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

By characteristics, United States, fiscal year 2003

Defendant characteristics	Number of defendants	Defendants released		Defendants detained	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All defendants <sup>a</sup>	76,305	31,613	41.4%	57,856	75.8%
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	64,907	23,604	36.4	51,790	79.8
Female	11,290	7,946	70.4	6,012	53.3
<b>Race</b>					
White	53,275	20,336	38.2	41,515	77.9
Black	18,468	8,897	48.2	13,097	70.9
Native American	1,342	818	61.0	982	73.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,748	963	55.1	1,232	70.5
<b>Ethnicity</b>					
Hispanic	33,497	6,198	18.5	31,413	93.8
Non-Hispanic	42,092	25,033	59.5	26,061	61.9
<b>Age</b>					
16 to 18 years	1,289	585	45.4	1,012	78.5
19 to 20 years	4,031	1,756	43.6	3,117	77.3
21 to 30 years	30,491	11,049	36.2	24,631	80.8
31 to 40 years	22,523	8,502	37.7	17,718	78.7
Over 40 years	17,697	9,589	54.2	11,206	63.3
<b>Education</b>					
Less than high school graduate	22,920	8,008	34.9	19,518	85.2
High school graduate	18,519	10,552	57.0	12,507	67.5
Some college	10,357	7,133	68.9	5,677	54.8
College graduate	4,328	3,338	77.1	1,882	43.5
<b>Marital status</b>					
Never married	23,137	10,918	47.2	17,478	75.5
Divorced/separated	10,612	5,699	53.7	7,300	68.8
Married	18,451	10,224	55.4	11,917	64.6
Common law	5,424	2,258	41.6	4,423	81.5
Other	18,681	2,514	13.5	16,738	89.6
<b>Employment status at arrest</b>					
Unemployed	26,877	11,057	41.1	21,455	79.8
Employed	30,522	18,239	59.8	19,215	63.0
<b>Criminal record</b>					
No convictions <sup>b</sup>	20,482	12,363	60.4	12,140	59.3
Prior conviction					
Misdemeanor only	12,795	6,894	53.9	8,888	69.5
Felony					
Nonviolent	17,607	4,754	27.0	15,239	86.6
Violent	13,301	2,824	21.2	12,113	91.1
Number of prior convictions					
1	12,476	5,300	42.5	9,452	75.8
2 to 4	17,884	5,887	32.9	14,917	83.4
5 or more	13,343	3,285	24.6	11,871	89.0

Note: See Note, table 5.13.2003. "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 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), pp. 47, 49. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.