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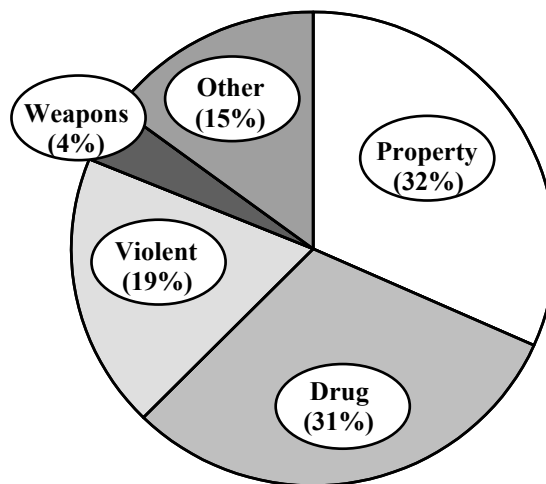
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Majority of State Court Felony Convictions Are for Property or Drug Offenses

According to the most recent Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) state court data, the majority of state felony convictions in 1994 were for either property (32%) or drug offenses (31%). Approximately 275,000 individuals were convicted for property offenses, which include burglary, larceny, fraud, and forgery. Slightly fewer were convicted for either possession or trafficking of drugs. Other state felony convictions were for violent (19%), weapons (4%), and other (nonviolent) offenses (15%), such as receiving stolen property and vandalism. The survey, conducted every two years, is of a nationally representative sample of counties across the United States.

Distribution of Offenses for State Court Felony Convictions in 1994

(n=872,217 convictions)



NOTE: Violent offenses include murder, manslaughter, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, sexual assault, and kidnapping. Percentages do not add to 100 due to rounding.

SOURCE: Patrick Langan and Jodi Brown, *Felony Sentences in State Courts, 1994*, Bureau of Justice Statistics Bulletin, January 1997. To order a copy of this bulletin, contact the Bureau of Justice Statistics Clearinghouse at 800-732-3277 or 301-251-5500 and refer to publication number NCJ-163391.

Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention Has New Web Site

The Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention has now established its presence on the web. Visit their web site today (www.bsos.umd.edu/cesar/goccp/goccp.html) to learn more about their office, including the names and descriptions of state and federal grant programs that they administer.

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