



# Don't Buy Crime

*This Atlanta Police Zone One Initiative tackles the cycle of crime initiated by people who buy stolen goods, whether knowingly or by turning their back on the truth.*

Stolen goods markets motivate thieves because most thieves steal to sell goods for cash. When you buy stolen goods you help keep these markets thriving. The proceeds from crimes such as burglaries, shop-lifting, theft from vehicles, and robberies fund additional crimes, most frequently drug trade. "Don't Buy Crime" is about breaking the cycle, in other words, directly tackling the markets where these goods are sold and the crimes associated with these markets.



## Say "NO" to Stolen Goods

"If the price is too good to be true, it's possibly stolen goods"  
Don't be a partner to crime.



**Table 8. Substance dependence or abuse among convicted jail inmates, by type of substance and offense, 2002**

Most serious offense	Estimated number of inmates	Percent dependent or abusing –		
		Alcohol	Drugs	Alcohol or drugs
<b>Total<sup>a</sup></b>	440,570	48.9%	55.3%	70.9%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	96,359	52.0%	47.9%	66.9%
Homicide	5,967	46.1	30.4	56.2
Sexual assault <sup>b</sup>	13,252	37.2	32.6	49.6
Robbery	18,826	52.6	63.9	74.2
Assault	50,226	57.8	50.5	71.8
<b>Property offenses</b>	112,895	48.4%	61.8%	72.8%
Burglary	29,767	54.1	74.0	84.7
Larceny/theft	33,691	49.3	59.1	71.1
Motor vehicle theft	9,414	46.5	60.9	70.3
Fraud	22,817	42.6	53.2	63.1
<b>Drug offenses</b>	112,447	40.1%	66.8%	73.0%
Possession	48,823	40.5	71.2	75.3
Trafficking	56,574	40.1	61.4	70.0
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	83,193	45.8%	48.2%	65.6%
Weapons	9,218	47.6	60.8	78.8
Other public-order	73,975	45.6	46.7	64.0
DW/DUI	35,676	78.1%	36.2%	61.5%

<sup>a</sup>Includes offenses not shown.  
<sup>b</sup>Includes rape and other sexual assault.

In 2002, 16% of convicted jail inmates said they committed their offense to get money for drugs, a slight increase from 15% in 1996. Around a quarter of property and drug offenders said they committed their offense to get money for drugs, compared to under a tenth of violent and public-order offenders.

Most serious offense	Percent of convicted inmates who committed offense to get money for drugs	
	2002	1996 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Total<sup>b</sup></b>	16.4%	15.1%
Violent	8.0	8.2
Property	26.9	24.5
Drug	24.8	22.8
Public-order	5.2	3.4

<sup>a</sup>Percentages have been revised from those previously published.  
<sup>b</sup>Includes offenses not shown.

Between 1996 and 2002, the proportion of drug, property, and public-order offenders who said they committed their offense to get money for drugs increased by two percentage points, while that of violent offenders was relatively unchanged.

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