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Table 5.15.2002

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

By characteristics, United States, fiscal year 2002

Defendant characteristics	Number of defendants	Defendants released		Defendants detained	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All defendants ^a	71,572	32,140	44.9%	52,515	73.4%
Sex					
Male	60,049	23,870	39.8	46,578	77.6
Female	11,426	8,205	71.8	5,902	51.7
Race					
White	49,868	20,948	42.0	37,572	75.3
Black	17,935	9,018	50.3	12,494	69.7
Native American	1,184	761	64.3	808	68.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,619	949	58.6	1,041	64.3
Ethnicity					
Hispanic	29,790	6,380	21.4	27,637	92.8
Non-Hispanic	41,337	25,499	61.7	24,634	59.6
Age					
16 to 18 years	1,290	631	48.9	966	74.9
19 to 20 years	4,305	2,049	47.6	3,197	74.3
21 to 30 years	28,235	10,929	38.7	22,417	79.4
31 to 40 years	20,812	8,757	42.1	15,777	75.8
Over 40 years	16,772	9,685	57.7	10,072	60.1
Education					
Less than high school graduate	21,245	8,193	38.6	17,667	83.2
High school graduate	17,455	10,423	59.7	11,389	65.2
Some college	10,112	7,174	70.9	5,350	52.9
College graduate	4,453	3,526	79.2	1,736	39.0
Marital status					
Never married	22,296	11,159	50.0	16,298	73.1
Divorced/separated	9,850	5,702	57.9	6,476	65.7
Married	17,698	10,438	59.0	10,914	61.7
Common law	4,994	2,250	45.1	3,974	79.6
Other	16,734	2,591	15.5	14,853	88.8
Employment status at arrest					
Unemployed	24,597	10,861	44.2	19,149	77.9
Employed	30,101	18,839	62.6	18,173	60.4
Criminal record					
No convictions ^b	20,803	12,630	60.7	12,121	58.3
Prior conviction					
Misdemeanor only	11,924	6,847	57.4	7,938	66.6
Felony					
Nonviolent	16,096	4,905	30.5	13,676	85.0
Violent	11,558	2,869	24.8	10,341	89.5
Number of prior convictions					
1	11,533	5,302	46.0	8,471	73.5
2 to 4	16,165	5,999	37.1	13,102	81.1
5 or more	11,880	3,320	27.9	10,382	87.4

Note: See Note, table 5.13.2002. "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.

^aIncludes defendants for whom these characteristics were unknown.

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

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