

Table 5.20

Defendants convicted in U.S. District Courts

By offense and characteristics, United States, fiscal year 1994

Defendant characteristics	Total number of defendants	Percent of defendants convicted of:							
		All offenses ^a	Violent offenses	Felonies		Drug offenses	Public-order offenses		Mis-demeanors
				Fraudulent	Other		Regulatory	Other	
Sex									
Male	34,291	84.6%	94.9%	72.1%	72.0%	88.2%	80.8%	90.5%	81.7%
Female	6,230	15.4	5.1	27.9	28.0	11.8	19.2	9.5	18.3
Race									
White	23,439	62.5	48.3	67.8	61.5	59.9	67.8	66.8	53.6
Black	12,597	33.6	42.0	27.7	34.2	38.0	25.7	28.9	37.5
Other	1,467	3.9	9.7	4.4	4.3	2.1	6.5	4.3	8.9
Ethnicity									
Hispanic	9,889	24.6	6.3	9.7	8.3	34.8	8.7	31.8	1.8
Non-Hispanic	30,284	75.4	93.7	90.3	91.7	65.2	91.3	68.2	98.2
Age									
16 to 18 years	251	0.6	2.0	0.1	1.3	0.6	0.2	0.5	6.3
19 to 20 years	1,663	4.1	8.8	1.7	6.2	4.6	3.3	3.4	11.1
21 to 30 years	14,572	36.2	41.5	28.1	34.0	40.7	27.4	35.3	44.4
31 to 40 years	12,556	31.2	28.7	31.4	27.4	32.6	30.2	30.6	25.4
Over 40 years	11,159	27.8	19.1	38.7	31.1	21.5	38.8	30.2	12.7
Citizenship									
U.S. citizen	30,782	77.6	96.5	86.8	92.7	72.2	89.2	67.6	97.7
Not U.S. citizen	8,862	22.4	3.5	13.2	7.3	27.8	10.8	32.4	2.3
Education									
Less than high school graduate	15,261	38.9	39.3	19.7	25.9	47.5	25.2	45.7	30.4
High school graduate	13,062	33.3	40.3	33.9	41.5	32.1	36.9	29.8	45.7
Some college	7,794	19.9	17.1	30.0	25.4	16.3	26.8	15.7	21.7
College graduate	3,076	7.8	3.4	16.3	7.2	4.1	11.1	8.8	2.2
Criminal record									
None	18,889	48.2	27.4	61.8	56.5	47.1	64.4	39.6	50.0
Prior adult conviction^b									
Never incarcerated	8,770	22.4	19.1	20.5	23.2	26.8	22.1	15.8	35.0
Incarcerated									
13 months or less ^c	3,173	8.1	12.5	5.4	6.7	8.2	5.3	9.7	10.0
More than 13 months	8,334	21.3	41.0	12.2	13.6	17.8	8.2	34.9	5.0

Note: See Note, table 5.11. For methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 13. ^cClassifications of lengths of prior sentences of incarceration differ from previous Federal justice compendia and are not directly comparable to earlier years (see Source, p. 113).

^aIncludes defendants for whom offense category could not be determined.

^bPrior adult convictions are limited to those used in calculating guideline sentences (see Source, p. 113).

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), p. 72.