

Table 5.53.2004

Prior convictions of felony defendants in the 75 largest counties

By arrest charge, United States, 2004^a

Most serious current arrest charge	Number of defendants	Percent of felony defendants										
		Without prior conviction		With prior conviction								
		Total	Total	Number of prior convictions				Type of prior conviction				
				1	2 to 4	5 to 9	10 or more	Felony, violent	Felony, nonviolent	Misdemeanor		
All offenses	54,821	100%	38%	62%	13%	22%	17%	11%	11%	35%	16%	
Violent offenses	12,271	100	45	55	13	20	14	8	14	24	17	
Murder	343	100	35	65	16	27	13	11	15	29	21	
Rape	462	100	53	47	20	14	7	5	7	19	21	
Robbery	2,932	100	46	54	11	21	14	8	15	24	15	
Assault	6,482	100	43	57	14	20	14	9	15	24	18	
Other violent	2,051	100	49	51	11	21	13	6	12	23	17	
Property offenses	16,728	100	39	61	11	21	16	13	10	37	15	
Burglary	4,340	100	36	64	11	23	17	13	11	38	16	
Larceny/theft	4,268	100	37	64	10	21	17	16	10	40	14	
Motor vehicle theft	2,012	100	34	67	13	23	17	14	11	38	17	
Forgery	1,964	100	44	57	13	20	15	9	7	34	16	
Fraud	1,767	100	52	48	11	17	11	9	7	30	11	
Other property	2,379	100	38	62	12	21	17	13	11	36	15	
Drug offenses	20,333	100	34	66	13	22	18	12	10	40	16	
Trafficking	8,191	100	36	64	14	21	16	12	9	39	16	
Other drug	12,141	100	32	68	13	23	20	12	11	41	16	
Public-order offenses	5,489	100	34	66	15	23	19	9	14	36	17	
Weapons	1,713	100	34	66	18	21	21	6	12	41	14	
Driving-related	1,689	100	30	70	14	27	20	10	12	36	22	
Other public-order	2,087	100	38	62	14	22	16	11	17	31	14	

Note: See Note, table 5.51.2004. Data on number of prior convictions were available for 94% of all cases. Data on the most serious prior violent and nonviolent felony convictions were available for 95% of all cases. For methodology, definitions of terms, and crimes within offense categories, see Appendix 13.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Felony Defendants in Large Urban Counties, 2004 Statistical Tables*, NCJ 221374, Table 7 and Table 8 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/html/fdluc/2004/tables/fdluc04st07.htm> and <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/html/fdluc/2004/tables/fdluc04st08.htm> [May 19, 2008]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.