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**Federal defendants convicted in U.S. District Courts**

By offense and characteristics, United States, fiscal year 2003<sup>a</sup>

Defendant characteristics	Total number of convicted defendants	Percent of defendants convicted of:									
		All offenses <sup>b</sup>	Violent offenses	Property offenses		Drug offenses	Public-order offenses		Weapons offenses	Immigration offenses	Mis-demeanors
				Fraudulent	Other		Regulatory	Other			
All offenders <sup>c</sup>	75,859	75,859	2,644	11,323	1,988	25,582	1,136	3,195	6,970	14,199	8,775
<b>Sex</b>											
Male	60,186	86.8%	92.4%	74.5%	73.4%	87.4%	74.9%	88.1%	96.4%	95.2%	79.0%
Female	9,127	13.2	7.6	25.5	26.6	12.6	25.1	11.9	3.6	4.8	21.0
<b>Race</b>											
White	48,389	71.2	53.2	64.6	66.9	67.7	79.9	77.5	49.9	94.3	72.8
Black	16,840	24.8	30.4	29.9	24.9	29.6	14.5	17.2	47.3	3.8	21.1
Native American	1,023	1.5	14.3	0.7	4.6	0.9	0.4	1.4	1.3	0.4	2.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,489	2.2	1.7	4.3	3.4	1.6	4.7	3.9	1.2	1.2	2.7
Other	199	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.7
<b>Ethnicity</b>											
Hispanic	29,335	42.6	11.9	20.8	15.7	43.5	36.8	16.8	13.5	89.8	34.6
Non-Hispanic	39,519	57.4	88.1	79.2	84.3	56.5	63.2	83.2	86.5	10.2	65.4
<b>Age</b>											
16 to 18 years	455	0.7	1.1	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.5	2.3
19 to 20 years	2,803	4.2	7.1	2.1	3.6	4.7	4.3	1.6	4.6	3.4	8.3
21 to 30 years	26,278	39.2	36.1	28.5	30.0	43.7	30.4	22.7	47.8	41.3	39.5
31 to 40 years	20,770	31.0	28.1	31.5	29.1	30.6	30.2	28.2	27.6	36.8	24.8
Over 40 years	16,672	24.9	27.5	37.7	37.0	20.2	34.7	47.3	19.6	18.0	25.1
<b>Citizenship</b>											
U.S. citizen	43,865	64.1	94.2	75.9	91.2	71.3	69.1	89.2	93.6	11.5	68.8
Not U.S. citizen	24,596	35.9	5.8	24.1	8.8	28.7	30.9	10.8	6.4	88.5	31.2
<b>Education</b>											
Less than high school graduate	30,451	47.6	37.1	22.9	28.9	49.6	32.7	24.2	46.2	81.3	36.2
High school graduate	19,026	29.7	39.8	31.3	36.4	32.0	29.7	33.3	39.8	12.6	34.1
Some college	10,867	17.0	18.4	29.9	26.0	15.5	23.1	26.2	12.7	5.0	22.5
College graduate	3,657	5.7	4.7	15.9	8.7	2.9	14.5	16.3	1.4	1.1	7.2
<b>Criminal record</b>											
No convictions	26,042	37.4	31.2	52.9	48.0	44.2	62.9	53.1	13.7	17.1	43.3
Prior adult convictions <sup>d</sup>	43,531	62.6	68.8	47.1	52.0	55.8	37.1	46.9	86.3	82.9	56.7

Note: See Note, table 5.13.2003. These data were created by matching the Administrative Office of the United States Courts' master data files with the U.S. Sentencing Commission monitoring system files (which are limited to defendants sentenced under the Federal sentencing guidelines) and the Federal Pretrial Services Agency's data files. Offenders were classified by the most serious offense charged. For methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 11.

<sup>a</sup>Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup>Includes defendants for whom offense category could not be determined.

<sup>c</sup>Includes offenders for whom these characteristics could not be determined.

<sup>d</sup>For some defendants, prior adult convictions are limited to those used in calculating sentences under the Federal sentencing guidelines (see Source, p. 66).

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. 65.