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Prior convictions of felony defendants in the 75 largest counties

By arrest charge, United States, 2006^a

Most serious current arrest charge	Number of defendants	Total	Without prior conviction	With prior conviction								
				Total	Number of prior convictions				Number of defendants	Type of prior conviction		
					1	2 to 4	5 to 9	10 or more		Felony, violent	Felony, nonviolent	Misdemeanor
All offenses	57,560	100%	39%	61%	12%	20%	16%	12%	55,224	13%	28%	18%
Violent offenses	13,154	100	47	53	11	19	13	9	12,808	16	17	18
Murder	366	100	44	56	14	24	16	3	350	16	23	15
Rape	663	100	69	31	8	14	6	3	660	10	8	13
Robbery	3,395	100	46	54	11	16	16	11	3,308	19	18	16
Assault	6,326	100	44	56	11	21	14	11	6,164	17	17	21
Other violent	2,405	100	52	48	13	19	9	6	2,327	13	15	18
Property offenses	16,801	100	42	58	11	18	16	14	16,048	11	28	17
Burglary	4,451	100	34	66	12	19	18	17	4,173	14	32	18
Larceny/theft	5,214	100	46	54	10	15	16	13	5,058	10	27	15
Motor vehicle theft	1,629	100	31	69	12	26	17	13	1,473	13	32	20
Forgery	1,412	100	44	56	15	20	12	9	1,367	9	26	20
Fraud	2,122	100	55	45	9	14	12	9	2,064	6	22	15
Other property	1,974	100	40	60	13	18	14	15	1,911	12	25	22
Drug offenses	21,040	100	34	66	12	22	17	14	20,048	12	34	18
Trafficking	8,379	100	39	61	12	21	16	13	8,073	12	32	16
Other drug	12,661	100	32	68	13	23	19	14	11,976	12	36	19
Public-order offenses	6,565	100	34	66	12	25	18	12	6,320	16	29	20
Weapons	1,946	100	35	65	14	28	15	9	1,861	16	34	13
Driving-related	1,818	100	28	72	14	28	20	10	1,789	9	28	35
Other public-order	2,801	100	38	62	10	20	18	14	2,670	20	26	15

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 number of prior convictions were available for 99% of all cases. Data on type of most serious prior convictions were available for 95% of all cases. For methodology, definitions of terms, and crimes within offense categories, see [Appendix 13](#).

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.

Source: U. S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Felony Defendants in Large Urban Counties, 2006*, Bulletin NCJ 228944 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, May 2010), pp. 22, 24. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.