

Table 5.52.2004

Characteristics of felony defendants in the 75 largest counties

By arrest charge, United States, 2004^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	57,462	82%	18%	54,921	29%	42%	2%	28%	55,865	3%	14%	17%	16%	13%	12%	24%
Violent offenses	12,973	86	14	12,425	24	44	2	30	12,616	6	16	17	15	14	11	22
Murder	350	92	8	327	25	43	3	28	332	6	14	21	19	6	5	30
Rape	531	99	1	493	19	49	3	29	514	5	13	15	15	12	11	30
Robbery	3,093	91	9	2,981	16	56	1	27	3,032	13	27	17	12	11	8	12
Assault	6,875	82	18	6,580	25	43	2	30	6,693	4	14	18	16	15	11	24
Other violent	2,124	87	13	2,043	34	30	1	35	2,048	2	9	15	18	16	12	27
Property offenses	17,581	76	24	16,628	33	38	3	26	16,920	3	15	17	16	13	13	23
Burglary	4,512	86	14	4,241	33	37	3	27	4,313	5	19	17	16	11	11	21
Larceny/theft	4,507	71	29	4,336	33	43	3	21	4,367	2	12	15	14	13	16	28
Motor vehicle theft	2,068	87	13	1,944	29	25	3	44	1,933	4	26	21	16	13	9	11
Forgery	2,118	66	34	2,017	36	40	3	22	2,090	1	10	17	21	15	14	22
Fraud	1,826	59	41	1,685	35	34	4	26	1,763	1	8	16	15	17	13	30
Other property	2,548	81	19	2,405	32	43	2	22	2,459	3	17	20	18	12	11	19
Drug offenses	21,065	82	18	20,278	27	44	2	27	20,608	1	12	18	17	13	13	27
Trafficking	8,628	86	14	8,280	20	51	2	27	8,404	2	16	20	18	12	11	22
Other drug	12,437	80	20	11,999	32	39	1	28	12,203	1	10	16	16	13	14	30
Public-order offenses	5,843	88	12	5,590	32	38	3	27	5,721	2	11	17	16	13	15	26
Weapons	1,767	96	4	1,686	19	54	1	26	1,716	3	19	24	20	11	9	14
Driving-related	1,841	90	10	1,779	44	24	2	30	1,836	(b)	8	15	16	14	16	31
Other public-order	2,236	78	22	2,124	33	36	5	26	2,166	2	9	13	12	15	19	31

Note: See Note, table 5.51.2004. Data on sex of defendants were available for 99.9% of all cases; data on race, 96%; and data on age, 97%. U.S. Census Bureau data for 2004 indicate that the distribution of the population of the 75 largest counties was 52% white, non-Hispanic; 16% 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, 2004 Statistical Tables*, NCJ 221374, Table 2, Table 3, and Table 4 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/html/fdluc/2004/tables/fdluc04st02.htm>, <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/html/fdluc/2004/tables/fdluc04st03.htm>, and <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/html/fdluc/2004/tables/fdluc04st04.htm> [May 19, 2008]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.