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

By characteristics, United States, fiscal year 2004

Defendant characteristics	Number of defendants	Defendants released		Defendants detained	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All defendants <sup>a</sup>	78,219	30,952	39.6%	60,294	77.1%
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	66,654	23,045	34.6	54,097	81.2
Female	11,481	7,856	68.4	6,161	53.7
<b>Race</b>					
White	55,408	19,907	35.9	43,913	79.3
Black	18,155	8,580	47.3	13,039	71.8
American Indian, Alaska Native					
	1,505	790	52.5	1,189	79.0
Asian, Pacific Islander	1,721	998	58.0	1,173	68.2
<b>Ethnicity</b>					
Hispanic	35,591	6,041	17.0	33,511	94.2
Non-Hispanic	41,708	24,390	58.5	26,301	63.1
<b>Age</b>					
16 to 18 years	1,267	555	43.8	981	77.4
19 to 20 years	3,990	1,711	42.9	3,095	77.6
21 to 30 years	30,522	10,597	34.7	24,917	81.6
31 to 40 years	23,396	8,313	35.5	18,803	80.4
Over 40 years	18,725	9,607	51.3	12,309	65.7
<b>Education</b>					
Less than high school graduate					
	24,034	7,741	32.2	20,720	86.2
High school graduate	18,717	10,388	55.5	12,766	68.2
Some college	10,137	6,912	68.2	5,667	55.9
College graduate	4,220	3,259	77.2	1,864	44.2
<b>Marital status</b>					
Never married	23,060	10,324	44.8	17,612	76.4
Divorced/separated	11,146	5,917	53.1	7,744	69.5
Married	19,049	9,993	52.5	12,798	67.2
Common law	5,668	2,215	39.1	4,658	82.2
Other	19,296	2,503	13.0	17,482	90.6
<b>Employment status at arrest</b>					
Unemployed	27,936	11,030	39.5	22,467	80.4
Employed	30,264	17,591	58.1	19,425	64.2
<b>Criminal record</b>					
No convictions <sup>b</sup>	19,333	11,658	60.3	11,254	58.2
Prior conviction					
Misdemeanor only					
Felony					
Nonviolent	18,836	4,720	25.1	16,615	88.2
Violent	14,548	3,071	21.1	13,351	91.8
Number of prior convictions					
1	12,815	5,109	39.9	9,939	77.6
2 to 4	18,787	5,850	31.1	15,976	85.0
5 or more	14,986	3,600	24.0	13,445	89.7

Note: See Note, table 5.13.2004. "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.

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