

Table 5.52

Characteristics of felony defendants in the 75 largest counties

By arrest charge, United States, 2000<sup>a</sup>

Most serious arrest charge	Sex			Race, ethnicity						Age						
	Number of defendants	Male	Female	Number of defendants	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Other, non-Hispanic	Hispanic, any race	Number of defendants	Under 18 years	18 to 20 years	21 to 24 years	25 to 29 years	30 to 34 years	35 to 39 years	40 years and older
All offenses	54,337	81%	19%	53,522	30%	45%	2%	23%	54,249	3%	15%	16%	16%	15%	14%	21%
Violent offenses	13,518	85	15	13,362	26	46	2	26	13,487	5	16	18	16	13	13	19
Murder	485	96	4	478	21	50	2	27	485	10	17	18	20	13	10	13
Rape	886	99	1	886	32	40	3	25	886	1	18	16	15	15	14	21
Robbery	2,930	91	9	2,906	14	61	2	23	2,927	13	25	18	14	11	9	10
Assault	6,590	81	19	6,530	27	45	2	26	6,578	3	13	18	16	14	14	21
Other violent	2,627	82	18	2,563	35	33	3	29	2,612	1	12	16	17	13	16	26
Property offenses	16,052	75	25	15,557	34	45	3	18	16,038	3	17	15	17	15	14	19
Burglary	3,979	88	12	3,951	34	40	3	23	3,973	4	22	16	15	13	13	17
Larceny/theft	4,463	74	26	4,425	35	47	3	15	4,466	2	17	14	14	14	15	24
Motor vehicle theft	1,623	88	12	1,604	27	36	5	31	1,619	3	21	20	19	14	13	11
Forgery	1,819	63	37	1,796	42	43	2	14	1,812	2	14	16	19	18	15	17
Fraud	2,108	45	55	1,753	36	48	3	13	2,113	1	5	11	21	21	16	25
Other property	2,060	83	17	2,029	33	52	2	13	2,055	4	21	15	17	13	12	18
Drug offenses	20,022	81	19	19,899	27	47	2	24	19,977	2	14	15	16	15	15	22
Trafficking	9,350	83	17	9,299	21	52	2	25	9,316	3	17	17	17	15	13	18
Other drug	10,672	79	21	10,600	33	42	2	23	10,661	1	10	13	15	16	17	26
Public-order offenses	4,745	90	10	4,704	33	40	3	24	4,747	2	10	16	17	13	17	25
Weapons	1,410	93	7	1,404	17	56	2	25	1,411	5	20	22	19	11	11	12
Driving-related	1,613	92	8	1,594	48	28	3	21	1,613	(b)	4	10	17	14	23	32
Other public-order	1,722	85	15	1,706	32	39	2	27	1,724	1	8	15	16	14	15	30

Note: See Note, table 5.51. Data on sex of defendants were available for 99.8% of all cases; data on race, 98%; and data on age, 99.6%. U.S. Census Bureau data for 2000 indicate that the distribution of the population of the 75 largest counties was 58% white, non-Hispanic; 14% black, non-Hispanic; 9% other race, non-Hispanic; and 19% Hispanics of any race. 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.

<sup>b</sup>Less than 0.5%.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Felony Defendants in Large Urban Counties, 2000*, NCJ 202021 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2003), p. 4, Table 3 and p. 5, Tables 4 and 5. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.