

Table 5.49

**Felony convictions in State courts**By offense, United States, 1994<sup>a</sup>

Most serious conviction offense	Felony convictions	
	Number	Percent
All offenses	872,217	100%
Violent offenses	164,583	18.9
Murder/manslaughter <sup>b</sup>	12,007	1.4
Murder	8,924	1.0
Manslaughter <sup>b</sup>	3,083	0.3
Rape	20,068	2.3
Robbery	46,028	5.3
Armed	13,319	1.5
Unarmed	14,801	1.7
Unspecified	17,907	2.1
Aggravated assault	65,174	7.5
Other violent <sup>c</sup>	21,307	2.4
Property offenses	275,198	31.6
Burglary	98,109	11.2
Residential	13,300	1.5
Nonresidential	34,152	3.9
Unspecified	50,657	5.8
Larceny	113,026	13.0
Motor vehicle theft	21,049	2.4
Other theft <sup>d</sup>	91,977	10.5
Fraud/forgery <sup>e</sup>	64,063	7.3
Fraud <sup>f</sup>	28,268	3.2
Forgery	35,796	4.1
Drug offenses	274,245	31.4
Possession	108,815	12.5
Trafficking	165,430	19.0
Marijuana	15,931	1.8
Other	104,181	11.9
Unspecified	45,318	5.2
Weapons offenses	31,010	3.6
Other offenses <sup>f</sup>	127,180	14.6

Note: These data are from the National Judicial Reporting Program (NJRP), a biennial survey of State felony courts. Data were collected by the U.S. Bureau of the Census for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. The first survey, conducted in 1986, reported on felony case processing in State courts in a sample of 100 counties. The samples collected in 1988, 1990, 1992, and 1994 were expanded to include 300 counties selected to be nationally representative. All five samples included the same 54 counties representative of the Nation's 75 largest. Only offenses that State penal codes define as felonies are included. Excluded are Federal courts and State courts or local courts that did not try felony cases. Data specifying the conviction offense were available for the estimated total of 872,217 convicted felons. These data are estimates derived from a sample and therefore subject to sampling variation.

For survey sampling procedures and definitions of terms, see Appendix 14.

<sup>a</sup>Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup>Manslaughter is defined as nonnegligent manslaughter only. In a small number of cases where it was unclear whether the offense was murder or manslaughter, the case was classified under manslaughter.

<sup>c</sup>Includes offenses such as negligent manslaughter, sexual assault, and kidnaping.

<sup>d</sup>Includes a small number of convictions with unspecified offenses.

<sup>e</sup>Includes embezzlement.

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

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Felony Sentences in State Courts, 1994*, Bulletin NCJ-163391 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, January 1997), p. 2, Table 1.