

Table 3.2. Defendants released prior to case disposition, by defendant characteristics, October 1, 2007–September 30, 2008

Defendant characteristic	Of defendant released at any time prior to case disposition—		
	Number released	All	Percent released
All defendants^a	26,390	88,552	29.8 %
Gender			
Male	19,211	76,033	25.3 %
Female	7,118	12,425	57.3
Race			
White	16,966	63,586	26.7 %
Black/African American	7,294	20,449	35.7
American Indian/Alaska Native	623	1,463	42.6
Asian/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1,088	2,040	53.3
Ethnicity			
Hispanic/Latino	4,649	43,868	10.6 %
Non Hispanic/Latino	21,419	44,003	48.7
Age			
Under 19 years	195	645	30.2 %
19-20	977	3,369	29.0
21-30	7,921	32,505	24.4
31-40	6,933	27,798	24.9
Over 40	10,309	24,133	42.7
Education			
Less than high school graduate	5,720	25,754	22.2 %
High school graduate	15,218	30,795	49.4
College graduate	3,511	4,886	71.9
Employment status at arrest			
Unemployed	9,150	32,892	27.8 %
Employed	15,898	31,639	50.2
Criminal record			
No conviction or arrest ^b	14,260	33,300	42.8 %
Misdemeanor conviction only	5,732	15,591	36.8
Felony conviction			
Nonviolent	4,158	22,615	18.4
Violent	2,128	16,752	12.7
Number of prior convictions			
1	4,244	13,847	30.6 %
2 to 4	4,870	21,837	22.3
5 or more	2,904	19,274	15.1
Court appearance history			
No prior arrests	10,250	22,593	45.4 %
Failure to appear			
None	12,933	50,578	25.6
1	1,530	6,664	23.0
2 or more	1,565	8,423	18.6
Drug abuse			
No known abuse	10,459	25,105	41.7 %
Drug history	15,931	63,409	25.1

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, 25% 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.