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Adjudication outcome for felony defendants in the 75 largest counties

By arrest charge, United States, 2006^a

Most serious arrest charge	Number of defendants	Percent of felony defendants											Other outcome ^b
		Total convicted	Convicted						Not convicted				
			Felony			Misdemeanor			Total	Dismissed	Acquitted		
Total	Plea	Trial	Total	Plea	Trial	Total	Dismissed	Acquitted					
All offenses	51,922	68%	56%	55%	2%	11%	10%	1%	24%	23%	1%	8%	
Violent offenses	11,303	61	50	45	4	11	10	1	34	33	1	5	
Murder	266	81	81	42	39	0	X	X	18	13	5	2	
Rape	466	62	50	46	4	12	11	1	34	32	2	4	
Robbery	2,988	71	64	60	5	7	7	(c)	25	24	1	4	
Assault	5,582	54	40	37	3	14	13	1	41	39	2	6	
Other violent	2,001	62	52	49	3	11	10	1	32	31	1	6	
Property offenses	15,351	70	57	56	1	13	12	1	22	22	1	8	
Burglary	4,132	77	67	66	1	10	9	1	17	16	1	6	
Larceny/theft	4,722	67	53	52	1	14	13	1	24	23	1	9	
Motor vehicle theft	1,501	72	65	65	(c)	7	7	0	24	23	1	4	
Forgery	1,301	70	55	54	1	16	15	1	2	19	1	10	
Fraud	1,835	64	49	49	(c)	15	13	2	26	26	0	11	
Other property	1,860	69	49	48	1	20	18	2	26	26	(c)	5	
Drug offenses	19,295	68	59	56	1	10	9	1	2	20	(c)	12	
Trafficking	7,574	74	63	61	1	11	11	(c)	2	19	1	6	
Other drug	11,720	64	56	55	1	8	8	1	21	20	(c)	15	
Public-order offenses	5,973	72	60	58	1	12	11	1	21	21	1	6	
Weapons	1,775	68	59	58	2	9	8	1	28	26	2	4	
Driving-related	1,642	85	75	73	2	10	9	1	11	11	0	5	
Other public-order	2,557	67	51	50	1	16	15	1	24	24	(c)	9	

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.

Eleven percent of all cases were still pending adjudication at the end of the 1-year study period and are excluded from the table. Murder defendants were followed for an additional year. Data on adjudication outcome were available for over 99.9% of those cases that had been adjudicated. For methodology, definitions of terms, and crimes within offense categories, see [Appendix 13](#).

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.

^bIncludes diversion and deferred adjudication.

^cLess than 0.5%.

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), p. 11, Table 11.