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Federal pretrial detention hearings and defendants ordered detained in U.S. District Courts

By characteristics, United States, fiscal year 2003

Defendant characteristics	Number of defendants	Defendants with pretrial detention hearings		Percent of defendants with hearings held	Of defendants with hearings held, percent ordered detained
		Hearings held	Ordered detained		
All defendants ^a	76,305	42,564	31,766	55.8%	74.6%
Sex					
Male	64,907	38,235	29,270	58.9	76.6
Female	11,290	4,297	2,471	38.1	57.5
Race					
White	53,275	29,664	22,665	55.7	76.4
Black	18,468	10,316	7,450	55.9	72.2
Native American	1,342	861	506	64.2	58.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,748	1,068	688	61.1	64.4
Ethnicity					
Hispanic	33,497	21,893	17,949	65.4	82.0
Non-Hispanic	42,092	20,382	13,618	48.4	66.8
Age					
16 to 18 years	1,289	737	524	57.2	71.1
19 to 20 years	4,031	2,290	1,644	56.8	71.8
21 to 30 years	30,491	18,285	13,946	60.0	76.3
31 to 40 years	22,523	12,921	9,808	57.4	75.9
Over 40 years	17,697	8,216	5,753	46.4	70.0
Education					
Less than high school graduate	22,920	13,532	9,817	59.0	72.5
High school graduate	18,519	9,628	6,242	52.0	64.8
Some college	10,357	4,332	2,541	41.8	58.7
College graduate	4,328	1,388	738	32.1	53.2
Marital status					
Never married	23,137	13,254	9,209	57.3	69.5
Divorced/separated	10,612	5,357	3,576	50.5	66.8
Married	18,451	8,439	5,530	45.7	65.5
Common law	5,424	3,127	2,151	57.7	68.8
Other	18,681	12,387	11,300	66.3	91.2
Employment status at arrest					
Unemployed	26,877	15,622	11,111	58.1	71.1
Employed	30,522	13,942	8,715	45.7	62.5
Criminal record					
No convictions ^b	20,482	8,751	5,429	42.7	62.0
Prior conviction					
Misdemeanor only	12,795	6,396	4,337	50.0	67.8
Felony					
Nonviolent	17,607	11,013	8,930	62.5	81.1
Violent	13,301	9,182	7,578	69.0	82.5
Number of prior convictions					
1	12,476	6,785	5,029	54.4	74.1
2 to 4	17,884	10,938	8,591	61.2	78.5
5 or more	13,343	8,868	7,225	66.5	81.5

Note: See Note, table 5.13.2003. For methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 11.

^aIncludes defendants for whom these characteristics were unknown.

^bIncludes only those defendants whose PSA records explicitly showed no prior arrests or convictions.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Compendium of Federal Justice Statistics, 2003*, NCJ 210299 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2005), p. 51. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.