

TABLE 6.1

"Cross-Fostering" Analysis: Percentage of Adoptive Sons Who Have Been Convicted of Criminal Law Offenses

ARE BIOLOGICAL PARENTS CRIMINAL?	ARE ADOPTIVE PARENTS CRIMINAL?	
	NO	YES
No	13.5% (of 2,492)*	14.7% (of 204)
Yes	20.0% (of 1,226)	24.5% (of 143)

*Note: The numbers in parentheses are the numbers of cases in each cell, for a total sample of 4,065 adopted males.

Sources: Adapted from Mednick, S. A., Gabrielli, W. F., & Hutchings, B. (1984). Genetic influences in criminal convictions: Evidence from an adoption cohort. *Science*, 224, 891–894. Also reported in Wilson, J. Q., & Herrnstein, R. J. (1985). *Crime and human nature*. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster, p. 96.