.2
Larceny/theft	2.9	4.5	4.7	4.3	3.6	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.2
Motor vehicle theft	2.9	2.0	1.4	0.9	0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.6	0
Arson	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7	1.2	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.3	0
Fraud	1.7	3.0	3.0	2.5	3.3	1.5	3.1	5.0	8.4	9.2
Stolen property	1.2	2.0	1.6	1.2	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.4
Other property	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0
<b>Drug offenses</b>	17.9%	22.2%	21.2%	19.9%	16.3%	62.6%	65.1%	62.8%	57.2%	60.8%
Possession	7.8	9.5	9.1	8.3	6.7	10.7	12.1	12.1	8.2	14.1
Trafficking	9.8	12.1	11.6	10.6	9.4	49.5	47.8	43.8	42.8	42.1
Other/unspecified	0.3	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.3	2.4	5.2	6.8	6.3	4.6
<b>Public-order offense</b>	7.9%	10.3%	10.7%	10.0%	9.3%	14.7%	15.1%	14.4%	15.7%	13.1%
Weapons	3.6	2.7	2.0	1.2	0.8	8.6	7.1	6.7	6.8	4.1
Violation of probation/parole	2.7	3.5	3.3	2.4	1.1	0.0	0.9	0.8	1.1	0.3
Other public-order	1.6	4.2	5.4	6.4	7.4	6.1	7.1	6.9	7.8	8.7
<b>Other</b>	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	1.0%	1.1%
Number of prison inmates	207,639	399,543	307,874	101,348	30,301	7,831	32,207	26,921	14,377	6,682

Note: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

**Table 4.6. Current offense of State and Federal prison inmates, by gender and race/Hispanic origin, 1997**

Current offense	Percent of State prison inmates						Percent of Federal prison inmates					
	Male			Female			Male			Female		
	White	Black	Hispanic	White	Black	Hispanic	White	Black	Hispanic	White	Black	Hispanic
<b>Violent offenses</b>	48.2%	49.6%	44.7%	29.6%	28.5%	23.4%	19.2%	15.9%	7.3%	10.9%	6.5%	2.1%
Murder	11.3	12.8	11.0	10.8	7.4	6.0	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.2	0.2
Negligent manslaughter	1.6	1.3	1.8	3.3	2.6	0.9	0.1	0	0	0.2	0.5	0
Kidnaping	1.5	0.9	1.2	0.4	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0
Rape	3.7	2.4	1.2	0.9	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0	0	0
Other sexual assault	11.2	3.3	4.6	1.7	0.2	0.9	0.3	0.1	0	0.2	0	0
Robbery	9.0	19.1	13.2	5.6	8.5	7.3	14.3	12.3	4.7	5.8	3.1	1.7
Assault	8.9	9.1	11.1	4.8	8.1	6.8	1.0	1.3	0.9	1.3	1.0	0
Other violent	1.0	0.5	0.7	1.9	1.1	0.4	1.1	0.3	0.2	2.2	0.4	0.2
<b>Property offenses</b>	27.9%	18.7%	18.3%	34.1%	23.9%	20.2%	12.2%	3.9%	2.6%	23.1%	10.1%	3.0%
Burglary	14.1	9.7	9.2	6.2	4.6	4.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0	0
Larceny/theft	4.6	3.7	3.2	8.0	9.6	8.0	0.9	0.4	0.1	1.3	0.2	0.4
Motor vehicle theft	2.2	1.5	2.6	1.6	0.7	1.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0	0	0
Arson	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.5	0	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	0.3
Fraud	3.4	1.7	1.3	15.9	7.5	5.7	9.2	2.3	1.4	19.9	8.4	2.1
Stolen property	2.1	1.3	1.5	1.5	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	1.2	1.2	0.3
Other property	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0	0.3	0.3	0
<b>Drug offenses</b>	11.0%	24.0%	26.4%	23.3%	39.3%	44.0%	49.1%	66.7%	72.7%	54.1%	73.5%	88.3%
Possession	5.2	10.0	11.2	11.4	15.9	16.3	6.4	10.6	19.6	2.2	9.6	17.7
Trafficking	5.3	13.4	14.8	10.4	22.0	27.5	39.0	49.6	46.1	49.7	60.6	65.8
Other/unspecified	0.5	0.6	0.4	1.5	1.5	0.2	3.7	6.6	7.0	2.1	3.4	4.8
<b>Public-order offense</b>	12.8	7.4	10.2	12.7	8.0	12.4	18.7	12.4	16.5	9.4	9.1	5.0
Weapons	2.0	2.8	2.7	1.1	0.8	1.1	9.4	8.5	3.3	1.1	2.6	0.4
Violation of probation/parole	3.2	2.6	3.1	4.6	4.5	6.2	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.6
Other public-order	7.5	2.0	4.4	7.0	2.7	5.1	8.7	3.1	12.4	7.6	6.2	4.1
<b>Other</b>	0.1%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0%	0.9%	1.1%	0.9%	2.5%	0.8%	1.6%
<b>Number of prison inmates</b>	324,801	457,010	168,477	21,932	31,200	10,180	24,479	31,058	22,100	1,866	2,206	2,052

Note: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

**Table 4.7. Current offense of State and Federal prison inmates, by gender and by age, 1997**

Current offense	Percent of inmates							
	Male				Female			
	24 or younger	25-34	35-44	45 or older	24 or younger	25-34	35-44	45 or older
<b>Percent of State prison inmates</b>								
<b>Violent offenses</b>	53.8%	44.0%	46.9%	57.0%	35.2%	27.4%	24.9%	34.6%
Murder	11.1	9.9	11.8	19.4	9.9	6.9	7.8	15.9
Negligent manslaughter	1.8	1.5	1.2	2.0	1.9	2.5	2.2	5.0
Kidnaping	0.9	0.9	1.6	1.5	1.3	0.5	0.2	1.0
Rape	1.1	2.1	3.8	4.7	0	0.4	0.6	0.3
Other sexual assault	2.6	5.2	7.8	12.1	0.6	0.9	1.0	1.2
Robbery	21.6	14.5	12.6	8.3	10.5	7.8	6.8	2.5
Assault	13.7	9.2	7.8	7.8	8.8	7.5	5.0	7.5
Other violent	1.1	0.7	0.4	1.0	2.2	0.9	1.4	1.1
<b>Property offenses</b>	20.5%	24.2%	22.3%	14.8%	28.3%	26.8%	26.6%	23.9%
Burglary	11.3	12.6	11.2	5.8	8.9	4.8	4.8	2.6
Larceny/theft	2.8	4.2	4.3	3.8	4.8	8.4	9.6	10.3
Motor vehicle theft	3.0	2.0	1.5	0.7	1.4	1.7	0.7	0
Arson	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.6
Fraud	1.2	2.4	2.5	2.3	12.2	10.1	9.7	8.9
Stolen property	1.2	2.0	1.7	1.0	0.4	1.5	0.9	1.5
Other property	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3	0
<b>Drug offenses</b>	17.4%	21.3%	20.0%	18.4%	29.1%	34.4%	37.5%	30.5%
Possession	7.7	9.0	8.6	7.6	10.3	15.6	15.4	12.8
Trafficking	9.4	11.6	11.0	10.0	18.8	17.6	20.2	16.8
Other/unspecified	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.8	0	1.1	2.0	0.9
<b>Public-order offense</b>	7.9%	10.3%	10.6%	9.8%	7.4%	11.1%	10.7%	10.5%
Weapons	3.7	2.8	2.0	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.0	0.3
Violation of probation/parole	2.7	3.3	3.1	1.9	2.0	5.4	5.1	4.7
Other public-order	1.5	4.1	5.5	6.7	4.1	4.7	4.6	5.5
<b>Other</b>	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.6%
Number of State prison inmates	200,008	370,994	285,454	124,515	7,631	28,549	22,420	7,135
<b>Percent of Federal prison inmates</b>								
<b>Violent offenses</b>	18.3%	13.7%	15.9%	16.4%	11.1%	8.3%	4.7%	5.4%
Murder	2.1	1.6	0.9	1.9	0	1.2	0.8	0.7
Negligent manslaughter	0.2	0.1	0	0	1.7	0.2	0	0.4
Kidnaping	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.8	0	0	0.8
Rape	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0	0	0	0
Other sexual assault	0.2	0.5	0.6	1.1	0	0	0.2	0
Robbery	12.6	9.5	11.3	10.2	6.9	4.3	2.4	2.1
Assault	1.8	1.1	1.6	1.2	0	1.7	0.5	1.1
Other violent	0.9	0.3	0.6	1.1	1.8	1.0	0.9	0.3
<b>Property offenses</b>	3.7%	5.1%	6.0%	9.7%	4.9%	9.5%	13.7%	16.7%
Burglary	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.1	0	0	0.2	0
Larceny/theft	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.4	0	0.5	0.8	0.5
Motor vehicle theft	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.4	0	0	0	0
Arson	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0	0	0.3	0.3
Fraud	1.3	2.7	4.5	8.1	4.2	7.9	11.1	15.3
Stolen property	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.3	0	0.9	1.1	0.6
Other property	0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.3	0
<b>Drug offenses</b>	61.5%	64.5%	61.9%	57.8%	76.7%	73.0%	73.3%	65.6%
Possession	10.5	12.3	12.2	10.1	12.6	8.8	11.5	9.1
Trafficking	48.6	46.9	42.7	41.8	60.4	60.9	57.8	53.3
Other/unspecified	2.3	5.4	7.1	5.9	3.7	3.3	3.9	3.3
<b>Public-order offense</b>	15.4%	15.6%	15.1%	15.3%	6.2%	8.3%	6.4%	9.4%
Weapons	9.2	7.6	7.2	6.3	0.7	1.3	1.5	1.4
Violation of probation/parole	0	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.4
Other public-order	6.2	7.1	7.1	8.2	4.9	6.1	4.6	7.6
<b>Other</b>	1.1%	1.1%	1.0%	0.8%	1.1%	0.9%	1.9%	2.9%
Number of Federal prison inmates	7,277	29,954	24,868	19,524	553	2,253	2,053	1,536

Note: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

**Table 4.8. Sentence length, time served to interview, and total time to be served, by current offense for State prison inmates, 1997**

Current offense	Maximum sentence			Time from sentence --			
	Number	Median	Mean	To date of interview		To date of expected release	
				Median	Mean	Median	Mean
<b>Total</b>	1,013,708	120 mo	160.4 mo	33 mo	50.2 mo	58 mo	90.5 mo
<b>Violent offenses</b>	484,463	180 mo	226.1 mo	51 mo	70.1 mo	97 mo	132.8 mo
Murder	121,510	744	376.5	89	107.4	195	221.7
Negligent manslaughter	16,438	180	199.9	52	57.3	89	102.0
Rape	26,508	300	314.0	77	92.0	149	174.7
Sexual assault	60,956	180	207.3	43	55.1	87	117.4
Robbery	145,548	144	206.2	46	61.2	81	109.7
Assault	94,200	108	146.7	32	44.7	63	88.6
Other violent	19,303	148	196.9	39	60.3	77	121.3
<b>Property offenses</b>	222,294	72 mo	119.0 mo	27 mo	37.0 mo	44 mo	64.4 mo
Burglary	108,746	108	146.1	32	42.4	54	75.1
Larceny	42,119	54	85.2	21	30.0	32	49.9
Motor vehicle theft	18,187	60	87.9	23	35.4	39	60.7
Fraud	27,160	60	104.1	19	27.1	32	46.4
Stolen property	16,189	60	89.9	22	34.4	38	60.6
Other property	9,893	66	117.0	28	40.2	43	71.3
<b>Drug offenses</b>	208,900	60 mo	109.7 mo	21 mo	28.8 mo	37 mo	49.5 mo
Possession	89,152	48	90.5	17	25.1	30	43.6
Trafficking	114,145	84	124.4	23	31.6	42	54.3
Other drug	5,602	84	115.2	22	31.5	33	45.6
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	95,514	48 mo	81.9 mo	18 mo	28.1 mo	30 mo	48.0 mo
Weapons	24,465	54	81.8	22	31.1	38	51.7
Violation of probation/parole	28,572	42	75.7	19	28.5	28	48.3
Other public-order	42,476	48	86.1	14	26.2	26	45.6
<b>Other offenses</b>	2,538	96 mo	104.3 mo	35 mo	47.3 mo	62 mo	79.9 mo

Note: Because data on sentence length and time served are restricted to persons serving sentences at the time of the survey, they overstate sentences of those entering prison. Persons with shorter sentences leave prison more quickly, resulting in a longer average sentence among persons in the inmate sample. Time served to date of interview and to date of expected release include any jail time applied to their sentence.

**Table 4.9. Sentence length, time served to interview, and total time to be served, by current offense for Federal prison inmates, 1997**

Current offense	Sentence length			Time from sentence --			
	Number	Median	Mean	To date of interview		To date of expected release	
				Median	Mean	Median	Mean
<b>Total</b>	86,631	96 mo	126.5 mo	38 mo	48.5 mo	84 mo	105.6 mo
<b>Violent offenses</b>	12,798	125 mo	165.3 mo	55 mo	72.4 mo	107 mo	137.4 mo
Homicide	1,326	396	251.8	101	122.2	243	250.3
Sexual assault	678	135	192.3	60	67.9	125	116.1
Robbery	8,685	120	157.9	54	67.0	103	127.5
Assault	1,114	96	157.8	56	61.8	102	128.8
Other violent	994	108	152.8	38	68.8	79	133.9
<b>Property offenses</b>	5,838	36 mo	59.0 mo	18 mo	27.3 mo	32 mo	47.8 mo
Burglary	265	72	86.0	50	60.2	88	116.1
Larceny	400	24	53.9	19	39.6	37	55.0
Fraud	4,231	33	53.7	15	21.2	28	38.3
Other property	943	36	77.8	32	39.5	45	68.9
<b>Drug offenses</b>	54,314	114 mo	129.4 mo	40 mo	47.7 mo	91 mo	109.0 mo
Possession	9,764	90	109.7	44	48.0	84	97.8
Trafficking	39,628	111	131.3	37	46.5	90	108.0
Other drug	4,922	135	155.5	50	56.4	121	141.8
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	12,771	69 mo	107.2 mo	28 mo	38.0 mo	60 mo	86.4 mo
Weapons	5,981	95	137.7	38	44.1	84	113.0
Other public-order	6,791	53	79.7	22	32.7	45	62.5
<b>Other offenses</b>	910	97 mo	142.9 mo	33 mo	41.5 mo	91 mo	104.6 mo

Note: Because data on sentence length and time served are restricted to persons serving sentences at the time of the survey, they overstate sentences of those entering prison. Persons with shorter sentences leave prison more quickly, resulting in a longer average sentence among persons in the inmate sample. Time served to date of interview and to date of expected release include any jail time applied to their sentence.

**Table 4.10. Criminal history of State and Federal prison inmates, 1997 and 1991**

Criminal history	Percent of prison inmates			
	State		Federal	
	1997	1991	1997	1991
<b>Total</b>	100%	100%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>No previous sentence</b>	24.1%	19.3%	39.1%	43.3%
Current violent offense	15.2	12.7	4.7	4.6
Current other offense	8.9	6.5	34.3	38.7
<b>Violent recidivists<sup>a</sup></b>	46.8%	48.8%	23.2%	22.6%
Current and prior violent	16.6	17.3	7.2	7.4
Current violent only	18.2	18.8	4.2	6.1
Prior violent only	12.0	12.7	11.8	9.1
<b>Nonviolent recidivists<sup>b</sup></b>	29.1%	31.9%	37.8%	34.1%
Prior minor public-order offenses only <sup>c</sup>	0.6	1.2	0.4	2.3
Other prior offenses	28.4	30.7	37.4	31.8
<b>Number of prior sentences to probation or incarceration</b>				
0	24.5%	20.2%	39.4%	43.9%
1	16.7	19.3	17.2	19.4
2	16.2	16.2	14.1	13.0
3-5	24.7	25.8	18.9	15.8
6-10	12.0	12.5	7.6	5.6
11 or more	6.0	6.0	2.7	2.3
<b>Criminal justice status at time of current arrest</b>				
None	52.7%	53.5%	72.8%	75.8%
Probation	22.2	23.0	13.4	11.7
Parole	24.4	22.4	13.5	11.7
Escape	0.7	1.1	0.3	0.9
Number of inmates	1,054,587	693,373	88,535	53,164

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

<sup>a</sup>Violent recidivists were convicted in the past, and at least the current or a previous conviction was for a violent offense.

<sup>b</sup>Nonviolent recidivists were convicted of only nonviolent offenses in the past, and their current conviction was for nonviolent offenses.

<sup>c</sup>Includes 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-status offenses.

**Table 4.11. Criminal history of State and Federal prison inmates, by gender and race/Hispanic origin, 1997**

Criminal history	Percent of State prison inmates						Percent of Federal prison inmates					
	Male	Female	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	Male	Female	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
<b>Total</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>No previous sentence</b>	23.4%	34.9%	23.8%	22.0%	29.9%	26.4%	36.9%	67.2%	37.8%	28.2%	52.5%	54.3%
Current violent offense	15.2	15.3	16.3	13.8	16.2	17.8	4.8	4.5	6.1	3.9	2.0	18.0
Current other offense	8.2	19.6	7.5	8.2	13.7	8.6	32.1	62.7	31.7	24.3	50.0	36.3
<b>Violent recidivists<sup>a</sup></b>	48.4%	23.2%	44.7%	50.2%	41.0%	50.2%	24.5%	6.5%	25.5%	29.1%	11.7%	28.1%
Current and prior violent	17.3	5.7	14.2	19.5	13.0	18.7	7.7	1.3	9.0	8.6	3.0	9.4
Current violent only	18.9	8.9	19.6	17.7	16.7	20.6	4.4	1.9	5.3	4.1	2.3	9.2
Prior violent only	12.2	8.6	10.9	13.0	11.3	10.9	12.4	3.4	11.2	16.4	6.4	9.5
<b>Nonviolent recidivists<sup>b</sup></b>	28.2%	41.8%	31.5%	27.7%	29.1%	23.4%	38.7%	26.3%	36.7%	42.1%	35.8%	17.6%
Prior minor public-order offenses only <sup>c</sup>	0.6	1.2	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0
Other prior offenses	27.6	40.7	30.6	27.3	28.3	22.4	38.3	25.7	36.2	42.3	35.4	17.6
<b>Number of prior sentences to probation or incarceration</b>												
0	23.7%	35.6%	24.2%	22.3%	30.3%	26.7%	37.2%	67.4%	38.3%	28.4%	53.1%	55.1%
1	16.6	17.2	15.4	17.7	16.4	16.6	17.5	13.6	16.4	18.7	16.7	13.4
2	16.3	15.5	13.4	18.2	16.8	13.1	14.7	7.4	13.0	16.7	12.8	8.7
3-5	25.0	19.1	23.7	27.1	20.6	20.7	19.8	7.9	17.8	25.8	11.7	12.6
6-10	12.3	7.7	15.1	10.5	9.0	12.6	8.0	2.5	10.4	8.2	4.3	5.7
11 or more	6.1	4.9	8.1	4.1	6.3	10	2.8	1.2	4.1	2.2	1.5	4.6
<b>Criminal justice status at time of current arrest</b>												
None	53.1%	46.8%	55.6%	50.5%	52.3%	58.3%	71.9%	84.8%	75.1%	68.2%	74.6%	84.0%
Probation	21.4	34.1	23.2	21.9	21.0	21.5	13.6	10.6	9.6	16.8	13.7	8.4
Parole	24.8	18.3	20.1	27.1	26.3	19.0	14.3	3.9	14.8	14.9	11.3	7.3
Escape	0.7	0.8	1.1	0.5	0.4	1.2	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.4
Number of inmates	988,572	66,015	350,764	487,787	178,487	33,522	82,125	6,409	26,448	33,438	24,272	4,377

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

<sup>a</sup>Violent recidivists were convicted in the past, and at least the current or a previous conviction was for a violent offense.

<sup>b</sup>Nonviolent recidivists were convicted for only nonviolent offenses in the past, and their current conviction was for nonviolent offenses.

<sup>c</sup>Includes 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-status offenses.

**Table 4.12. Criminal history of State and Federal prison inmates, by age, 1997**

Criminal history	Percent of State prison inmates				Percent of Federal prison inmates			
	24 or younger	25-34	35-44	45 or older	24 or younger	25-34	35-44	45 or older
<b>Total</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>No previous sentence</b>	30.6%	21.2%	21.5%	28.8%	30.9%	37.6%	39.0%	42.1%
Current violent offense	20	12.4	13.3	20.4	8.4	4.3	3.6	5.5
Current other offense	10.6	8.8	8.2	8.4	28.5	33.2	35.5	36.6
<b>Violent recidivists<sup>a</sup></b>	45.2%	46.1%	48.3%	48.1%	26.9%	22.5%	22.6%	23.6%
Current and prior violent	16.3	15.2	16.9	20.6	5.7	5.9	8.4	8.2
Current violent only	19.8	18.5	17.7	16.3	7.7	4.7	3.5	3.1
Prior violent only	9.1	12.4	13.7	11.2	35.4	11.9	10.6	12.4
<b>Nonviolent recidivists<sup>b</sup></b>	24.2%	32.7%	30.2%	23.0%	36.2%	39.9%	38.4%	34.2%
Prior minor public-order offenses only <sup>c</sup>	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.4
Other prior offenses	23.5	32.1	29.6	22.4	35.4	39.6	38.1	33.8
<b>Number of prior sentences to probation or incarceration</b>								
0	30.8%	21.5%	21.9%	29.5%	37.4%	37.9%	39.4%	42.6%
1	18.1	16.9	15.7	16.1	19.3	18.7	17.0	14.5
2	17.9	16.4	16.2	13.0	12.6	14.5	13.7	14.8
3-5	21.9	26.3	25.2	22.8	22.9	18.5	19.9	16.8
6-10	7.5	12.9	13.8	11.9	6.0	7.4	7.6	8.7
11 or more	3.7	6.0	7.2	6.7	1.8	3.1	2.5	2.7
<b>Criminal justice status at time of current arrest</b>								
None	53.1%	47.5%	53.9%	65.3%	69.2%	70.5%	72.7%	77.7%
Probation	34.4	23.0	17.1	12.5	21.3	17.9	10.8	6.9
Parole	11.8	28.8	28.2	21.9	9.3	11.3	16.2	15.2
Escape	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Number of inmates	208,892	402,356	310,417	132,922	7,845	32,473	27,067	21,149

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

<sup>a</sup>Violent recidivists were convicted in the past, and at least the current or a previous conviction was for a violent offense.

<sup>b</sup>Nonviolent recidivists were convicted for only nonviolent offenses in the past, and their current conviction was for nonviolent offenses.

<sup>c</sup>Includes 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-status offenses.



**Table 4.13. Physical or sexual abuse before admission to prison, by gender and race/Hispanic origin of State and Federal inmates, 1997**

Characteristic of prior abuse	Total	Male inmates			Female inmates				
		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Total	White	Black	Hispanic
<b>State prison inmates</b>									
<b>Ever abused</b>	18.7%	16.1%	24.0%	11.7%	11.9%	57.2%	71.2%	48.9%	52.3%
Physically only	10.8	10.3	14.7	7.4	8.8	18.3	20.6	16.7	17.1
Sexually only	3.3	2.8	3.7	2.6	1.5	10.8	9.5	13.3	6.9
Both	4.6	3.0	5.6	1.7	1.6	28.0	41.1	18.9	28.4
<b>Age of victim at time of abuse</b>									
17 or younger only	11.8%	11.8%	18.8%	8.0%	8.1%	12.0%	14.4%	10.6%	11.0%
18 or older only	2.9	1.7	1.5	1.9	1.7	20.3	21.4	20.6	17.5
Both	3.9	2.5	3.7	1.8	2.1	24.7	35.2	17.4	23.8
<b>Age of abuser</b>									
Adult	17.6%	15.0%	22.4%	10.8%	11.3%	55.8%	68.9%	47.6%	52.3%
Juvenile only	0.9	0.9	1.3	0.7	0.5	1.0	1.9	0.8	0
<b>Rape before admission</b>									
Completed	6.0%	4.0%	6.4%	2.8%	2.4%	37.3%	48.9%	30.9%	33.8%
Attempted	4.9	3.1	5.1	2.1	1.9	32.8	43.9	26.7	29.1
Attempted	1.0	0.8	1.2	0.6	0.4	4.3	4.7	3.9	4.8
Number of State inmates	1,049,745	984,320	328,536	456,37	167,969	65,425	21,811	31,069	10,102
<b>Federal prison inmates</b>									
<b>Ever abused</b>	9.5%	7.2%	11.8%	4.9%	3.7%	39.9%	54.2%	35.7%	32.5%
Physically only	5.8	5.0	8.3	3.2	2.5	17.2	22.5	17.5	12.5
Sexually only	1.6	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.0	7.6	8.4	7.4	7.3
Both	2.1	1.1	2.3	0.7	0.1	15.1	23.3	10.9	12.7
<b>Age of victim at time of abuse</b>									
17 or younger only	4.8%	4.5%	7.7%	2.7%	2.7%	8.9%	8.5%	9.4%	8.7%
18 or older only	2.4	1.3	2.0	1.2	0.8	16.8	22.4	15.3	14.1
Both	2.3	1.3	2.1	1.0	0.3	14.2	23.3	11.0	9.7
<b>Age of abuser</b>									
Adult	9.2%	6.9%	11.6%	4.8%	3.4%	39.0%	54.1%	33.8	31.8%
Juvenile only	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.2
<b>Rape before admission</b>									
Completed	2.9%	1.4%	2.5%	1.2%	0.6%	21.4%	28.0%	17.8%	20.0%
Attempted	2.3	1.0	1.6	1.1	0.2	17.9	24.5	15.9	14.9
Attempted	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.1	3.2	3.5	0.8	5.1
Number of Federal inmates	87,953	81,607	24,241	31,221	22,005	6,347	1,866	2,187	2,022

**Table 4.14. Alcohol or drug use at time of offense of State and Federal inmates, by type of offense, 1997**

Type of offense	Estimated number of inmates <sup>a</sup>		Percent of inmates who reported being under the influence at the time of the offense					
	State	Federal	Alcohol		Drugs		Alcohol or drugs	
			State	Federal	State	Federal	State	Federal
<b>Total</b>	1,046,705	88,018	37.2%	20.4%	32.6%	22.4%	52.5%	34.0%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	494,349	13,021	41.7%	24.5%	29.0%	24.5%	51.9%	39.8%
Murder	122,435	1,288	44.6	38.7	26.8	29.4	52.4	52.4
Negligent manslaughter	16,592	53	52.0	...	17.4	...	56.0	...
Sexual assault <sup>b</sup>	89,328	713	40.0	32.3	21.5	7.9	45.2	32.3
Robbery	148,001	8,770	37.4	18.0	39.9	27.8	55.6	37.6
Assault	97,897	1,151	45.1	46.0	24.2	13.8	51.8	50.5
Other violent	20,096	1,046	39.6	32.2	29.0	15.9	48.2	37.2
<b>Property offenses</b>	230,177	5,964	34.5%	15.6%	36.6%	10.8%	53.2%	22.6%
Burglary	111,884	294	37.2	...	38.4	...	55.7	...
Larceny/theft	43,936	414	33.7	...	38.4	...	54.2	...
Motor vehicle theft	19,279	216	32.2	...	39.0	...	51.2	...
Fraud	28,102	4,283	25.2	10.4	30.5	6.5	42.8	14.5
Other property	26,976	757	36.0	22.8	30.6	16.4	53.2	34.6
<b>Drug offenses</b>	216,254	55,069	27.4%	19.8%	41.9%	25.0%	52.4%	34.6%
Possession	92,373	10,094	29.6	21.3	42.6	25.1	53.9	36.0
Trafficking	117,926	40,053	25.5	19.4	41.0	25.9	50.9	35.0
Other drug	5,955	4,922	29.9	19.7	47.1	17.1	59.2	29.0
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	103,344	13,026	43.2%	20.6%	23.1%	15.6%	56.2%	30.2%
Weapons	25,642	6,025	28.3	23.0	22.4	24.4	41.8	37.1
Other public-order	77,702	7,001	48.1	18.5	23.3	8.1	60.9	24.1

...Too few cases to permit calculation.

<sup>a</sup>Based on cases with valid offense data.

<sup>b</sup>Includes rape and other sexual assault.

**Table 4.15. Drug use of State and Federal inmates, by type of drug, 1991 and 1997**

Type of drug	Percent of inmates who reported —							
	Ever using drugs		Ever using drugs regularly <sup>a</sup>		Using drugs in the month before		Using drugs at the time of the offense	
	1997	1991	1997	1991	1997	1991	1997	1991
<b>State inmates</b>								
Any drug <sup>b</sup>	83.0%	79.4%	69.6%	62.2%	56.5%	49.9%	32.6%	31.0%
Marijuana/hashish	77.0	73.8	58.3	51.9	39.2	32.2	15.1	11.4
Cocaine/crack	49.2	49.4	33.6	31.9	25.0	25.2	14.8	14.5
Heroin/opiates	24.5	25.2	15.0	15.3	9.2	9.6	5.6	5.8
Depressants <sup>c</sup>	23.7	24.0	11.3	10.8	5.1	3.8	1.8	1.0
Stimulants <sup>d</sup>	28.3	29.7	16.3	16.6	9.0	7.4	4.2	2.9
Hallucinogens <sup>e</sup>	28.7	26.9	11.3	11.5	4.0	3.7	1.8	1.6
Inhalants	14.4	--	5.4	--	1.0	--	--	--
<b>Federal inmates</b>								
Any drug <sup>b</sup>	72.9%	60.1%	57.3%	42.1%	44.8%	31.8%	22.4%	16.8%
Marijuana/hashish	65.2	52.8	46.6	32.2	30.4	19.2	10.8	5.9
Cocaine/crack	44.8	37.3	28.2	20.6	20.0	15.4	9.3	7.7
Heroin/opiates	16.1	14.1	8.9	9.3	5.4	5.5	3.0	3.7
Depressants <sup>c</sup>	16.5	13.1	8.0	5.3	3.2	1.4	1.0	0.3
Stimulants <sup>d</sup>	20.9	16.8	12.9	8.3	7.6	3.9	4.1	1.8
Hallucinogens <sup>e</sup>	19.0	14.8	6.4	4.8	1.7	1.2	0.8	0.5
Inhalants	7.7	--	2.6	--	0.5	--	--	--

Note: Detail adds to more than total because inmates may have used more than one type of drug.

--Not reported.

<sup>a</sup>Used drugs at least once a week for at least a month.

<sup>b</sup>Other unspecified drugs are included in the totals.

<sup>c</sup>Includes barbiturates, tranquilizers, and Quaalude.

<sup>d</sup>Includes amphetamine and methamphetamine.

<sup>e</sup>Includes LSD and PCP.

**Table 4.16. Levels of prior drug and alcohol abuse, by selected characteristics of State and Federal inmates, 1997**

Characteristic	Estimated number of prisoners <sup>a</sup>	Percent of inmates reporting the use of drugs—			Percent of inmates reporting prior alcohol abuse		
		Ever in the past	In the month prior to offense	At the time of offense	Ever had a "binge drinking" experience <sup>b</sup>	Under the influence of alcohol at the time of offense	Had three or more positive CAGE response <sup>c</sup>
<b>All State inmates</b>	1,059,607	83.0%	56.5%	32.6%	41.0%	37.2%	24.4%
Gender							
Male	993,365	82.9%	56.1%	32.1%	41.8%	37.7%	24.5%
Female	66,242	84.0	62.4	40.4	29.9	29.1	23.4
Race/Hispanic origin							
White non-Hispanic	352,864	83.6%	55.2%	33.9%	53.5%	42.7%	33.5%
Black non-Hispanic	492,676	83.7	58.3	31.9	31.9	33.0	18.6
Hispanic	179,998	80.7	55.0	33.0	39.9	36.7	22.0
Other	34,069	79.0	52.7	27.8	49.6	41.7	27.7
Age							
24 or younger	209,343	84.1%	63.2%	33.3%	40.2%	30.7%	15.8%
25-34	404,034	86.4	60.0	35.0	42.3	37.7	24.8
35-44	311,999	86.3	56.5	34.5	42.3	41.3	28.6
45-54	103,470	70.5	40.4	22.7	37.4	37.7	28.5
55 or older	30,761	39.0	18.4	9.7	29.3	30.2	22.5
<b>All Federal inmates</b>	89,072	72.9%	44.8%	22.4%	30.3%	20.4%	16.2%
Gender							
Male	82,646	73.7%	45.4%	22.7%	31.2%	20.9%	16.6%
Female	6,426	62.8	36.7	19.3	18.8	15.1	11.6
Race/Hispanic origin							
White non-Hispanic	26,616	77.2%	49.4%	28.6%	38.3%	22.1%	19.3%
Black non-Hispanic	33,697	77.5	47.2	22.2	25.0	21.1	12.5
Hispanic	24,349	63.5	37.5	16.9	28.2	16.8	17.8
Other	4,411	64.2	38.5	18.1	34.9	26.0	17.6
Age							
24 or younger	7,933	80.4%	57.2%	28.1%	31.8%	18.4%	12.0%
25-34	32,634	76.0	48.5	23.0	32.1	22.5	15.3
35-44	27,259	77.2	46.8	24.7	30.8	20.5	17.2
45-54	14,501	67.6	35.2	18.8	29.1	20.2	19.7
55 or older	6,746	43.6	24.3	11.8	20.8	13.4	14.5

<sup>a</sup>Based on probability of selection in the sample and adjusted to June 30, 1997, custody counts.

<sup>b</sup>Binge drinking is defined as having consumed as much as a fifth of liquor in a single day, equivalent to 20 drinks, 3 bottles of wine, or as many as 3 six-packs of beer.

<sup>c</sup>The CAGE questionnaire is a diagnostic instrument for detecting a person's history of alcohol abuse or dependence. In clinical tests, the presence of 3 or more positive responses was predictive of a history of alcohol abuse.

See *Explanatory notes*.

**Table 4.17. Substance abuse treatment history of State inmates, by gender, race/Hispanic origin, and offense type, 1997**

Type of treatment	Percent of State inmates										
	Total	Gender		Race/Hispanic origin				Current offense			
		Male	Female	White*	Black*	Hispanic	Other	Violent	Property	Drug	Public-order
<b>Ever any treatment or programs</b>	56.4%	56.2%	60.7%	63.9%	54.0%	48.4%	57.1%	50.3%	62.4%	61.7%	63.9%
Ever any treatment	34.5	33.7	47.1	42.8	30.5	28.6	37.2	27.0	41.9	39.6	44.7
Ever other alcohol/drug programs	43.1	43.1	42.9	50.2	40.8	34.9	44.2	39.4	47.6	44.5	49.0
<b>Participated while under correctional supervision</b>	47.8%	47.6%	50.6%	53.8%	45.9%	40.9%	48.2%	42.0%	53.9%	52.1%	55.6%
Any treatment	26.2%	25.6	34.8	32.0	23.3	22.4	26.6	19.4	32.5	31.0	35.7
In prison/jail	19.7	19.3	25.0	23.7	17.7	16.9	21.0	15.6	23.4	22.8	25.5
On probation/parole	15.0	14.4	23.1	19.3	12.8	12.7	15.0	8.9	21.1	18.3	24.3
Other alcohol/drug programs	37.5%	37.5%	37.6%	43.5%	35.8%	30.2%	38.8%	33.9%	42.0%	39.0%	43.7%
In prison/jail	33.3	33.3	32.7	38.2	32.5	25.3	36.1	31.2	36.7	33.7	36.8
On probation/parole	17.2	16.9	21.3	22.4	14.4	14.7	15.7	10.7	23.3	20.5	28.5
<b>Participated since admission</b>	32.5%	32.3%	34.7%	36.5%	31.6%	26.7%	33.8%	30.8%	34.2%	34.8%	33.6%
Any treatment	12.0%	11.7%	16.3%	14.0%	11.0%	10.6%	12.2%	9.9%	13.5%	14.5%	14.3%
Residential facility or unit	6.9	6.7	10.2	8.4	6.3	5.3	7.4	5.4	8.3	8.8	7.7
Counseling by a professional	5.1	5.0	6.5	6.0	4.7	4.4	5.4	4.4	5.7	5.4	7.1
Detoxification unit	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.5	1.4	1.0	0.6	1.1	1.2	0.5
Maintenance drug	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.3
Other alcohol/drug programs	27.5%	27.5%	28.3%	31.3%	27.1%	20.8%	29.4%	26.6%	29.1%	28.6%	27.9%
Self-help group/peer counseling	22.7	22.6	24.8	26.1	22.3	17.2	23.9	22.0	23.9	23.3	24.2
Education program	12.6	12.7	11.8	14.7	12.5	9.2	12.5	12.2	13.2	13.5	12.7
Number of inmates	1,047,933	982,597	65,336	349,780	486,269	178,139	33,745	488,390	228,368	214,476	101,925

Note: Detail adds to more than total because inmates may have participated in more than one type of treatment program.

\*Includes non-Hispanic inmates only.

**Table 4.18. Substance abuse treatment history of Federal inmates, by gender, race/Hispanic origin, and offense type, 1997**

Type of treatment	Percent of Federal inmates										
	Total	Gender		Race/Hispanic origin				Current offense			
		Male	Female	White*	Black*	Hispanic	Other	Violent	Property	Drug	Public-order
<b>Ever any treatment or programs</b>	46.4%	46.9%	40.4%	53.7%	48.4%	36.4%	43.0%	51.1%	33.2%	47.1%	45.0%
Ever any treatment	24.6	24.6	24.7	32.0	23.6	17.6	26.7	31.1	19.6	23.8	23.3
Ever other alcohol/drug programs	35.4	35.9	30.0	42.8	36.7	26.4	31.8	40.5	25.7	35.6	35.0
<b>Participated while under correctional supervision</b>	39.2%	39.6%	33.5%	45.8%	41.6%	29.5%	34.4%	42.2%	27.7%	40.3%	37.5%
Any treatment	18.9%	18.9	18.3	24.2	19.1	13.0	18.0	22.5	14.9	18.7	17.8
In prison/jail	15.0	15.0	15.0	17.8	15.8	11.0	15.0	17.7	10.6	15.1	14.2
On probation/parole	8.4	8.4	8.1	12.1	8.3	4.4	9.1	13.5	7.7	7.4	7.8
Other alcohol/drug programs	30.9%	31.3%	26.3%	37.4%	31.9%	23.0%	28.4%	35.1%	21.9%	31.2%	30.4%
In prison/jail	27.4	27.6	24.6	33.6	27.7	20.5	26.9	32.2	17.7	27.5	26.8
On probation/parole	10.1	10.4	6.6	14.6	9.8	5.6	10.2	12.7	11.9	9.5	10.4
<b>Participated since admission</b>	28.2%	28.3%	26.7%	34.2%	28.5%	21.2%	27.9%	31.6%	17.4%	29.3%	24.9%
Any treatment	10.4%	10.3%	11.3%	13.2%	10.7%	7.4%	8.4%	12.6%	7.9%	10.4%	9.0%
Residential facility or unit	7.3	7.2	7.5	9.5	6.6	6.0	6.4	7.5	5.3	7.6	6.4
Counseling by a professional	3.8	3.7	4.6	4.9	4.4	2.0	2.4	7.1	3.5	3.3	2.7
Detoxification unit	0.2	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.5
Maintenance drug	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.4
Other alcohol/drug programs	23.1%	23.2%	22.0%	28.4%	23.4%	16.8%	24.1%	27.0%	13.3%	23.9%	20.6%
Self-help group/peer counseling	11.2	11.0	12.9	13.6	11.4	7.5	14.8	15.1	8.0	10.9	10.4
Education program	16.8	16.9	15.1	21.7	16.8	12.0	13.0	18.9	8.8	17.6	15.1
Number of inmates	87,839	81,501	6,338	26,020	33,327	24,081	4,411	12,835	5,890	54,346	12,792

Note: Detail adds to more than total because inmates may have participated in more than one type of treatment.

\*Includes non-Hispanic inmates only.

**Table 4.19. Types of drug treatment received by State and Federal inmates since admission, by prior drug use, 1991 and 1997**

Type of drug treatment or program since admission	Percent of inmates who participated since admission				Number of inmates who participated since admission			
	State		Federal		State		Federal	
	1991	1997	1991	1997	1991	1997	1991	1997
<b>Any drug treatment/program</b>	29.6%	24.4%	19.4%	24.5%	204,400	255,600	10,300	21,500
<b>Any treatment since admission</b>	24.5%	9.7%	15.7%	9.2%	169,700	101,200	8,300	8,100
Residential facility or unit	7.3	5.7	4.6	6.4	50,500	59,400	2,500	5,700
Counseling by a professional	20.5	4.1	13.4	3.3	142,100	42,600	7,100	2,900
Detoxification unit	...	0.6	...	0.2	...	6,400	...	100
Maintenance drug	...	0.2	...	0.2	...	2,200	...	200
<b>Other drug abuse programs</b>	15.5%	20.3%	10.1%	20.0%	107,200	212,900	5,300	17,500
Self-help group/peer counseling	13.3	16.1	7.8	8.9	91,900	168,700	4,200	7,800
Education program	4.7	10.2	3.8	15.2	32,700	107,300	2,000	13,300

Note: Inmates may have participated in more than one type of drug treatment or programs since admission. Data on treatment participation was missing for 1.8% of Federal and 1.8% of State inmates in 1991, and for 1.4% of Federal and 1.1% of State inmates in 1997. Data have been rounded to the nearest 100. ...Data on these specific types of programs are not available for 1991.

**Table 4.20. State and Federal inmates' participation in drug treatment or abuse programs since admission, by time to expected release and type of drug used regularly in the month before the offense, 1997**

Time to expected release date	Estimated number of inmates	Percent of inmates participating in drug treatment or abuse programs since admission					
		Type of drug used regularly in the month before the offense <sup>a</sup>					
		Any drugs	Drugs other than marijuana <sup>b</sup>	Marijuana	Cocaine or crack	Heroin and other opiates	Stimulants <sup>c</sup>
<b>State inmates</b>	990,624	35.0%	39.7%	32.5%	43.5%	40.0%	32.1%
Less than 6 months	229,308	38.6	43.0	36.3	47.0	48.1	34.3
6-12 months	158,011	37.5	40.3	35.5	45.5	38.2	24.8
Greater than 1 year	603,305	33.2	38.2	30.8	41.5	36.8	32.9
Number of inmates		548,546	350,440	373,884	231,776	86,706	81,400
<b>Federal inmates</b>	85,928	40.0%	45.5%	36.6%	47.5%	45.1%	51.0%
Less than 6 months	12,042	55.1	60.9	54.5	59.0	63.3	74.0
6-12 months	9,714	46.0	49.5	44.7	53.7	51.7	41.9
Greater than 1 year	64,172	36.8	42.4	32.4	45.2	41.2	47.5
Number of inmates		35,352	21,585	24,163	14,420	4,217	5,641

Note: Treatment for drug abuse includes time in a residential facility, professional counseling, detoxification, and use of a maintenance drug. Drug abuse programs include self-help groups, peer counseling, and education/awareness programs.

<sup>a</sup>Regular use is defined as once a week for at least a month.

<sup>b</sup>Includes depressants, hallucinogens, and stimulants, as well as cocaine-based and opiate-based drugs.

<sup>c</sup>Includes amphetamines and methamphetamines.

**Table 4.21. State and Federal inmates' participation in drug treatment since admission, by time to expected release and type of drug used regularly in the month before the offense, 1997**

Time to expected release date	Percent of inmates reporting drug treatment since admission					
	Type of drug used regularly in the month before the offense <sup>a</sup>					
	Any	Drugs other than marijuana <sup>b</sup>	Marijuana	Cocaine or crack	Heroin and other opiates	Stimulants <sup>c</sup>
<b>State inmates</b>	14.9%	18.4%	12.6%	20.7%	21.0%	14.6%
Less than 6 months	19.7	23.1	17.6	26.1	28.5	16.9
6-12 months	17.5	20.0	15.6	22.2	20.9	13.1
Greater than 1 year	12.7	16.3	10.4	18.4	18.1	13.9
<b>Federal inmates</b>	15.8%	18.9%	13.3%	19.7%	24.3%	19.1%
Less than 6 months	26.3	30.7	26.2	30.9	37.5	27.3
6-12 months	21.4	23.6	21.2	26.9	32.9	11.7
Greater than 1 year	13.2	15.7	9.7	16.6	20.7	17.6

Note: Treatment for drug abuse includes time in a residential facility, professional counseling, detoxification, and use of a maintenance drug.

<sup>a</sup>Regular use is defined as once a week for at least a month.

<sup>b</sup>Includes depressants, hallucinogens, and stimulants, as well as cocaine-based and opiate-based drugs.

<sup>c</sup>Includes amphetamine and methamphetamine.

**Table 4.22. State and Federal inmates' participation in drug abuse programs since admission, by time to expected release and type of drug used regularly in the month before the offense, 1997**

Time to expected release date	Percent of inmates participating in drug abuse programs since admission					
	Type of drug used regularly in the month before the offense <sup>a</sup>					
	Any drugs	Drugs other than marijuana <sup>b</sup>	Marijuana	Cocaine or crack	Heroin and other opiates	Stimulants <sup>c</sup>
<b>State inmates</b>	28.9%	32.4%	27.2%	35.2%	30.2%	27.2%
Less than 6 months	30.6	33.9	29.4	36.5	36.9	28.1
6-12 months	30.4	32.0	29.6	35.8	26.7	22.7
Greater than 1 year	28.0	31.9	26.2	34.5	28.0	28.1
<b>Federal inmates</b>	32.8%	36.8%	31.1%	37.6%	34.3%	43.5%
Less than 6 months	46.7	52.6	45.8	49.0	60.1	65.1
6-12 months	35.4	35.8	36.0	37.2	35.2	33.8
Greater than 1 year	30.3	34.4	28.1	36.5	29.3	40.1

Note: Drug abuse programs include self-help groups, peer counseling, and education/awareness programs.

<sup>a</sup>Regular use is defined as once a week for at least a month.

<sup>b</sup>Includes depressants, hallucinogens, and stimulants, as well as cocaine-based and opiate-based drugs.

<sup>c</sup>Includes amphetamines and methamphetamines.

**Table 4.23. Types of alcohol treatment received by State and Federal inmates since admission, by prior alcohol use, 1997**

Type of alcohol treatment or program since admission	Percent of inmates				
	Total	Prisoners' prior reported alcohol abuse			
		Ever had a "binge drinking" experience <sup>a</sup>	Ever gotten into physical fights because of drinking	Under the influence of alcohol at time of offense	Had three or more positive CAGE responses <sup>b</sup>
<b>State inmates</b>					
Any alcohol treatment/programs	24.0%	36.1%	36.6%	38.8%	43.6%
Any treatment since admission	8.4%	13.9%	14.4%	14.4%	17.9%
Residential facility or unit	5.0	8.4	8.5	8.7	11.0
Counseling by a professional	3.5	5.9	6.6	6.3	7.9
Detoxification unit	0.6	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.6
Maintenance drug	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Other alcohol abuse programs	20.6%	30.9%	31.7%	33.7%	37.7%
Self-help group/peer counseling	16.9	26.3	26.7	28.8	32.6
Education program	9.7	14.3	15.1	15.6	17.5
Estimated number of State inmates	1,047,701	429,222	401,262	387,137	255,746
<b>Federal inmates</b>					
Any alcohol treatment/programs	20.3%	36.1%	36.4%	36.0%	41.0%
Any treatment since admission	7.0%	13.8%	14.6%	13.8%	17.5%
Residential facility or unit	5.0	10.4	11.0	9.6	12.8
Counseling by a professional	2.5	4.7	4.8	4.9	6.7
Detoxification unit	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5
Maintenance drug	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.7
Other alcohol abuse programs	16.8%	29.8%	30.1%	30.5%	33.9%
Self-help group/peer counseling	7.9	16.8	17.6	17.8	19.8
Education program	12.0	19.9	20.1	19.3	22.3
Estimated number of Federal inmates	87,790	26,517	19,937	17,829	14,241

<sup>a</sup>Binge drinking is defined as having consumed as much as a fifth of liquor in a single day, equivalent to 20 drinks, 3 bottles of wine, or as many as 3 six-packs of beer.

<sup>b</sup>The CAGE questionnaire is a diagnostic instrument for detecting a person's history of alcohol abuse or dependence. In clinical tests, the presence of 3 or more positive responses was predictive of a history of alcohol abuse. See *Explanatory notes*.

**Table 4.A1. Standard errors of the estimated percentages, State prison inmates, by gender, 1997**

Base of the estimate and gender	Estimated percentages					
	98 or 2	90 or 10	80 or 20	70 or 30	60 or 40	50
1,000						
All inmates	4.94	10.58	14.11	16.16	17.28	17.64
Male	5.07	10.86	14.48	16.59	17.74	18.11
Female	2.56	5.48	7.31	8.38	8.96	9.14
5,000						
All inmates	2.21	4.73	6.31	7.23	7.73	7.89
Male	2.27	4.86	6.48	7.42	7.93	8.10
Female	1.14	2.45	3.27	3.75	4.01	4.09
10,000						
All inmates	1.56	3.35	4.46	5.11	5.46	5.58
Male	1.60	3.44	4.58	5.25	5.61	5.73
Female	0.81	1.73	2.31	2.65	2.83	2.89
20,000						
All inmates	1.10	2.37	3.15	3.61	3.86	3.94
Male	1.13	2.43	3.24	3.71	3.97	4.05
Female	0.57	1.23	1.64	1.87	2.00	2.04
30,000						
All inmates	0.90	1.93	2.58	2.95	3.15	3.22
Male	0.93	1.98	2.64	3.03	3.24	3.31
Female	0.47	1.00	1.34	1.53	1.64	1.67
50,000						
All inmates	0.70	1.50	2.00	2.29	2.44	2.49
Male	0.72	1.54	2.05	2.35	2.51	2.56
Female	0.36	0.78	1.03	1.18	1.27	1.29
66,200						
All inmates	0.61	1.30	1.73	1.99	2.12	2.17
Male	0.62	1.34	1.78	2.04	2.18	2.23
Female*	0.31	0.67	0.90	1.03	1.1	1.12
100,000						
All inmates	0.49	1.06	1.41	1.62	1.73	1.76
Male	0.51	1.09	1.45	1.66	1.77	1.81
200,000						
All inmates	0.35	0.75	1.00	1.14	1.22	1.25
Male	0.36	0.77	1.02	1.17	1.25	1.28
400,000						
All inmates	0.25	0.53	0.71	0.81	0.86	0.88
Male	0.25	0.54	0.72	0.83	0.89	0.91
600,000						
All inmates	0.20	0.43	0.58	0.66	0.71	0.72
Male	0.21	0.44	0.59	0.68	0.72	0.74
800,000						
All inmates	0.17	0.37	0.50	0.57	0.61	0.62
Male	0.18	0.38	0.51	0.59	0.63	0.64
993,400						
All inmates	0.16	0.34	0.45	0.51	0.55	0.56
Male*	0.16	0.34	0.46	0.53	0.56	0.57
1,060,000						
All inmates*	0.15	0.33	0.43	0.50	0.53	0.54

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

\*The total number of male, female, and all State prisoners in 1997.



**Table 4.A2. Standard errors of the estimated percentages, Federal prison inmates, by gender, 1997**

Base of the estimate and gender	Estimated percentages					
	98 or 2	90 or 10	80 or 20	70 or 30	60 or 40	50
50						
All inmates	12.33	26.42	35.23	40.36	43.14	44.03
Male	12.69	27.20	36.26	41.55	44.41	45.33
Female	6.44	13.81	18.41	21.09	22.55	23.02
400						
All inmates	4.36	9.34	12.45	14.27	15.25	15.57
Male	4.49	9.62	12.82	14.69	15.7	16.03
Female	2.28	4.88	6.51	7.46	7.97	8.14
2,000						
All inmates	1.95	4.18	5.57	6.38	6.82	6.96
Male	2.01	4.3	5.73	6.57	7.02	7.17
Female	1.02	2.18	2.91	3.34	3.57	3.64
5,000						
All inmates	1.23	2.64	3.52	4.04	4.31	4.40
Male	1.27	2.72	3.63	4.15	4.44	4.53
Female	0.64	1.38	1.84	2.11	2.26	2.30
6,400						
All inmates	1.09	2.34	3.11	3.57	3.81	3.89
Male	1.12	2.4	3.21	3.67	3.93	4.01
Female	0.57	1.22	1.63	1.86	1.99	2.03
10,000						
All inmates	0.87	1.87	2.49	2.85	3.05	3.11
Male	0.9	1.92	2.56	2.94	3.14	3.21
						1.29
20,000						
All inmates	0.62	1.32	1.76	2.02	2.16	2.20
Male	0.63	1.36	1.81	2.08	2.22	2.27
40,000						
All inmates	0.44	0.93	1.25	1.43	1.53	1.56
Male	0.45	0.96	1.28	1.47	1.57	1.60
50,000						
All inmates	0.39	0.84	1.11	1.28	1.36	1.39
Male	0.4	0.86	1.15	1.31	1.4	1.43
75,000						
All inmates	0.32	0.68	0.91	1.04	1.11	1.14
Male	0.33	0.7	0.94	1.07	1.15	1.17
82,600						
All inmates	0.30	0.65	0.87	0.99	1.06	1.08
Male	0.31	0.67	0.89	1.02	1.09	1.12
89,000						
All inmates*	0.29	0.63	0.83	0.96	1.02	1.04

Note: The reliability of an estimated percentage depends on the size and its base. Each standard error when multiplied by 1.96 provides a 95-percent confidence interval around an estimated percentage. To calculate the difference between two estimated percentages, take the square root of the sum of each squared standard error for the percentages being compared.  
\*The total number of male, female, and all Federal prisoners in 1997.

## Methodology

The U.S. Census Bureau conducted the 1997 Survey of Inmates in State Correctional Facilities (SISCF) for the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) and the 1997 Survey of Inmates in Federal Correctional Facilities (SIFCF) for BJS and the Bureau of Prisons. From June through October, 1997, inmates were interviewed about their current offense and sentences, criminal histories, family and personal backgrounds, gun possession and use, prior drug and alcohol use and treatment, educational programs, and other services provided while in prison. Similar surveys of State prison inmates were conducted in 1974, 1979, 1986, and 1991. Federal inmates were surveyed for the first time in 1991.

### *Sample design*

The samples for the SISCF and SIFCF were taken from a universe of 1,409 State prisons and 127 Federal prisons enumerated in the 1995 Census of State and Federal Adult Correctional Facilities or opened between completion of the census and June 30, 1996. The sample design for both surveys was a stratified two-stage selection; first, selecting prisons, and second, selecting inmates in those prisons.

In the first stage correctional facilities were separated into two sampling frames: one for prisons with male inmates and one for prisons with female inmates. Prisons holding both genders were included on both lists.

In the sampling of State facilities, the 13 largest male prisons and 17 largest female prisons were selected with certainty. The remaining 1,265 male facilities and 261 female facilities were stratified into 14 strata defined by census region (Northeast except New York, New York, Midwest, South except Texas, Texas, West except California, and California). Within each stratum facilities were ordered by facility type (confinement and community-based), security level (maximum, medium, minimum, and none), and size of population. A systematic sample of prisons was then selected within strata

with probabilities proportionate to the size of each prison.

For the sample of Federal prisons, one male prison and two female prisons were selected with certainty. The remaining 112 male facilities were classified into 5 strata defined by security level (high, medium, low, minimum, and administrative). The 20 remaining female facilities were stratified into 2 strata by security level (minimum and not minimum). Within security level, facilities were ordered by size of population and then selected with probability proportionate to size.

For the State survey 280 prisons were selected, 220 male facilities and 60 female facilities. Of the 280 facilities 3 refused to allow interviewing and 2 closed before the survey could be conducted. Overall, 32 male facilities and 8 female facilities were selected for the Federal survey, and all participated.

In the second stage, inmates were selected for interviewing. For State facilities interviewers selected the sample systematically using a random start and a total number of interviews based on the gender of the inmates and the size of the facility. For Federal facilities, a sample of inmates was selected for each facility from the Bureau of Prisons central list, using a random start and predetermined sampling interval. All selected drug offenders were then subsampled so that only a third were eligible for interview. As a result, approximately 1 in every 75 men and 1 in 17 women were selected for the State survey, and 1 in every 13 men and 1 in every 3 women were selected for the Federal survey. A total of 14,285 interviews were completed for the State survey and 4,041 for the Federal survey, for overall response rates of 92.5% in the State survey and 90.2% in the Federal survey.

The interviews, about an hour in length, used computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI). With CAPI, computers provide questions for the interviewer, including follow-up questions tailored to preceding answers. Before the interview, inmates were told verbally and in

writing that participation was voluntary and that all information provided would be held in confidence. Participants were assured that the survey was solely for statistical purposes and that no individual who participated could be identified through use of survey results.

### *Estimates of prisoner counts*

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 inmates' characteristics and offenses. The sample for the State survey was adjusted to midyear custody counts for June 30, 1997, from data obtained in the National Prisoner Statistics series (NPS-1A). The sample from the Federal facilities was weighted to the total known sentenced custody population at midyear 1997.

Excluded from the estimate of Federal inmates were unsentenced inmates and those prisoners under Federal jurisdiction but housed in State and private contract facilities. Those prisoners who were under State jurisdiction, yet held in local jails or private facilities, were excluded from the estimated number of State prisoners. As a result, the estimated prisoner counts do not match those in other BJS data series.

The estimated prisoner counts vary according to the particular data items analyzed. Estimates are based on the number of prisoners who provided information on selected items.

### *Accuracy of the estimates*

The accuracy of the estimates presented in this report depends on two types of error: sampling and nonsampling. Sampling error is the variation that may occur by chance because a sample rather than a complete enumeration of the population was conducted. Nonsampling error can be attributed to many sources, such as nonresponses, differences in the interpretation of questions among inmates, recall difficulties, and processing errors.

In any survey the full extent of the nonsampling 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 have been calculated for the 1997 surveys. (See appendix tables 2 and 3.) For example, the 95-percent confidence interval around the percentage of State inmates who ever used drugs is approximately 83.0% plus or minus 1.96 times 0.4% (or 82.2.% to 83.8%).

These standard errors may also be used to test the 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 between black and white State prison inmates for the percent reporting a binge drinking experience would be 1.2% (or the square root of

the sum of the squared standard errors for each group). The 95-percent confidence interval around the difference would be 1.96 times 1.2% (or 2.4%). Since the difference of 21.6% (53.5% minus 31.9%) is greater than 2.4%, the difference would be considered statistically significant.

The same procedure can be used to test the significance of the difference between estimates from the two surveys. For example, the standard error of the difference between Federal and State prison inmates for the percent reporting prior drug use would be 1.1%. The 95-percent confidence interval around the difference would be 1.96 times 1.1% (or 2.1%). Since the difference of 10.1% (83.0% minus 72.9%) is greater than 2.1%, the difference would be considered statistically significant.

All comparisons discussed in this report were statistically significant at the 95-percent confidence level. To test the significance of comparisons not mentioned in this report, use percentages in text or tables and numbers of inmates. These standard errors should be used only for tests on all inmates. Comparisons of male and female inmates require different standard errors.

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