

# Grand Jury v. Trial Jury

In the Federal Court System



Simplified

This is a teaching tool that simplifies key points for students. Find detailed information at [uscourts.gov](https://uscourts.gov) Educational Resources.

## Grand Jury

## Trial Jury

16-23 Jurors

Jury Size

6-12 Jurors

Decide if the Prosecutor Has Enough Evidence to Bring Charges



Question

Find Guilty/Not Guilty (Criminal Cases)  
or  
Find Liable/Not Liable (Civil Cases)



What Happens

The Government Presents Evidence in Closed Hearing

Prosecution and Defense Present Evidence in Open Court



Who Presents Evidence

U.S. Attorneys (Prosecutors)

Attorneys for Both Sides: Prosecution and Defense



One Day a Month for Several Months

Duration of Service

One Trial