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**Arrest offense of felony defendants in the 75 largest counties**

United States, 2002<sup>a</sup>

Most serious arrest charge	Felony defendants	
	Number	Percent
All offenses	56,146	100.0%
Violent offenses	13,682	24.4
Murder	474	0.8
Rape	1,002	1.8
Robbery	3,036	5.4
Assault	7,122	12.7
Other violent	2,049	3.6
Property offenses	17,021	30.3
Burglary	4,544	8.1
Larceny/theft	4,929	8.8
Motor vehicle theft	1,869	3.3
Forgery	1,734	3.1
Fraud	1,727	3.1
Other property	2,218	4.0
Drug offenses	20,073	35.8
Trafficking	9,618	17.1
Other drug	10,455	18.6
Public-order offenses	5,370	9.6
Weapons	1,501	2.7
Driving-related	1,788	3.2
Other public-order	2,081	3.7

Note: These data were collected by the Pretrial Services Resource Center for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics as part of the State Court Processing Statistics program. The data are based on 40 of the 75 most populous counties in the United States and a sample of 15,358 felony cases collected from the 40 sampled counties. These cases represent the estimated 56,146 felony cases filed in the 75 counties in May 2002, and the felony defendants involved in these cases. The sample was designed and selected by the U.S. Census Bureau. These data are estimates derived from a sample and therefore are subject to sampling variation.

Data for the specific arrest charge were available for all cases. For methodology, definitions of terms, and crimes within offense categories, see [Appendix 13](#).

<sup>a</sup>Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Felony Defendants in Large Urban Counties, 2002*, NCJ 210818 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2006), p. 2, Table 1.