

Table 5.15

**Federal defendants released or detained prior to trial in U.S. District Courts**

By characteristics, United States, fiscal year 2001

Defendant characteristics	Number of defendants	Defendants released		Defendants detained	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All defendants <sup>a</sup>	68,214	31,320	45.9%	49,199	72.1%
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	57,385	23,568	41.1	43,721	76.2
Female	10,756	7,712	71.7	5,439	50.6
<b>Race</b>					
White	46,999	20,333	43.3	34,770	74.0
Black	17,576	8,843	50.3	12,166	69.2
Native American	1,272	820	64.5	844	66.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,580	907	57.4	968	61.3
<b>Ethnicity</b>					
Hispanic	28,233	6,558	23.2	25,953	91.9
Non-Hispanic	39,542	24,523	62.0	23,006	58.2
<b>Age</b>					
16 to 18 years	1,304	605	46.4	1,009	77.4
19 to 20 years	4,080	1,878	46.0	2,993	73.4
21 to 30 years	27,549	10,972	39.8	21,555	78.2
31 to 40 years	19,582	8,444	43.1	14,618	74.7
Over 40 years	15,546	9,329	60.0	8,945	57.5
<b>Education</b>					
Less than high school graduate	20,095	7,821	38.9	16,463	81.9
High school graduate	16,663	10,064	60.4	10,474	62.9
Some college	9,902	7,098	71.7	5,078	51.3
College graduate	4,180	3,331	79.7	1,553	37.2
<b>Marital status</b>					
Never married	21,522	10,893	50.6	15,376	71.4
Divorced/separated	9,442	5,590	59.2	5,989	63.4
Married	16,448	9,940	60.4	9,702	59.0
Common law	4,647	2,065	44.4	3,643	78.4
Other	16,155	2,832	17.5	14,489	89.7
<b>Employment status at arrest</b>					
Unemployed	22,509	9,976	44.3	17,321	77.0
Employed	29,559	18,699	63.3	17,207	58.2
<b>Criminal record</b>					
No convictions <sup>b</sup>	20,132	12,160	60.4	11,570	57.5
Prior conviction					
Misdemeanor only	11,223	6,670	59.4	7,203	64.2
Felony					
Nonviolent	15,150	4,882	32.2	12,725	84.0
Violent	11,062	2,823	25.5	9,890	89.4
<b>Number of prior convictions</b>					
1	11,090	5,415	48.8	7,861	70.9
2 to 4	15,366	5,902	38.4	12,329	80.2
5 or more	10,979	3,058	27.9	9,628	87.7

Note: See Note, table 5.13. "Released" defendants includes some defendants who also were detained prior to trial; "detained" defendants includes some defendants who also were released prior to trial. Total includes defendants for whom release status data were unavailable. For methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 11.

<sup>a</sup>Includes defendants for whom these characteristics were unknown.

<sup>b</sup>Includes only those defendants whose PSA records explicitly showed no prior convictions.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Compendium of Federal Justice Statistics, 2001*, NCJ 201627 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2003), pp. 43, 45. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.