

Table 3.2. Defendants released prior to case disposition, by defendant characteristics, October 1, 2006-September 30, 2007

Defendant characteristic	Of defendants released at any time prior to case disposition--		
	Number released	All	Percent released
All defendants^a	29,325	81,324	36.1 %
Gender			
Male	21,474	69,167	31 %
Female	7,791	12,072	64.5
Race			
White	18,824	58,187	32.4 %
Black/African American	8,208	19,029	43.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	734	1,448	50.7
Asian/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1,176	1,862	63.2
Ethnicity			
Hispanic/Latino	5,840	39,463	14.8 %
Non Hispanic/Latino	23,203	41,396	56.1
Age			
Under 19 years	221	656	33.7 %
19-20	1,145	3,126	36.6
21-30	9,147	29,968	30.5
31-40	7,846	25,428	30.9
Over 40	10,885	21,969	49.5
Education			
Less than high school graduate	7,081	23,184	30.5 %
High school graduate	10,179	19,096	53.3
Some college	6,625	10,015	66.2
College graduate	3,632	4,623	78.6
Employment status at arrest			
Unemployed	10,455	29,386	35.6 %
Employed	17,395	29,491	59
Criminal record			
No conviction or arrest ^b	10,821	17,884	60.5 %
Misdemeanor conviction only	6,287	13,955	45.1
Felony conviction			
Nonviolent	4,589	20,722	22.1
Violent	2,877	15,443	18.6
Number of prior convictions			
1	4,780	13,104	36.5 %
2 to 4	5,468	20,042	27.3
5 or more	3,505	16,974	20.6
Criminal justice status			
Not under supervision	22,711	44,328	51.2 %
Pretrial release	1,487	3,360	44.3
Probation	1,287	4,756	27.1
Parole	224	1,704	13.1
Court appearance history			
No prior arrests	11,204	21,654	51.7 %
Failure to appear			
None	14,209	45,482	31.2
1	1,773	5,973	29.7
2 or more	2,027	7,934	25.5
Drug abuse			
No known abuse	14,160	26,281	53.9 %
Drug history	9,342	21,240	44

Note: Released defendants include some defendants who were also detained at some time prior to trial and defendants for whom release status data were unavailable. The percentages in this table describe the percent of defendants in pretrial cases terminated that were released, by defendant characteristic. For example, 31% of all males in pretrial cases terminated had been released at some time prior to case disposition.

^aIncludes defendants for whom characteristics could not be determined.

^bIncludes only defendants whose PSA records explicitly show no prior arrest or conviction.

Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts Pretrial Services Act Information System, fiscal year.