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Characteristics of felony defendants in the 75 largest counties

By arrest charge, United States, 2006^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	57,980	82%	18%	56,978	29%	45%	2%	24%	57,948	3%	14%	17%	16%	13%	12%	26%
Violent offenses	13,264	87	13	13,035	26	47	2	25	13,246	6	16	17	16	12	10	23
Murder	370	97	3	368	10	67	1	22	370	7	19	18	24	13	7	11
Rape	666	98	2	645	30	39	1	30	665	4	15	15	16	16	15	18
Robbery	3,446	90	10	3,407	20	57	3	20	3,451	13	27	17	12	8	8	15
Assault	6,381	83	17	6,288	26	47	2	26	6,376	3	13	17	17	14	11	25
Other violent	2,400	85	15	2,329	35	33	3	30	2,385	2	11	15	15	14	12	31
Property offenses	16,907	76	24	16,545	36	39	2	23	16,882	2	15	15	17	13	13	25
Burglary	4,495	88	12	4,412	36	36	1	27	4,486	3	19	16	15	11	13	23
Larceny/theft	5,257	68	32	5,186	34	44	2	20	5,259	2	14	13	16	12	14	29
Motor vehicle theft	1,661	87	13	1,626	26	38	5	31	1,653	4	23	17	16	14	11	16
Forgery	1,414	63	37	1,387	40	37	4	20	1,416	1	9	18	19	14	11	28
Fraud	2,109	62	38	2,021	37	39	3	22	2,091	1	8	12	19	16	16	29
Other property	1,971	84	16	1,916	40	36	3	21	1,977	2	16	20	18	14	10	20
Drug offenses	21,197	83	17	20,904	26	49	1	24	21,223	2	13	17	15	13	12	28
Trafficking	8,474	88	12	8,348	16	59	2	23	8,482	3	17	22	17	11	10	21
Other drug	12,724	80	20	12,556	33	43	1	24	12,741	2	10	14	14	13	13	33
Public-order offenses	6,612	89	11	6,494	30	41	2	27	6,597	2	12	17	16	14	11	28
Weapons	1,953	96	4	1,934	14	60	(b)	26	1,958	3	25	27	20	10	4	12
Driving-related	1,836	89	11	1,793	39	25	2	34	1,836	0	3	12	18	16	12	39
Other public-order	2,822	84	16	2,767	37	40	2	22	2,805	2	9	13	13	16	16	31

Note: These data were collected by the Pretrial Justice Institute 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 39 of the 75 most populous counties in the United States and a sample of 16,211 felony defendants' cases collected from the 39 sampled counties. These cases were representative of the estimated 58,100 felony defendants whose cases were filed in the 75 counties in May 2006. 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 on sex of defendants were available for 99.8% of all cases; data on race and Hispanic origin, 99%; and data on age, 99.7%. 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%.

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