

Appendix Table A1: Descriptive Statistics for Individuals Entering the Pretrial System

	All Defendants	Released Defendants	Detained Defendants
	(1)	(2)	(3)
<i>Panel A. Defendant Characteristics</i>			
Male	0.832	0.800	0.885
Non-Hispanic White	0.230	0.252	0.196
Hispanic White	0.081	0.082	0.083
Black	0.469	0.464	0.475
Other and Missing	0.019	0.020	0.017
24 and Under	0.358	0.379	0.328
25 to 44	0.540	0.519	0.573
45 to 64	0.097	0.098	0.097
65 and Over	0.004	0.005	0.003
<i>Panel B. Most Serious Arrest Charge</i>			
Violent Arrest Charge	0.248	0.223	0.290
Property Arrest Charge	0.308	0.310	0.301
Drug Arrest Charge	0.349	0.367	0.325
Public-Order Arrest Charge	0.094	0.100	0.083
<i>Panel C. Criminal History</i>			
Total Prior Arrests	4.591	3.768	5.929
Total Prior Felony Arrests	2.934	2.253	4.035
Total Prior Convictions	2.597	1.903	3.741
Total Prior Felony Convictions	1.183	0.816	1.790
Total Prior Failures to Appear	0.454	0.411	0.508
Observations	145,751	90,402	55,349

Note: This table reports descriptive statistics for individuals entering the pretrial system using data from the State Court Processing Statistics. The sample uses county-year level weights to obtain a representative sample for felony defendants arrested in the nation's most populous 75 counties from 1990–2009. All of the differences between the means in Columns 2 and 3 are statistically significant at the 99% level except for the difference between the share of Hispanic white individuals who are detained and released and the share of individuals aged 45-64 who are detained and released. Race and ethnicity means are only presented for defendants who are not missing race and ethnicity information in the SCPS data.

Appendix Table A2: Descriptive Statistics for County-Level Outcomes

	Unweighted			Weighted		
	Obs.	Mean	Std. Dev.	Obs.	Mean	Std. Dev.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
<i>Panel A. County Detention Rates</i>						
1990 Detention Rate	39	34.28	16.90	39	40.18	16.84
Δ Detention Rate 2000-2009	24	2.92	9.36	24	0.71	8.18
<i>Panel B. County Poverty Rates</i>						
Δ Poverty Rate 2000-2010, All Ind. 25-44	24	3.50	3.24	24	2.83	2.95
Δ Poverty Rate 2000-2010, Black Ind. 25-44	24	1.12	3.45	24	0.73	3.95
Δ Poverty Rate 2000-2010, Hispanic Ind. 25-44	24	0.54	3.94	24	-1.26	2.55
Δ Poverty Rate 2000-2010, White Ind. 25-44	24	-1.60	4.12	24	-1.20	2.86
<i>Panel C. County Employment Rates</i>						
Δ Employment Rate 2000-2010, All Ind. 25-44	24	2.47	4.20	24	3.94	3.98
Δ Employment Rate 2000-2010, Black Ind. 16-64	24	0.95	3.77	24	1.00	4.04
Δ Employment Rate 2000-2010, Hispanic Ind. 16-64	24	6.44	3.80	24	8.34	2.47
Δ Employment Rate 2000-2010, White Ind. 16-64	24	1.03	4.09	24	0.84	3.23
<i>Panel D. County Mobility at the 25th Parental Income Percentile</i>						
Income Percentile in Adulthood, All Children	39	44.42	3.23	39	44.83	2.82
Income Percentile in Adulthood, Black Children	39	41.17	2.73	39	40.89	2.45
Income Percentile in Adulthood, Hispanic Children	39	45.91	2.87	39	47.14	2.04
Income Percentile in Adulthood, White Children	39	47.41	3.50	39	47.43	3.01
<i>Panel E. County Mobility at the 75th Parental Income Percentile</i>						
Income Percentile in Adulthood, All Children	39	56.63	2.40	39	56.53	2.04
Income Percentile in Adulthood, Black Children	39	51.57	2.36	39	51.30	2.07
Income Percentile in Adulthood, Hispanic Children	39	55.29	2.11	39	55.82	2.00
Income Percentile in Adulthood, White Children	39	58.26	3.09	39	57.89	2.70

Note: This table reports descriptive statistics for the detention and economic outcomes included in our analysis using data from the State Court Processing Statistics, the 2000 Decennial Census, the American Community Survey, and Opportunity Insights. Felony detention rates are measured using the State Court Processing Statistics. Poverty and employment-to-population rates are measured using the 2000 Decennial Census and the American Community Survey. Income percentiles for children born 1978-1983 are measured using the predicted mean percentile rank for children in the individual distribution of household income in 2014-2015 born to parents at the 25th and 75th household income percentile. Columns (4)-(6) in Panel A are weighted by the county population total in 2000 as reported in the 2000 Decennial Census. Columns (4)-(6) in Panels B-E are weighted by the applicable race/age specific county population total in 2000 as reported in the 2000 Decennial Census.