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# State Court Sentencing of Convicted Felons, 1998 Statistical Tables

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Table 2.1. Demographic characteristics of persons convicted of felonies by State courts, by offense, 1998

| Most serious conviction offense | Percent of convicted felons |      |        |       |       |       |                   |       |       |       |       |             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
|                                 | Gender                      |      |        | Race  |       |       | Age at sentencing |       |       |       |       | 60 or older |
|                                 | Total                       | Male | Female | White | Black | Other | 13-19             | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-59 |             |
| <b>All offenses</b>             | 100 %                       | 83 % | 17 %   | 55 %  | 44 %  | 1 %   | 9 %               | 39 %  | 32 %  | 16 %  | 3 %   | 1 %         |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>         | 100 %                       | 90 % | 10 %   | 53 %  | 44 %  | 3 %   | 12 %              | 41 %  | 28 %  | 13 %  | 4 %   | 2 %         |
| Murder /a                       | 100                         | 92   | 8      | 42    | 57    | 1     | 12                | 49    | 21    | 12    | 4     | 2           |
| Sexual assault /b               | 100                         | 97   | 3      | 69    | 26    | 5     | 7                 | 34    | 31    | 16    | 8     | 4           |
| Rape                            | 100                         | 98   | 2      | 67    | 32    | 1     | 6                 | 36    | 32    | 16    | 7     | 3           |
| Other sexual assault            | 100                         | 96   | 4      | 70    | 23    | 7     | 7                 | 34    | 30    | 16    | 8     | 5           |
| Robbery                         | 100                         | 92   | 8      | 35    | 64    | 1     | 22                | 47    | 22    | 8     | 1     | --          |
| Aggravated assault              | 100                         | 86   | 14     | 56    | 41    | 3     | 9                 | 40    | 30    | 15    | 4     | 2           |
| Other violent /c                | 100                         | 89   | 11     | 67    | 32    | 1     | 9                 | 39    | 28    | 17    | 5     | 2           |
| <b>Property offenses</b>        | 100 %                       | 75 % | 25 %   | 60 %  | 38 %  | 2 %   | 10 %              | 40 %  | 32 %  | 14 %  | 3 %   | 1 %         |
| Burglary                        | 100                         | 92   | 8      | 64    | 35    | 1     | 17                | 43    | 27    | 11    | 2     | --          |
| Larceny /d                      | 100                         | 76   | 24     | 57    | 41    | 2     | 10                | 39    | 31    | 16    | 3     | 1           |
| Motor vehicle theft             | 100                         | 91   | 9      | 69    | 27    | 4     | 18                | 48    | 26    | 7     | 1     | --          |
| Fraud /e                        | 100                         | 58   | 42     | 62    | 37    | 1     | 4                 | 39    | 36    | 16    | 4     | 1           |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>            | 100 %                       | 82 % | 18 %   | 46 %  | 53 %  | 1 %   | 7 %               | 39 %  | 33 %  | 17 %  | 3 %   | 1 %         |
| Possession                      | 100                         | 79   | 21     | 55    | 44    | 1     | 5                 | 34    | 36    | 20    | 4     | 1           |
| Trafficking                     | 100                         | 84   | 16     | 42    | 57    | 1     | 8                 | 43    | 30    | 15    | 3     | 1           |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>          | 100 %                       | 94 % | 6 %    | 49 %  | 50 %  | 1 %   | 10 %              | 47 %  | 26 %  | 12 %  | 4 %   | 1 %         |
| <b>Other offenses /f</b>        | 100 %                       | 88 % | 12 %   | 67 %  | 31 %  | 2 %   | 7 %               | 35 %  | 34 %  | 18 %  | 5 %   | 1 %         |

Note: Data on sex were available for 773,028 cases; on race, 647,483; and on age, 748,225.

--Less than 0.5%.

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b/ Includes rape.

c/ Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter and kidnaping.

d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

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Table 2.2. Gender, race, and age of felons convicted in State courts, by offense, 1998

| Most serious conviction offense | Percent of convicted felons |       |        |       |       |       |                   |       |       |       |       |             |       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|
|                                 | Gender                      |       |        |       |       |       | Age at sentencing |       |       |       |       |             |       |
|                                 | Total                       | Male  | Female | White | Black | Other | 13-19             | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-59 | 60 or older |       |
| <b>All offenses</b>             | 100 %                       | 100 % | 100 %  | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 %             | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 %       | 100 % |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>         | 18 %                        | 19 %  | 10 %   | 17 %  | 17 %  | 28 %  | 23 %              | 18 %  | 15 %  | 15 %  | 20 %  | 31 %        |       |
| Murder /a                       | 1                           | 1     | --     | 1     | 1     | 1     | 1                 | 1     | 1     | 1     | 1     | 2           |       |
| Sexual assault /b               | 3                           | 4     | 1      | 4     | 2     | 10    | 2                 | 3     | 3     | 3     | 7     | 14          |       |
| Rape                            | 1                           | 2     | --     | 1     | 1     | 1     | 1                 | 1     | 1     | 1     | 2     | 4           |       |
| Other sexual assault            | 2                           | 2     | --     | 2     | 1     | 9     | 2                 | 2     | 2     | 2     | 5     | 10          |       |
| Robbery                         | 4                           | 5     | 2      | 3     | 6     | 4     | 10                | 5     | 3     | 2     | 1     | 1           |       |
| Aggravated assault              | 8                           | 8     | 6      | 7     | 7     | 12    | 8                 | 8     | 7     | 7     | 9     | 12          |       |
| Other violent /c                | 2                           | 2     | 1      | 2     | 1     | 2     | 2                 | 2     | 2     | 2     | 3     | 3           |       |
| <b>Property offenses</b>        | 31 %                        | 28 %  | 44 %   | 34 %  | 27 %  | 33 %  | 36 %              | 31 %  | 31 %  | 28 %  | 26 %  | 19 %        |       |
| Burglary                        | 9                           | 10    | 4      | 11    | 8     | 9     | 18                | 10    | 8     | 7     | 5     | 3           |       |
| Larceny /d                      | 12                          | 11    | 17     | 13    | 11    | 15    | 14                | 12    | 12    | 12    | 11    | 9           |       |
| Motor vehicle theft             | 2                           | 2     | 1      | 2     | 1     | 4     | 3                 | 2     | 1     | 1     | --    | --          |       |
| Fraud /e                        | 9                           | 7     | 23     | 11    | 8     | 8     | 4                 | 10    | 11    | 10    | 10    | 7           |       |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>            | 34 %                        | 34 %  | 35 %   | 29 %  | 42 %  | 18 %  | 26 %              | 35 %  | 36 %  | 39 %  | 33 %  | 26 %        |       |
| Possession                      | 13                          | 12    | 15     | 12    | 13    | 6     | 8                 | 12    | 16    | 18    | 14    | 9           |       |
| Trafficking                     | 21                          | 22    | 20     | 17    | 29    | 11    | 18                | 23    | 20    | 21    | 19    | 17          |       |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>          | 3 %                         | 4 %   | 1 %    | 3 %   | 4 %   | 2 %   | 4 %               | 4 %   | 3 %   | 2 %   | 3 %   | 4 %         |       |
| <b>Other offenses /f</b>        | 14 %                        | 15 %  | 9 %    | 17 %  | 10 %  | 19 %  | 11 %              | 12 %  | 15 %  | 15 %  | 18 %  | 20 %        |       |

Note: See note on tables 1.1, and 2.1.

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d/ Includes motor vehicle theft.

e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

f/ Composed of nonviolent offenses such as receiving stolen property and vandalism.

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**Table 2.3. Average age of convicted felons in State courts, by offense, 1998**

| Most serious conviction offense | Average age in years |        |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------|
|                                 | Mean                 | Median |
| <b>All offenses</b>             | 31 yr                | 30 yr  |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>         | 31 yr                | 29 yr  |
| Murder/a                        | 30                   | 26     |
| Sexual assault/b                | 34                   | 32     |
| Rape                            | 34                   | 32     |
| Other sexual assault            | 34                   | 33     |
| Robbery                         | 26                   | 24     |
| Aggravated assault              | 31                   | 30     |
| Other violent/c                 | 32                   | 30     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>        | 31 yr                | 29 yr  |
| Burglary                        | 28                   | 26     |
| Larceny/d                       | 31                   | 30     |
| Motor vehicle theft             | 27                   | 25     |
| Fraud/e                         | 32                   | 31     |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>            | 32 yr                | 31 yr  |
| Possession                      | 33                   | 33     |
| Trafficking                     | 31                   | 29     |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>          | 30 yr                | 27 yr  |
| <b>Other offenses/f</b>         | 33 yr                | 32 yr  |

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Table 2.4. Offense and gender of felons convicted in State courts, by type of sentence imposed, 1998

| Most serious conviction offense | Percent of felons sentenced to -- |               |        |      |                  |           |       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------|------|------------------|-----------|-------|
|                                 | Total                             | Incarceration |        |      | Nonincarceration |           |       |
|                                 |                                   | Total         | Prison | Jail | Total            | Probation | Other |
| <b>Male</b>                     |                                   |               |        |      |                  |           |       |
| <b>All offenses</b>             | 100 %                             | 72 %          | 47 %   | 25 % | 28 %             | 26 %      | 2 %   |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>         | 100 %                             | 81 %          | 61 %   | 19 % | 19 %             | 18 %      | 2 %   |
| Murder /a                       | 100                               | 96            | 95     | 2    | 4                | 3         | 1     |
| Sexual assault /b               | 100                               | 83            | 68     | 15   | 17               | 15        | 2     |
| Robbery                         | 100                               | 88            | 77     | 12   | 12               | 11        | 1     |
| Aggravated assault              | 100                               | 76            | 49     | 27   | 24               | 23        | 1     |
| Other violent /c                | 100                               | 70            | 44     | 26   | 30               | 26        | 4     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>        | 100 %                             | 71 %          | 47 %   | 23 % | 29 %             | 27 %      | 2 %   |
| Burglary                        | 100                               | 77            | 56     | 21   | 23               | 21        | 2     |
| Larceny /d                      | 100                               | 70            | 43     | 26   | 30               | 28        | 2     |
| Fraud /e                        | 100                               | 62            | 40     | 22   | 38               | 36        | 2     |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>            | 100 %                             | 71 %          | 44 %   | 27 % | 29 %             | 26 %      | 2 %   |
| Possession                      | 100                               | 70            | 39     | 31   | 30               | 28        | 2     |
| Trafficking                     | 100                               | 72            | 46     | 25   | 28               | 26        | 2     |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>          | 100 %                             | 69 %          | 44 %   | 25 % | 31 %             | 28 %      | 3 %   |
| <b>Other offenses /f</b>        | 100 %                             | 68 %          | 37 %   | 30 % | 32 %             | 30 %      | 2 %   |
| <b>Female</b>                   |                                   |               |        |      |                  |           |       |
| <b>All offenses</b>             | 100 %                             | 57 %          | 33 %   | 24 % | 43 %             | 40 %      | 2 %   |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>         | 100 %                             | 63 %          | 41 %   | 23 % | 37 %             | 34 %      | 2 %   |
| Murder /a                       | 100                               | 91            | 87     | 4    | 9                | 9         | --    |
| Sexual assault /b               | 100                               | 76            | 58     | 18   | 24               | 22        | 3     |
| Robbery                         | 100                               | 81            | 63     | 18   | 19               | 18        | 1     |
| Aggravated assault              | 100                               | 57            | 30     | 27   | 43               | 41        | 2     |
| Other violent /c                | 100                               | 51            | 32     | 20   | 49               | 42        | 6     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>        | 100 %                             | 52 %          | 32 %   | 20 % | 48 %             | 46 %      | 2 %   |
| Burglary                        | 100                               | 73            | 44     | 29   | 27               | 26        | 2     |
| Larceny /d                      | 100                               | 53            | 30     | 22   | 47               | 45        | 2     |
| Fraud /e                        | 100                               | 48            | 31     | 17   | 52               | 49        | 3     |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>            | 100 %                             | 63 %          | 34 %   | 29 % | 37 %             | 34 %      | 3 %   |
| Possession                      | 100                               | 65            | 32     | 33   | 35               | 33        | 2     |
| Trafficking                     | 100                               | 62            | 35     | 27   | 38               | 35        | 3     |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>          | 100 %                             | 49 %          | 28 %   | 21 % | 51 %             | 48 %      | 3 %   |
| <b>Other offenses/f</b>         | 100 %                             | 54 %          | 27 %   | 28 % | 46 %             | 43 %      | 3 %   |

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Table 2.5. Offense and race of felons, by type of sentence imposed, 1998

| Most serious conviction offense | Percent of felons sentenced to -- |               |        |      |                  |           |       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------|------|------------------|-----------|-------|
|                                 | Total                             | Incarceration |        |      | Nonincarceration |           |       |
|                                 |                                   | Total         | Prison | Jail | Total            | Probation | Other |
| <b>White</b>                    |                                   |               |        |      |                  |           |       |
| <b>All offenses</b>             | 100 %                             | 67 %          | 42 %   | 25 % | 33 %             | 31 %      | 3 %   |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>         | 100 %                             | 76 %          | 54 %   | 22 % | 24 %             | 21 %      | 2 %   |
| Murder /a                       | 100                               | 94            | 92     | 2    | 6                | 6         | --    |
| Sexual assault /b               | 100                               | 81            | 67     | 14   | 19               | 17        | 3     |
| Robbery                         | 100                               | 87            | 73     | 15   | 13               | 12        | 1     |
| Aggravated assault              | 100                               | 71            | 41     | 30   | 29               | 27        | 2     |
| Other violent /c                | 100                               | 66            | 37     | 29   | 34               | 30        | 5     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>        | 100 %                             | 63 %          | 40 %   | 23 % | 37 %             | 34 %      | 3 %   |
| Burglary                        | 100                               | 74            | 51     | 23   | 26               | 24        | 2     |
| Larceny /d                      | 100                               | 62            | 36     | 26   | 38               | 34        | 3     |
| Fraud /e                        | 100                               | 53            | 34     | 19   | 47               | 44        | 3     |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>            | 100 %                             | 65 %          | 33 %   | 32 % | 35 %             | 32 %      | 3 %   |
| Possession                      | 100                               | 67            | 31     | 36   | 33               | 30        | 3     |
| Trafficking                     | 100                               | 64            | 35     | 29   | 36               | 33        | 3     |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>          | 100 %                             | 67 %          | 39 %   | 27 % | 33 %             | 28 %      | 6 %   |
| <b>Other offenses /f</b>        | 100 %                             | 64 %          | 34 %   | 30 % | 36 %             | 34 %      | 3 %   |
| <b>Black</b>                    |                                   |               |        |      |                  |           |       |
| <b>All offenses</b>             | 100 %                             | 73 %          | 55 %   | 18 % | 27 %             | 26 %      | 1 %   |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>         | 100 %                             | 81 %          | 67 %   | 13 % | 19 %             | 18 %      | 1 %   |
| Murder /a                       | 100                               | 96            | 95     | 1    | 3                | 3         | 1     |
| Sexual assault /b               | 100                               | 84            | 75     | 9    | 16               | 14        | 2     |
| Robbery                         | 100                               | 87            | 77     | 10   | 13               | 12        | --    |
| Aggravated assault              | 100                               | 74            | 54     | 19   | 26               | 25        | 1     |
| Other violent /c                | 100                               | 64            | 47     | 17   | 36               | 31        | 6     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>        | 100 %                             | 70 %          | 52 %   | 18 % | 30 %             | 29 %      | 1 %   |
| Burglary                        | 100                               | 81            | 64     | 17   | 19               | 18        | 1     |
| Larceny /d                      | 100                               | 68            | 48     | 20   | 32               | 30        | 1     |
| Fraud /e                        | 100                               | 62            | 45     | 17   | 38               | 37        | 1     |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>            | 100 %                             | 73 %          | 51 %   | 23 % | 27 %             | 24 %      | 2 %   |
| Possession                      | 100                               | 72            | 47     | 25   | 28               | 25        | 2     |
| Trafficking                     | 100                               | 74            | 52     | 21   | 26               | 24        | 2     |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>          | 100 %                             | 70 %          | 51 %   | 19 % | 30 %             | 28 %      | 2 %   |
| <b>Other offenses/f</b>         | 100 %                             | 69 %          | 44 %   | 25 % | 31 %             | 29 %      | 2 %   |

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State Court Sentencing of Convicted Felons, 1998 -- Statistical tables

**Table 2.6. Mean length of felony State court sentences imposed, by offense and gender of felons, 1998**

| Most serious conviction offense | Maximum sentence length (in months) for felons sentenced to -- |        |      |           |
|---------------------------------|--|--------|------|-----------|
|                                 | Incarceration  |        |      | Probation |
|                                 | Total  | Prison | Jail |           |
| <b>Male</b>                     |  |        |      |           |
| <b>All offenses</b>             | 40 mo  | 57 mo  | 6 mo | 40 mo     |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>         | 78 mo  | 100 mo | 7 mo | 50 mo     |
| Murder /a                       | 270  | 275    | 11   | 57        |
| Sexual assault /b               | 92   | 109    | 8    | 73        |
| Robbery                         | 93   | 105    | 11   | 62        |
| Aggravated assault              | 45   | 66     | 6    | 42        |
| Other violent /c                | 34   | 51     | 6    | 38        |
| <b>Property offenses</b>        | 31 mo  | 44 mo  | 6 mo | 39 mo     |
| Burglary                        | 39   | 51     | 6    | 43        |
| Larceny /d                      | 25   | 37     | 6    | 36        |
| Fraud /e                        | 28   | 40     | 5    | 38        |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>            | 31 mo  | 46 mo  | 6 mo | 37 mo     |
| Possession                      | 21   | 34     | 4    | 33        |
| Trafficking                     | 37   | 53     | 6    | 40        |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>          | 28 mo  | 40 mo  | 6 mo | 34 mo     |
| <b>Other offenses/f</b>         | 24 mo  | 37 mo  | 6 mo | 40 mo     |
| <b>Female</b>                   |  |        |      |           |
| <b>All offenses</b>             | 28 mo  | 44 mo  | 5 mo | 39 mo     |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>         | 51 mo  | 76 mo  | 6 mo | 44 mo     |
| Murder /a                       | 189  | 199    | 13   | 70        |
| Sexual assault /b               | 53   | 69     | 6    | 57        |
| Robbery                         | 57   | 69     | 10   | 60        |
| Aggravated assault              | 35   | 60     | 5    | 43        |
| Other violent /c                | 51   | 79     | 5    | 33        |
| <b>Property offenses</b>        | 25 mo  | 37 mo  | 4 mo | 39 mo     |
| Burglary                        | 28   | 44     | 5    | 42        |
| Larceny /d                      | 22   | 35     | 5    | 38        |
| Fraud /e                        | 26   | 37     | 4    | 39        |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>            | 26 mo  | 43 mo  | 5 mo | 39 mo     |
| Possession                      | 19   | 34     | 4    | 38        |
| Trafficking                     | 31   | 49     | 6    | 39        |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>          | 32 mo  | 51 mo  | 5 mo | 32 mo     |
| <b>Other offenses/f</b>         | 21 mo  | 36 mo  | 4 mo | 34 mo     |

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**Table 2.7. Mean length of felony State court sentence imposed, by offense and race of felons, 1998**

| Most serious conviction offense | Maximum sentence length (in months) for felons sentenced to -- |        |      | Probation |
|---------------------------------|--|--------|------|-----------|
|                                 | Incarceration  |        | Jail |           |
|                                 | Total  | Prison |      |           |
| <b>White</b>                    |  |        |      |           |
| <b>All offenses</b>             | 35 mo  | 54 mo  | 5 mo | 39 mo     |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>         | 70 mo  | 96 mo  | 6 mo | 49 mo     |
| Murder /a                       | 277  | 283    | 10   | 57        |
| Sexual assault /b               | 92   | 109    | 7    | 78        |
| Robbery                         | 79   | 92     | 9    | 51        |
| Aggravated assault              | 41   | 67     | 5    | 42        |
| Other violent /c                | 33   | 54     | 6    | 39        |
| <b>Property offenses</b>        | 29 mo  | 42 mo  | 5 mo | 40 mo     |
| Burglary                        | 36   | 49     | 6    | 45        |
| Larceny /d                      | 24   | 37     | 5    | 37        |
| Fraud /e                        | 26   | 38     | 4    | 40        |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>            | 26 mo  | 46 mo  | 4 mo | 34 mo     |
| Possession                      | 18   | 34     | 4    | 32        |
| Trafficking                     | 32   | 54     | 5    | 36        |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>          | 26 mo  | 40 mo  | 5 mo | 37 mo     |
| <b>Other offenses /f</b>        | 24 mo  | 38 mo  | 5 mo | 41 mo     |
| <b>Black</b>                    |  |        |      |           |
| <b>All offenses</b>             | 45 mo  | 59 mo  | 7 mo | 39 mo     |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>         | 97 mo  | 114 mo | 9 mo | 50 mo     |
| Murder /a                       | 269  | 274    | 14   | 67        |
| Sexual assault /b               | 117  | 129    | 9    | 60        |
| Robbery                         | 109  | 119    | 13   | 67        |
| Aggravated assault              | 55   | 72     | 7    | 44        |
| Other violent /c                | 39   | 51     | 7    | 34        |
| <b>Property offenses</b>        | 34 mo  | 44 mo  | 6 mo | 39 mo     |
| Burglary                        | 47   | 57     | 7    | 43        |
| Larceny /d                      | 27   | 36     | 7    | 39        |
| Fraud /e                        | 30   | 40     | 4    | 38        |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>            | 34 mo  | 46 mo  | 6 mo | 36 mo     |
| Possession                      | 24   | 33     | 5    | 37        |
| Trafficking                     | 39   | 52     | 7    | 36        |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>          | 33 mo  | 42 mo  | 8 mo | 33 mo     |
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**Table 2.8. Gender and race of felons sentenced to incarceration or prison by State courts, by offense, 1998**

| Most serious conviction offense | Percent of convictions |        |        |       |       |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
|                                 | Total                  | Gender |        | Race  |       |
|                                 |                        | Male   | Female | White | Black |
| <b>Incarceration</b>            |                        |        |        |       |       |
| <b>All offenses</b>             | 100 %                  | 100 %  | 100 %  | 100 % | 100 % |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>         | 20 %                   | 22 %   | 11 %   | 19 %  | 19 %  |
| Murder /a                       | 1                      | 1      | 1      | 1     | 2     |
| Sexual assault /b               | 4                      | 4      | 1      | 5     | 2     |
| Robbery                         | 5                      | 6      | 3      | 4     | 8     |
| Aggravated assault              | 8                      | 8      | 6      | 8     | 7     |
| Other violent /c                | 2                      | 2      | 1      | 2     | 1     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>        | 29 %                   | 27 %   | 40 %   | 33 %  | 26 %  |
| Burglary                        | 10                     | 11     | 5      | 13    | 9     |
| Larceny /d                      | 11                     | 10     | 15     | 12    | 11    |
| Fraud /e                        | 8                      | 6      | 19     | 9     | 7     |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>            | 34 %                   | 34 %   | 39 %   | 29 %  | 42 %  |
| Possession                      | 12                     | 12     | 17     | 13    | 13    |
| Trafficking                     | 22                     | 21     | 22     | 16    | 29    |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>          | 3 %                    | 4 %    | 1 %    | 3 %   | 4 %   |
| <b>Other offenses /f</b>        | 13 %                   | 14 %   | 9 %    | 16 %  | 9 %   |
| <b>Prison</b>                   |                        |        |        |       |       |
| <b>All offenses</b>             | 100 %                  | 100 %  | 100 %  | 100 % | 100 % |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>         | 24 %                   | 25 %   | 13 %   | 23 %  | 22 %  |
| Murder /a                       | 2                      | 2      | 1      | 2     | 2     |
| Sexual assault /b               | 5                      | 5      | 1      | 6     | 3     |
| Robbery                         | 7                      | 8      | 4      | 5     | 9     |
| Aggravated assault              | 8                      | 8      | 6      | 8     | 7     |
| Other violent /c                | 2                      | 2      | 1      | 2     | 1     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>        | 30 %                   | 28 %   | 42 %   | 35 %  | 27 %  |
| Burglary                        | 12                     | 12     | 5      | 14    | 9     |
| Larceny /d                      | 10                     | 10     | 16     | 12    | 10    |
| Fraud /e                        | 8                      | 6      | 22     | 9     | 7     |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>            | 32 %                   | 31 %   | 36 %   | 25 %  | 40 %  |
| Possession                      | 10                     | 10     | 15     | 10    | 11    |
| Trafficking                     | 22                     | 21     | 22     | 15    | 29    |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>          | 3 %                    | 4 %    | 1 %    | 3 %   | 4 %   |
| <b>Other offenses /f</b>        | 11 %                   | 12 %   | 8 %    | 14 %  | 8 %   |

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

Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

Some estimates in this table are based on as few as 1 case and are therefore unreliable.

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-- Less than 0.5%.

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e/ Includes forgery and embezzlement.

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Table 2.9. Gender and race of felons sentenced to jail or probation by State courts, by offense, 1998

| Most serious conviction offense | Percent of convictions |        |        |       |       |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
|                                 | Total                  | Gender |        | Race  |       |
|                                 |                        | Male   | Female | White | Black |
| <b>Jail</b>                     |                        |        |        |       |       |
| <b>All offenses</b>             | 100 %                  | 100 %  | 100 %  | 100 % | 100 % |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>         | 14 %                   | 24 %   | 17 %   | 21 %  | 22 %  |
| Murder /a                       | --                     | --     | --     | --    | --    |
| Sexual assault /b               | 2                      | 4      | 1      | 3     | 2     |
| Robbery                         | 2                      | 4      | 2      | 2     | 6     |
| Aggravated assault              | 8                      | 14     | 12     | 12    | 12    |
| Other violent /c                | 2                      | 3      | 2      | 4     | 2     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>        | 28 %                   | 41 %   | 63 %   | 46 %  | 47 %  |
| Burglary                        | 8                      | 14     | 8      | 15    | 12    |
| Larceny /d                      | 12                     | 18     | 27     | 19    | 22    |
| Fraud /e                        | 8                      | 9      | 28     | 12    | 13    |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>            | 38 %                   | 60 %   | 74 %   | 54 %  | 91 %  |
| Possession                      | 15                     | 25     | 36     | 26    | 31    |
| Trafficking                     | 22                     | 35     | 38     | 28    | 60    |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>          | 3 %                    | 6 %    | 2 %    | 4 %   | 7 %   |
| <b>Other offenses /f</b>        | 17 %                   | 29 %   | 18 %   | 28 %  | 24 %  |
| <b>Probation</b>                |                        |        |        |       |       |
| <b>All offenses</b>             | 100 %                  | 100 %  | 100 %  | 100 % | 100 % |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>         | 12 %                   | 21 %   | 9 %    | 12 %  | 13 %  |
| Murder /a                       | --                     | --     | --     | --    | --    |
| Sexual assault /b               | 2                      | 4      | --     | 2     | 1     |
| Robbery                         | 2                      | 3      | 1      | 1     | 3     |
| Aggravated assault              | 7                      | 11     | 6      | 6     | 7     |
| Other violent /c                | 2                      | 3      | 1      | 2     | 2     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>        | 34 %                   | 45 %   | 49 %   | 37 %  | 30 %  |
| Burglary                        | 7                      | 13     | 3      | 9     | 6     |
| Larceny /d                      | 13                     | 18     | 19     | 14    | 13    |
| Fraud /e                        | 13                     | 14     | 28     | 15    | 12    |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>            | 34 %                   | 55 %   | 31 %   | 30 %  | 42 %  |
| Possession                      | 14                     | 21     | 13     | 12    | 13    |
| Trafficking                     | 20                     | 34     | 18     | 18    | 29    |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>          | 4 %                    | 7 %    | 1 %    | 3 %   | 4 %   |
| <b>Other offenses /f</b>        | 16 %                   | 27 %   | 10 %   | 18 %  | 11 %  |

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**Table 2.10. Percent of convicted felons sentenced by State courts to incarceration or prison, by gender, race, and offense, 1998**

| Most serious conviction offense   | Percent receiving designated sentence |        |       |        |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|
|                                   | White                                 |        | Black |        |
|                                   | Male                                  | Female | Male  | Female |
| <b>Sentenced to incarceration</b> |                                       |        |       |        |
| <b>All offenses</b>               | 69 %                                  | 55 %   | 76 %  | 61 %   |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>           | 77 %                                  | 64 %   | 82 %  | 61 %   |
| Murder/a                          | 94                                    | 91     | 94    | 86     |
| Sexual assault/b                  | 81                                    | 77     | 84    | 46     |
| Robbery                           | 88                                    | 78     | 87    | 82     |
| Aggravated assault                | 73                                    | 60     | 78    | 52     |
| Other violent/c                   | 67                                    | 48     | 64    | 53     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>          | 68 %                                  | 50 %   | 76 %  | 57 %   |
| Burglary                          | 74                                    | 71     | 82    | 76     |
| Larceny/d                         | 66                                    | 50     | 75    | 54     |
| Fraud/e                           | 59                                    | 46     | 68    | 58     |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>              | 67 %                                  | 60 %   | 74 %  | 68 %   |
| Possession                        | 68                                    | 64     | 74    | 68     |
| Trafficking                       | 66                                    | 57     | 74    | 68     |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>            | 68 %                                  | 47 %   | 72 %  | 51 %   |
| <b>Other offenses/f</b>           | 64 %                                  | 53 %   | 69 %  | 58 %   |
| <b>Sentenced to prison</b>        |                                       |        |       |        |
| <b>All offenses</b>               | 42 %                                  | 29 %   | 56 %  | 40 %   |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>           | 55 %                                  | 38 %   | 70 %  | 42 %   |
| Murder/a                          | 92                                    | 89     | 93    | 83     |
| Sexual assault/b                  | 67                                    | 59     | 75    | 36     |
| Robbery                           | 74                                    | 61     | 78    | 63     |
| Aggravated assault                | 43                                    | 28     | 59    | 33     |
| Other violent/c                   | 38                                    | 27     | 48    | 32     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>          | 44 %                                  | 29 %   | 57 %  | 40 %   |
| Burglary                          | 51                                    | 43     | 67    | 45     |
| Larceny/d                         | 40                                    | 25     | 54    | 37     |
| Fraud/e                           | 39                                    | 28     | 50    | 42     |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>              | 35 %                                  | 27 %   | 52 %  | 42 %   |
| Possession                        | 33                                    | 26     | 49    | 39     |
| Trafficking                       | 36                                    | 29     | 53    | 43     |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>            | 40 %                                  | 28 %   | 53 %  | 27 %   |
| <b>Other offenses/f</b>           | 35 %                                  | 25 %   | 45 %  | 32 %   |

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Table 2.11. Percent of convicted felons sentenced by State courts to jail or probation, by gender, race, and offense, 1998

| Most serious conviction offense | Percent receiving designated sentence |        |       |        |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|
|                                 | White                                 |        | Black |        |
|                                 | Male                                  | Female | Male  | Female |
| <b>Sentenced to jail</b>        |                                       |        |       |        |
| <b>All offenses</b>             | 27 %                                  | 26 %   | 20 %  | 21 %   |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>         | 22 %                                  | 25 %   | 13 %  | 19 %   |
| Murder/a                        | 2                                     | 3      | 1     | 3      |
| Sexual assault/b                | 14                                    | 17     | 9     | 9      |
| Robbery                         | 14                                    | 17     | 9     | 18     |
| Aggravated assault              | 30                                    | 31     | 19    | 20     |
| Other violent/c                 | 29                                    | 21     | 16    | 21     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>        | 24 %                                  | 21 %   | 18 %  | 17 %   |
| Burglary                        | 23                                    | 28     | 16    | 31     |
| Larceny/d                       | 26                                    | 26     | 21    | 17     |
| Fraud/e                         | 21                                    | 17     | 18    | 16     |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>            | 32 %                                  | 33 %   | 22 %  | 26 %   |
| Possession                      | 35                                    | 37     | 25    | 28     |
| Trafficking                     | 29                                    | 28     | 21    | 24     |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>          | 28 %                                  | 19 %   | 19 %  | 24 %   |
| <b>Other offenses/f</b>         | 30 %                                  | 28 %   | 24 %  | 26 %   |
| <b>Sentenced to probation</b>   |                                       |        |       |        |
| <b>All offenses</b>             | 31 %                                  | 44 %   | 24 %  | 38 %   |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>         | 22 %                                  | 36 %   | 17 %  | 39 %   |
| Murder/a                        | 6                                     | 9      | 3     | 12     |
| Sexual assault/b                | 19                                    | 21     | 15    | 54     |
| Robbery                         | 12                                    | 22     | 12    | 18     |
| Aggravated assault              | 27                                    | 40     | 22    | 47     |
| Other violent/c                 | 32                                    | 52     | 35    | 44     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>        | 32 %                                  | 50 %   | 24 %  | 43 %   |
| Burglary                        | 25                                    | 29     | 18    | 24     |
| Larceny/d                       | 34                                    | 50     | 25    | 46     |
| Fraud/e                         | 40                                    | 54     | 32    | 42     |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>            | 33 %                                  | 39 %   | 25 %  | 32 %   |
| Possession                      | 31                                    | 35     | 26    | 32     |
| Trafficking                     | 34                                    | 43     | 25    | 32     |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>          | 32 %                                  | 53 %   | 28 %  | 49 %   |
| <b>Other offenses/f</b>         | 34 %                                  | 46 %   | 28 %  | 38 %   |

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Table 2.12. Mean length of State felony sentences to incarceration or prison, by gender and race of felons, 1998

| Most serious conviction offense   | Mean sentence length (in months) for persons who were -- |        |        |        |
|-----------------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|
|                                   | White  |        | Black  |        |
|                                   | Male   | Female | Male   | Female |
| <b>Sentenced to incarceration</b> |  |        |        |        |
| <b>All offenses</b>               | 36 mo  | 24 mo  | 46 mo  | 31 mo  |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>           | 71 mo  | 54 mo  | 100 mo | 47 mo  |
| Murder/a                          | 278  | 288    | 284    | 128    |
| Sexual assault/b                  | 93   | 46     | 119    | 33     |
| Robbery                           | 81   | 55     | 110    | 57     |
| Aggravated assault                | 41   | 41     | 58     | 33     |
| Other violent/c                   | 34   | 29     | 36     | 41     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>          | 30 mo  | 22 mo  | 36 mo  | 28 mo  |
| Burglary                          | 35   | 25     | 47     | 36     |
| Larceny/d                         | 25   | 19     | 28     | 25     |
| Fraud/e                           | 28   | 23     | 29     | 30     |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>              | 27 mo  | 20 mo  | 34 mo  | 31 mo  |
| Possession                        | 19   | 15     | 24     | 23     |
| Trafficking                       | 33   | 25     | 39     | 35     |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>            | 26 mo  | 29 mo  | 34 mo  | 30 mo  |
| <b>Other offenses/f</b>           | 24 mo  | 19 mo  | 25 mo  | 19 mo  |
| <b>Sentenced to prison</b>        |  |        |        |        |
| <b>All offenses</b>               | 56 mo  | 42 mo  | 60 mo  | 43 mo  |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>           | 96 mo  | 85 mo  | 116 mo | 64 mo  |
| Murder/a                          | 284  | 298    | 288    | 133    |
| Sexual assault/b                  | 109  | 59     | 131    | 40     |
| Robbery                           | 94   | 67     | 120    | 68     |
| Aggravated assault                | 65   | 81     | 75     | 49     |
| Other violent/c                   | 55   | 48     | 45     | 65     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>          | 43 mo  | 35 mo  | 45 mo  | 38 mo  |
| Burglary                          | 48   | 38     | 56     | 58     |
| Larceny/d                         | 37   | 34     | 36     | 33     |
| Fraud/e                           | 40   | 34     | 38     | 40     |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>              | 47 mo  | 39 mo  | 46 mo  | 45 mo  |
| Possession                        | 34   | 31     | 33     | 34     |
| Trafficking                       | 56   | 45     | 51     | 50     |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>            | 40 mo  | 46 mo  | 42 mo  | 49 mo  |
| <b>Other offenses/f</b>           | 38 mo  | 34 mo  | 35 mo  | 30 mo  |

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Table 2.13 Mean length of State felony sentences to jail or probation, by gender and race of felons, 1998

| Most serious conviction offense | Mean sentence length (in months) for persons who were -- |        |       |        |
|---------------------------------|--|--------|-------|--------|
|                                 | White  |        | Black |        |
|                                 | Male   | Female | Male  | Female |
| <b>Sentenced to jail</b>        |  |        |       |        |
| <b>All offenses</b>             | 5 mo   | 4 mo   | 7 mo  | 6 mo   |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>         | 6 mo   | 5 mo   | 9 mo  | 8 mo   |
| Murder/a                        | 8  | 28     | 15    | 7      |
| Sexual assault/b                | 8  | 5      | 9     | 3      |
| Robbery                         | 9  | 8      | 13    | 13     |
| Aggravated assault              | 5  | 4      | 7     | 7      |
| Other violent/c                 | 7  | 5      | 7     | 6      |
| <b>Property offenses</b>        | 5 mo   | 4 mo   | 6 mo  | 5 mo   |
| Burglary                        | 6  | 5      | 7     | 5      |
| Larceny/d                       | 5  | 4      | 7     | 6      |
| Fraud/e                         | 4  | 4      | 5     | 4      |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>            | 4 mo   | 4 mo   | 7 mo  | 6 mo   |
| Possession                      | 4  | 4      | 5     | 5      |
| Trafficking                     | 5  | 5      | 7     | 7      |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>          | 5 mo   | 4 mo   | 9 mo  | 7 mo   |
| <b>Other offenses/f</b>         | 5 mo   | 4 mo   | 6 mo  | 5 mo   |
| <b>Sentenced to probation</b>   |  |        |       |        |
| <b>All offenses</b>             | 40 mo  | 38 mo  | 39 mo | 40 mo  |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>         | 50 mo  | 45 mo  | 51 mo | 47 mo  |
| Murder/a                        | 56   | 64     | 67    | 74     |
| Sexual assault/b                | 79   | 61     | 61    | 50     |
| Robbery                         | 52   | 44     | 67    | 76     |
| Aggravated assault              | 41   | 47     | 45    | 44     |
| Other violent/c                 | 40   | 32     | 34    | 36     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>        | 39 mo  | 41 mo  | 40 mo | 39 mo  |
| Burglary                        | 45   | 45     | 43    | 35     |
| Larceny/d                       | 36   | 38     | 39    | 40     |
| Fraud/e                         | 38   | 41     | 40    | 38     |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>            | 34 mo  | 35 mo  | 35 mo | 41 mo  |
| Possession                      | 32   | 31     | 33    | 54     |
| Trafficking                     | 35   | 37     | 36    | 35     |
| <b>Weapon offenses</b>          | 38 mo  | 36 mo  | 34 mo | 33 mo  |
| <b>Other offenses/f</b>         | 42 mo  | 35 mo  | 40 mo | 32 mo  |

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