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PLEA AND TRIAL RATES OF DRUG OFFENDERS FOR EACH DRUG TYPE¹
Fiscal Year 2002

DRUG TYPE	TOTAL	PLEA		TRIAL	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	22,950	22,317	97.2	633	2.8
Powder Cocaine	5,139	4,967	96.7	172	3.3
Crack Cocaine	4,578	4,403	96.2	175	3.8
Heroin	1,550	1,517	97.9	33	2.1
Marijuana	6,842	6,730	98.4	112	1.6
Methamphetamine	3,577	3,456	96.6	121	3.4
Other	1,264	1,244	98.4	20	1.6

¹Of the 64,366 cases, 25,920 were sentenced under USSG Chapter Two, Part D (Drugs). Of these, 25,692 were sentenced under §§2D1.1 (Drug Trafficking), 2D1.2 (Protected Locations), 2D1.5 (Continuing Criminal Enterprise), 2D1.6 (Communication Facility), 2D1.8 (Rent/Manage Drug Establishment), or 2D2.1 (Simple Possession). Of these, 22,979 contained complete guideline application information. Of these 22,979 cases, 29 were excluded due to one of the following reasons: missing information on mode of conviction (11) or missing drug type (18). Descriptions of variables used in this table are provided in Appendix A.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2002 Datafile, USSCFY02.