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**PLEA AND TRIAL RATES OF DRUG OFFENDERS FOR EACH DRUG TYPE¹
Fiscal Year 1997**

DRUG TYPE	TOTAL	PLEA		TRIAL	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	18,780	17,265	91.9	1,515	8.1
Powder Cocaine	4,751	4,337	91.3	414	8.7
Crack Cocaine	4,611	4,055	87.9	556	12.1
Heroin	1,809	1,730	95.6	79	4.4
Marijuana	5,153	4,893	95.0	260	5.0
Methamphetamine	1,930	1,754	90.9	176	9.1
Other	526	496	94.3	30	5.7

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¹Of the 48,848 cases, 18,922 were sentenced under USSG Chapter Two, Part D (drugs). Of these, 18,835 were sentenced under §§2D1.1 (Drug Trafficking), 2D1.2 (Protected Locations), 2D1.5 (Continuing Criminal Enterprise), 2D1.8 (Rent/Manage Drug Establishment), or 2D2.1 (Simple Possession). Additionally, 55 cases were excluded due to missing information on mode of conviction (33) or missing drug type (22). Descriptions of variables used in this table are provided in Appendix A.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 1997 Datafile, USSCFY97.