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**PLEA AND TRIAL RATES OF DRUG OFFENDERS FOR EACH DRUG TYPE¹
Fiscal Year 1998**

DRUG TYPE	TOTAL	PLEA		TRIAL	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	18,992	17,570	92.5	1,422	7.5
Powder Cocaine	4,446	4,066	91.5	380	8.5
Crack Cocaine	4,564	4,038	88.5	526	11.5
Heroin	1,618	1,557	96.2	61	3.8
Marijuana	5,815	5,541	95.3	274	4.7
Methamphetamine	2,164	1,995	92.2	169	7.8
Other	385	373	96.9	12	3.1

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¹Of the 50,754 cases, 20,368 were sentenced under USSG Chapter Two, Part D (drugs). Of these, 20,267 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). Of these, 19,042 had complete guideline information. Additionally, 50 cases were excluded due to missing information on mode of conviction. Descriptions of variables used in this table are provided in Appendix A.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 1998 Datafile, USSCFY98.