

Table 5.52.2002

Characteristics of felony defendants in the 75 largest counties

By arrest charge, United States, 2002^a

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	56,123	82%	18%	55,432	31%	43%	2%	24%	55,958	2%	16%	17%	16%	14%	13%	21%
Violent offenses	13,675	86	14	13,455	28	44	2	26	13,599	4	18	19	15	13	12	19
Murder	475	93	7	470	15	58	1	26	475	8	20	20	21	11	9	12
Rape	1,002	99	1	995	32	42	2	24	998	3	16	16	11	13	14	27
Robbery	3,032	90	10	3,001	21	54	2	23	3,037	9	26	19	13	11	10	11
Assault	7,119	83	17	6,991	27	42	2	29	7,058	2	15	20	16	13	13	21
Other violent	2,049	82	18	1,999	41	32	3	25	2,034	2	14	15	16	16	15	22
Property offenses	17,015	76	24	16,848	34	42	3	22	16,985	2	18	16	15	15	14	20
Burglary	4,540	87	13	4,511	34	38	3	25	4,545	4	22	18	14	13	12	18
Larceny/theft	4,927	71	29	4,891	32	46	2	19	4,927	2	16	13	13	13	16	26
Motor vehicle theft	1,869	87	13	1,853	33	27	5	35	1,858	2	23	19	16	14	13	11
Forgery	1,734	65	35	1,717	34	46	3	17	1,726	(b)	9	20	18	19	13	21
Fraud	1,727	51	49	1,705	35	47	4	15	1,723	1	8	13	19	20	15	25
Other property	2,218	84	16	2,175	37	45	1	18	2,206	3	23	15	16	14	12	17
Drug offenses	20,063	83	17	19,841	29	46	2	24	20,017	2	14	18	16	14	13	23
Trafficking	9,608	86	14	9,501	21	53	2	25	9,586	2	17	20	17	14	11	18
Other drug	10,455	80	20	10,341	36	39	1	24	10,433	2	11	16	15	15	15	27
Public-order offenses	5,370	86	14	5,288	35	38	1	26	5,357	1	10	16	16	17	15	25
Weapons	1,501	96	4	1,488	18	54	(b)	28	1,495	3	22	22	18	15	9	10
Driving-related	1,788	89	11	1,774	46	22	2	30	1,788	(b)	3	13	12	19	18	35
Other public-order	2,081	77	23	2,025	38	39	1	21	2,074	1	8	13	18	16	17	26

Note: See Note, table 5.51.2002. Data on sex of defendants were available for 99.9% of all cases; data on race, 99%; and data on age, 99.7%. U.S. Census Bureau data for 2002 indicate that the distribution of the population of the 75 largest counties was 53% white, non-Hispanic; 15% black, non-Hispanic; 9% other race, non-Hispanic; and 23% Hispanics of any race. For methodology, definitions of terms, and crimes within offense categories, see Appendix 13.

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.
^bLess than 0.5%.

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. 4, Table 3 and p. 5, Tables 4 and 5. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.