

Table 5.13

Pretrial release and detention status of Federal defendants in U.S. District Courts

By characteristics, United States, fiscal year 1994

Defendant characteristics	Number of defendants	Defendants released		Defendants detained	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All defendants ^a	45,584	27,607	60.6%	26,299	57.7%
Sex					
Male	38,052	21,489	56.5	23,627	62.1
Female	7,507	6,096	81.2	2,668	35.5
Race					
White	29,867	18,573	62.2	16,778	56.2
Black	13,390	7,456	55.7	8,291	61.9
Other	2,327	1,578	67.8	1,230	52.9
Ethnicity					
Hispanic	13,078	5,271	40.3	10,807	82.6
Non-Hispanic	30,789	21,182	68.8	14,678	47.7
Age					
16 to 18 years	770	431	56.0	521	67.7
19 to 20 years	2,422	1,386	57.2	1,597	65.9
21 to 30 years	16,653	9,121	54.8	10,769	64.7
31 to 40 years	13,256	7,914	59.7	7,873	59.4
Over 40 years	11,168	7,917	70.9	4,913	44.0
Education					
Less than high school graduate	13,574	6,986	51.5	9,566	70.5
High school graduate	12,912	8,687	67.3	6,588	51.0
Some college	8,084	5,981	74.0	3,589	44.4
College graduate	3,428	2,771	80.8	1,090	31.8
Marital status					
Never married	13,747	7,932	57.7	8,628	62.8
Divorced/separated	7,693	5,044	65.6	4,076	53.0
Married	14,007	9,922	70.8	6,449	46.0
Common law	3,009	1,559	51.8	2,179	72.4
Other	7,128	3,150	44.2	4,967	69.7
Employment status at arrest					
Unemployed	17,544	9,298	53.0	11,650	66.4
Employed	21,831	15,711	72.0	10,111	46.3
Criminal record					
No convictions ^b	17,078	12,351	72.3	7,572	44.3
Prior conviction					
Misdemeanor only					
Felony					
Nonviolent	8,613	4,042	46.9	6,072	70.5
Violent	6,009	1,968	32.8	5,002	83.2
Number of prior convictions					
1	7,403	4,613	62.3	4,333	58.5
2 to 4	8,974	4,530	50.5	6,147	68.5
5 or more	5,525	1,981	35.9	4,381	79.3

Note: See Note, table 5.11. "Released" defendants includes some defendants who also were detained prior to trial; "detained" defendants includes some defendants who also were released prior to trial. Total includes defendants for whom release status data were unavailable. For methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 13.

^aIncludes defendants for whom these characteristics were unknown.

^bIncludes only those defendants whose PSA records explicitly showed no prior convictions.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Compendium of Federal Justice Statistics, 1994*, NCJ-163063 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 1997), pp. 56, 58. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.