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## Foreword

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This report presents detailed information on the processing of cases in the Federal criminal justice system for the years 1980-87. The data describe initial prosecution decisions, referrals to magistrates, court dispositions, sentencing outcomes, and length of sentences imposed. Both the number of defendants and the percentage rates are presented for each stage of the process.

The report was developed under the Bureau of Justice Statistics' Federal Justice Statistics Program and is intended to complement the Compendium of Federal Justice Statistics issued each year and the various Bulletins and Special Reports on the Federal system. BJS hopes that this report will be of value to criminal justice practitioners, policymakers, researchers, and all others with an interest in understanding the working of the Federal criminal justice system.

This report is made possible through the cooperation of five Federal agencies that provided source records to BJS: the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, the Pretrial Services Agency, the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, and the U.S. Parole Commission.

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## Note to reader

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### Note to Reader:

The tables in this report are based on data contained in the BJS Federal Justice Statistics database. Source records for the database were provided by the Executive Office for the United States Attorneys, the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, the Bureau of Prisons, and the United States Parole Commission.

Tables 1-7 and 13 and 14, which describe the number and rate of prosecutions and the results of magistrate proceedings, include only those cases handled by U.S. attorneys. All other tables, which describe the number and rate of convictions, pretrial release rates, sentencing patterns, incarceration rates, and length of sentence imposed, include all cases, regardless of the prosecuting agency.

Years identified in each table refer to the calendar year indicated.

## Highlights

The number of persons whom U.S. attorneys investigated and prosecuted and the number of persons convicted in U.S. district courts increased substantially between 1980 and 1987. Drug offenses accounted for most of the increase.

### Case Screening:

- U.S. attorneys completed investigations of over 91,000 criminal suspects in 1987. This was an increase of 32% over the number of suspects investigated in 1980 (table 1).

- The number of suspects investigated for drug violations more than doubled between 1980 (9,546) and 1987 (22,729). The number of suspects investigated for offenses other than drug law violations increased by 15%.

- In 1987, 24,765 suspects were investigated for fraudulent property offenses which include embezzlement, forgery, counterfeiting, and all frauds except tax fraud. Of these, over half (15,859) were investigated for fraud. An additional 2,256 suspects were investigated for tax violations including tax fraud.

### Prosecution:

- The number of suspects prosecuted by U.S. attorneys in U.S. district court increased 74% between 1980 and 1987: 31,218 suspects prosecuted in 1980 and 54,392 in 1987 (table 2).

- Almost one third (32.6%) of all persons prosecuted in 1987 were suspected of drug offenses (17,729 persons); one quarter (24.7%) were suspected of fraudulent property offenses (13,415 persons).

- Forty-five percent of all criminal suspects in matters closed by U.S. attorneys in 1980 were prosecuted in U.S. district court (table 3). The prosecution rate increased to 60% in 1987. The increase in district court filings largely reflected the reduced percentage of suspects who were referred for disposition by U.S. magistrates.

- The percentage of suspected drug violators prosecuted in U.S. district court increased from 73% in 1980 to 78% in 1987.

- Prosecution of suspects investigated for fraud (except tax fraud) increased from 32.7% in 1980 to 50.3% in 1987, with the major portion of the increase occurring between 1980 and 1982.

- Prosecutions for tax law violations (including tax fraud) increased from 56.3% in 1980 to 73% in 1987, with the major portion of the increase occurring between 1980 and 1981.

- U.S. attorneys declined to prosecute 26,171 suspects investigated in matters closed in 1987 (table 4).

- The percentage of suspects whose cases U.S. attorneys declined to prosecute dropped slightly (from 32.5% to 28.7%) between 1980 and 1987 (table 5).

- Among crime categories involving more than 1,000 suspects, the declination rates were lowest for suspects investigated for immigration violations (3.1% in 1987, 2.5% in 1980) and drug offenses (16.5% in 1987, 19.1% in 1980).

- The number of suspects whose cases were referred for disposition by a U.S. magistrate decreased almost a third between 1980 (15,601 suspects) and 1987 (10,747 suspects) (table 6).

- Among suspects referred to U.S. magistrates in 1987, 40.7% were suspected of immigration offenses. Throughout the 1980-87 period, immigration suspects comprised the largest single crime category of suspects each year.

- Among suspects whose cases were concluded in each year, the percentage referred to U.S. magistrates declined from 22.5% in 1980 to 11.8% in 1987 (table 7).

- Except in 1982 and 1983, over 60% of all immigration suspects were referred to U.S. magistrates.

### Adjudication:

- The number of offenders convicted of Federal crimes in U.S. district court increased 49% between 1980 and 1987: 44,518 offenders were convicted in 1987, and 29,943 were convicted in 1980 (table 9).

- The increase in the total number of convictions largely reflected the increased number of persons convicted of drug offenses (5,135 in 1980, 13,423 in 1987).

- Almost a third of all offenders convicted in U.S. district court in 1987 were convicted of drug offenses.

- Among cases filed in U.S. district court, conviction rates increased slightly between 1980 and 1987 (from 76.4% to 81.5%). The conviction rate for offenders charged with drug law violations, however, increased from 73.5% to 84.5% during the same period (table 10).

- U.S. magistrates convicted 6,993 defendants in 1987. A majority of these defendants (59.9%) were charged with immigration offenses (table 13).



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● More than 59% of defendants disposed by U.S. magistrates in 1980 were convicted; more than 65% of defendants disposed by U.S. magistrates in 1987 were convicted (table 14).

● The conviction rate for cases disposed by U.S. magistrates was lower than the conviction rate in U.S. district court.

#### Sentencing:

● The number of offenders convicted in U.S. district court and sentenced to some time in prison increased from 13,766 in 1980 to 23,579 in 1987 (table 15).

● The increase in the total of offenders sentenced to prison almost entirely reflected the increase in the number of persons sentenced for a drug offense (3,675 in 1980, 10,196 in 1987) or fraud (1,384 in 1980, 3,097 in 1987).

● Among persons sentenced to incarceration in 1987, 43.2% were convicted of drug offenses. Ninety-four percent of these were convicted of trafficking. In 1980, 26.7% of all offenders sentenced to prison were convicted of drug offenses.

● The percent of convicted Federal offenders sentenced to some time in prison increased from 46% in 1980 to 53% in 1987. The change reflected the increase in the percent of offenders who were convicted of drug law violations. The incarceration rate for drug law violators was 75.9% in 1987 (table 16).

● Among specific crime categories which included over 1,000 persons in 1987, incarceration rates were highest for persons convicted of robbery (94.4%), drug trafficking (85.4%), weapons offenses (68.7%), and immigration offenses (63.4%).

#### Sentence length:

● Among offenders sentenced to a definite period of incarceration, average sentence length increased 25% from 44.3 months in 1980 to 55.2 months in 1987 (table 17).

● Among specific crime categories that included more than 1,000 persons in 1987, sentence length was longest for persons convicted of robbery (148.1 months), drug trafficking (69.1 months), and weapons offenses (53.3 months).

● Average sentence length increased substantially between 1980 and 1987 for persons convicted of drug offenses (47.1 months in 1980, 67.8 months in 1987), weapons offenses (37.6 months in 1980, 53.3 months in 1987), and fraud (24.9 months in 1980, 32.1 months in 1987).

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**Table 1. Number of suspects in criminal matters concluded, 1980-87**

| Most serious offense investigated                            | Number of suspects in criminal matters concluded |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|--|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|  | 1980   | 1981   | 1982   | 1983   | 1984   | 1985   | 1986   | 1987   |
| <b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>                              | 69,344   | 68,393 | 77,794 | 76,677 | 77,768 | 78,407 | 86,995 | 91,310 |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>                                      | 3,861  | 4,000  | 4,674  | 4,048  | 3,866  | 3,828  | 4,040  | 4,460  |
| Murder   | 180  | 148    | 294    | 210    | 207    | 187    | 211    | 258    |
| Assault  | 864  | 859    | 941    | 915    | 829    | 781    | 982    | 1,071  |
| Robbery  | 2,426  | 2,557  | 2,966  | 2,378  | 2,303  | 2,150  | 2,120  | 2,257  |
| Rape   | 30   | 36     | 28     | 49     | 46     | 75     | 83     | 161    |
| Other sex offenses   | 63   | 69     | 66     | 63     | 88     | 246    | 338    | 456    |
| Kidnaping  | 183  | 154    | 191    | 264    | 234    | 234    | 185    | 137    |
| Threats against the President                                | 115  | 177    | 188    | 169    | 159    | 155    | 121    | 120    |
| <b>Property offenses</b>                                     | 21,429   | 21,985 | 27,148 | 25,328 | 24,711 | 23,508 | 26,081 | 28,900 |
| <b>Fraudulent offenses</b>                                   | 16,594   | 17,467 | 22,086 | 20,936 | 20,240 | 19,554 | 22,076 | 24,765 |
| Embezzlement   | 3,976  | 4,433  | 5,195  | 5,197  | 4,634  | 4,517  | 5,020  | 5,472  |
| Fraud <sup>b</sup>   | 9,796  | 10,234 | 12,974 | 11,963 | 12,536 | 11,723 | 13,643 | 15,859 |
| Forgery  | 2,797  | 2,782  | 3,893  | 3,730  | 3,045  | 3,257  | 3,372  | 3,392  |
| Counterfeiting   | 25   | 18     | 24     | 46     | 25     | 57     | 41     | 42     |
| <b>Other offenses</b>  | 4,835  | 4,518  | 5,062  | 4,392  | 4,471  | 3,954  | 4,005  | 4,135  |
| Burglary   | 93   | 120    | 112    | 107    | 107    | 89     | 98     | 115    |
| Larceny  | 2,680  | 2,379  | 2,829  | 2,451  | 2,361  | 2,187  | 2,349  | 2,575  |
| Motor vehicle theft  | 817  | 797    | 952    | 811    | 762    | 714    | 783    | 938    |
| Arson  | 19   | 13     | 24     | 6      | 20     | 23     | 14     | 25     |
| Transportation of stolen property                            | 114  | 90     | 151    | 148    | 102    | 188    | 98     | 118    |
| Other  | 1,112  | 1,119  | 994    | 869    | 1,119  | 753    | 663    | 364    |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>   | 9,546  | 9,668  | 12,186 | 12,647 | 13,993 | 15,669 | 18,633 | 22,729 |
| <b>Public-order offenses</b>                                 | 32,622   | 31,240 | 31,799 | 32,931 | 33,866 | 33,845 | 36,099 | 33,606 |
| <b>Regulatory offenses</b>                                   | 6,218  | 6,551  | 5,888  | 5,752  | 5,075  | 6,505  | 7,039  | 7,488  |
| Agriculture  | 302  | 465    | 459    | 323    | 468    | 418    | 411    | 497    |
| Antitrust  | 182  | 129    | 133    | 164    | 135    | 71     | 73     | 144    |
| Fair labor standards   | 41   | 49     | 27     | 52     | 54     | 57     | 41     | 41     |
| Food and drug  | 472  | 398    | 441    | 361    | 347    | 372    | 554    | 630    |
| Motor carrier  | 114  | 141    | 136    | 158    | 173    | 142    | 133    | 144    |
| Other regulatory offenses                                    | 5,107  | 5,369  | 4,692  | 4,694  | 4,898  | 5,445  | 5,827  | 6,032  |
| <b>Other offenses</b>  | 26,404   | 24,689 | 25,911 | 27,179 | 27,791 | 27,340 | 29,060 | 26,118 |
| Weapons offenses   | 1,796  | 2,219  | 2,729  | 2,696  | 2,430  | 2,702  | 3,086  | 3,190  |
| Immigration offenses   | 8,186  | 6,563  | 5,943  | 7,399  | 7,279  | 6,933  | 8,416  | 6,888  |
| Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>                              | 1,312  | 1,389  | 1,817  | 1,556  | 1,874  | 1,858  | 2,052  | 2,256  |
| Bribery  | 433  | 403    | 443    | 430    | 420    | 431    | 508    | 543    |
| Perjury  | 219  | 174    | 236    | 243    | 263    | 283    | 295    | 266    |
| National defense   | 465  | 355    | 579    | 660    | 694    | 746    | 640    | 576    |
| Escape   | 3,156  | 3,203  | 3,269  | 3,139  | 2,992  | 2,693  | 2,814  | 2,873  |
| Racketeering and extortion                                   | 1,705  | 1,714  | 1,631  | 1,798  | 1,956  | 1,805  | 1,745  | 1,971  |
| Gambling offenses  | 254  | 135    | 149    | 219    | 203    | 108    | 338    | 299    |
| Liquor offenses  | 68   | 53     | 40     | 30     | 41     | 24     | 13     | 5      |
| Mail or transport of obscene materials                       | 113  | 38     | 44     | 79     | 59     | 86     | 69     | 83     |
| Migratory birds  | 1,134  | 1,105  | 1,133  | 1,074  | 1,255  | 1,083  | 670    | 775    |
| Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses | 7,435  | 7,154  | 7,737  | 7,650  | 8,085  | 8,293  | 7,971  | 5,875  |
| Other  | 128  | 184    | 161    | 206    | 240    | 295    | 443    | 518    |

<sup>a</sup>Total includes suspects for whom offense category could not be determined: 1,184 (1980), 1,500 (1981),

1,986 (1982), 1,723 (1983), 1,332 (1984), 1,577 (1985), 2,142 (1986), and 1,611 (1987).

<sup>b</sup>Excludes tax fraud.  
<sup>c</sup>Includes tax fraud.

**Table 2. Suspects in criminal matters concluded: Number prosecuted in U.S. district court, 1980-87**

| Most serious offense investigated                            | Number of suspects who were prosecuted in U.S. district court |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|--|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|  | 1980  | 1981   | 1982   | 1983   | 1984   | 1985   | 1986   | 1987   |
| <b>All offenses</b>  | 31,218  | 35,117 | 44,144 | 43,538 | 44,058 | 45,957 | 49,931 | 54,392 |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>                                      | 2,382   | 2,681  | 3,356  | 2,884  | 2,674  | 2,612  | 2,821  | 3,107  |
| Murder   | 140   | 98     | 242    | 173    | 164    | 139    | 138    | 196    |
| Assault  | 432   | 451    | 540    | 520    | 453    | 437    | 581    | 634    |
| Robbery  | 1,652   | 1,911  | 2,331  | 1,901  | 1,803  | 1,675  | 1,661  | 1,732  |
| Rape   | 16  | 21     | 22     | 26     | 37     | 45     | 54     | 118    |
| Other sex offenses   | 24  | 28     | 26     | 23     | 38     | 123    | 207    | 308    |
| Kidnaping  | 84  | 77     | 113    | 178    | 108    | 126    | 120    | 67     |
| Threats against the President                                | 34  | 95     | 82     | 63     | 71     | 67     | 60     | 52     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>                                     | 8,321   | 10,267 | 14,628 | 13,693 | 13,052 | 12,955 | 14,135 | 15,989 |
| <b>Fraudulent offenses</b>                                   | 6,250   | 8,063  | 11,912 | 11,268 | 10,753 | 10,749 | 11,799 | 13,415 |
| Embezzlement   | 1,712   | 2,179  | 2,976  | 3,074  | 2,681  | 2,693  | 2,919  | 3,357  |
| Fraud <sup>a</sup>   | 3,206   | 4,318  | 6,458  | 5,915  | 6,307  | 5,960  | 6,758  | 7,976  |
| Forgery  | 1,324   | 1,555  | 2,467  | 2,260  | 1,756  | 2,064  | 2,105  | 2,057  |
| Counterfeiting   | 8   | 11     | 11     | 19     | 9      | 32     | 17     | 25     |
| <b>Other offenses</b>  | 2,071   | 2,204  | 2,716  | 2,425  | 2,299  | 2,206  | 2,336  | 2,574  |
| Burglary   | 74  | 90     | 85     | 87     | 79     | 79     | 71     | 90     |
| Larceny  | 1,332   | 1,363  | 1,780  | 1,564  | 1,486  | 1,420  | 1,525  | 1,703  |
| Motor vehicle theft  | 404   | 473    | 564    | 465    | 444    | 414    | 510    | 551    |
| Arson  | 9   | 3      | 13     | 2      | 7      | 12     | 5      | 11     |
| Transportation of stolen property                            | 72  | 56     | 89     | 97     | 61     | 96     | 53     | 63     |
| Other  | 180   | 219    | 185    | 210    | 222    | 185    | 172    | 156    |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>   | 7,003   | 7,697  | 9,906  | 10,162 | 11,224 | 12,576 | 14,952 | 17,729 |
| <b>Public-order offenses</b>                                 | 12,696  | 13,709 | 15,167 | 15,902 | 16,419 | 16,837 | 16,764 | 16,673 |
| <b>Regulatory offenses</b>                                   | 1,936   | 2,198  | 2,417  | 2,435  | 2,429  | 2,548  | 2,520  | 2,867  |
| Agriculture  | 75  | 175    | 233    | 203    | 231    | 241    | 183    | 340    |
| Antitrust  | 154   | 116    | 121    | 155    | 105    | 55     | 65     | 114    |
| Fair labor standards   | 16  | 10     | 14     | 31     | 31     | 27     | 26     | 19     |
| Food and drug  | 233   | 235    | 293    | 224    | 237    | 237    | 402    | 475    |
| Motor carrier  | 61  | 92     | 70     | 101    | 110    | 85     | 76     | 75     |
| Other regulatory offenses                                    | 1,397   | 1,570  | 1,686  | 1,721  | 1,715  | 1,903  | 1,768  | 1,842  |
| <b>Other offenses</b>  | 10,760  | 11,511 | 12,750 | 13,467 | 13,990 | 14,289 | 14,244 | 13,806 |
| Weapons offenses   | 1,078   | 1,605  | 1,970  | 2,000  | 1,768  | 2,016  | 2,218  | 2,211  |
| Immigration offenses   | 2,850   | 2,308  | 2,184  | 2,881  | 2,523  | 2,355  | 2,179  | 2,304  |
| Tax law violations <sup>b</sup>                              | 738   | 996    | 1,338  | 1,146  | 1,423  | 1,521  | 1,565  | 1,648  |
| Bribery  | 162   | 158    | 184    | 179    | 197    | 166    | 185    | 265    |
| Perjury  | 114   | 106    | 141    | 159    | 172    | 191    | 174    | 170    |
| National defense   | 187   | 114    | 245    | 226    | 255    | 257    | 208    | 281    |
| Escape   | 756   | 985    | 919    | 1,003  | 896    | 785    | 898    | 929    |
| Racketeering and extortion                                   | 536   | 601    | 786    | 813    | 918    | 933    | 969    | 1,129  |
| Gambling offenses  | 101   | 93     | 83     | 131    | 139    | 56     | 262    | 205    |
| Liquor offenses  | 42  | 32     | 25     | 21     | 23     | 18     | 12     | 2      |
| Mail or transport of obscene materials                       | 71  | 14     | 14     | 11     | 43     | 54     | 35     | 53     |
| Migratory birds  | 381   | 357    | 137    | 208    | 281    | 230    | 200    | 563    |
| Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses | 3,736   | 4,116  | 4,709  | 4,672  | 5,313  | 5,613  | 5,148  | 3,797  |
| Other  | 8   | 26     | 15     | 17     | 39     | 94     | 191    | 249    |

<sup>a</sup>Excludes tax fraud. <sup>b</sup>Includes tax fraud.

**Table 3. Suspects in criminal matters concluded: Percent who were prosecuted in U.S. district court, 1980-87**

| Most serious offense investigated                            | Percent of suspects who were prosecuted |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|  | 1980                                    | 1981  | 1982  | 1983  | 1984  | 1985  | 1986  | 1987  |
| <b>All offenses</b>  | 45.0%                                   | 51.3% | 56.7% | 56.8% | 56.7% | 58.6% | 57.4% | 59.6% |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>                                      | 61.7%                                   | 67.0% | 71.8% | 71.2% | 69.2% | 68.2% | 69.8% | 69.7% |
| Murder   | 77.8                                    | 66.2  | 82.3  | 82.4  | 79.2  | 74.3  | 65.4  | 76.0  |
| Assault  | 50.0                                    | 52.5  | 57.4  | 56.8  | 54.6  | 56.0  | 59.2  | 59.2  |
| Robbery  | 68.1                                    | 74.7  | 78.6  | 79.9  | 78.3  | 77.9  | 78.3  | 76.7  |
| Rape   | 53.3                                    | 58.3  | 78.6  | 53.1  | 80.4  | 60.0  | 65.1  | 73.3  |
| Other sex offenses   | 38.1                                    | 40.6  | 39.4  | 36.5  | 43.2  | 50.0  | 61.2  | 67.5  |
| Kidnaping  | 45.9                                    | 50.0  | 59.2  | 67.4  | 46.2  | 53.8  | 64.9  | 48.9  |
| Threats against the President                                | 29.6                                    | 53.7  | 43.6  | 37.3  | 44.7  | 43.2  | 49.6  | 43.3  |
| <b>Property offenses</b>                                     | 38.8%                                   | 46.7% | 53.9% | 54.1% | 57.9% | 59.6% | 54.2% | 55.3% |
| <b>Fraudulent offenses</b>                                   | 37.7%                                   | 46.2% | 53.9% | 53.8% | 53.1% | 55.0% | 53.4% | 54.2% |
| Embezzlement   | 43.1                                    | 49.2  | 57.3  | 59.1  | 57.9  | 59.6  | 58.1  | 61.3  |
| Fraud <sup>a</sup>   | 32.7                                    | 42.2  | 49.8  | 49.4  | 50.3  | 50.8  | 49.5  | 50.3  |
| Forgery  | 47.3                                    | 55.9  | 63.4  | 60.6  | 57.7  | 63.4  | 62.4  | 60.6  |
| Counterfeiting   | 32.0                                    | -     | 45.8  | 41.3  | 36.0  | 56.1  | 41.5  | 59.5  |
| <b>Other offenses</b>  | 42.8%                                   | 48.8% | 53.7% | 55.2% | 51.4% | 55.8% | 58.3% | 62.2% |
| Burglary   | 79.6                                    | 75.0  | 75.9  | 81.3  | 73.8  | 88.8  | 72.4  | 78.3  |
| Larceny  | 49.7                                    | 57.3  | 62.9  | 63.8  | 62.9  | 64.9  | 64.9  | 66.1  |
| Motor vehicle theft  | 49.4                                    | 59.3  | 59.2  | 57.3  | 58.3  | 58.0  | 65.1  | 58.7  |
| Arson  | -                                       | -     | 54.2  | -     | 35.0  | 52.2  | -     | 44.0  |
| Transportation of stolen property                            | 63.2                                    | 62.2  | 58.9  | 65.5  | 59.8  | 51.1  | 54.1  | 53.4  |
| Other  | 16.2                                    | 19.6  | 18.6  | 24.2  | 19.8  | 24.6  | 25.9  | 42.9  |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>   | 73.4%                                   | 79.6% | 81.3% | 80.4% | 80.2% | 80.3% | 80.2% | 78.0% |
| <b>Public-order offenses</b>                                 | 38.9%                                   | 43.9% | 47.7% | 48.3% | 49.4% | 57.7% | 46.4% | 49.6% |
| <b>Regulatory offenses</b>                                   | 31.1%                                   | 33.6% | 41.0% | 42.3% | 40.0% | 39.2% | 35.8% | 38.3% |
| Agriculture  | 24.8                                    | 37.6  | 50.8  | 62.8  | 49.4  | 57.7  | 44.5  | 68.4  |
| Antitrust  | 84.6                                    | 89.9  | 91.0  | 94.5  | 77.8  | 77.5  | 89.0  | 79.2  |
| Fair labor standards   | 39.0                                    | 20.4  | 51.9  | 59.6  | 57.4  | 47.4  | 63.4  | 46.3  |
| Food and drug  | 49.4                                    | 59.0  | 66.4  | 62.0  | 68.3  | 63.7  | 72.6  | 75.4  |
| Motor carrier  | 53.5                                    | 65.2  | 51.5  | 63.9  | 63.6  | 59.9  | 57.1  | 52.1  |
| Other regulatory offenses                                    | 27.4                                    | 29.2  | 35.9  | 36.7  | 35.0  | 34.9  | 30.3  | 30.6  |
| <b>Other offenses</b>  | 40.8%                                   | 46.6% | 49.2% | 49.5% | 50.3% | 52.3% | 49.0% | 52.9% |
| Weapons offenses   | 60.0                                    | 72.3  | 72.2  | 74.2  | 72.8  | 74.6  | 71.9  | 69.3  |
| Immigration offenses   | 34.8                                    | 35.2  | 36.7  | 38.9  | 34.7  | 34.0  | 25.9  | 33.4  |
| Tax law violations <sup>b</sup>                              | 56.3                                    | 71.7  | 73.6  | 73.7  | 75.9  | 81.9  | 76.3  | 73.0  |
| Bribery  | 37.4                                    | 39.2  | 41.5  | 41.6  | 46.9  | 38.5  | 36.4  | 48.8  |
| Perjury  | 52.1                                    | 60.9  | 59.7  | 65.4  | 65.4  | 67.5  | 59.0  | 63.9  |
| National defense   | 40.2                                    | 32.1  | 42.3  | 34.2  | 36.7  | 34.5  | 32.5  | 48.8  |
| Escape   | 24.0                                    | 30.8  | 28.1  | 32.0  | 29.9  | 29.1  | 31.9  | 32.3  |
| Racketeering and extortion                                   | 31.4                                    | 35.1  | 48.2  | 45.2  | 46.9  | 51.7  | 55.5  | 57.3  |
| Gambling offenses  | 39.8                                    | 68.9  | 55.7  | 59.8  | 68.5  | 51.9  | 77.5  | 68.6  |
| Liquor offenses  | 61.8                                    | 60.4  | 62.5  | 70.0  | 56.1  | 75.0  | -     | -     |
| Mail or transport of obscene materials                       | 62.8                                    | 36.8  | 31.8  | 13.9  | 72.9  | 62.8  | 50.7  | 63.9  |
| Migratory birds  | 33.6                                    | 32.3  | 12.1  | 19.4  | 22.4  | 21.2  | 29.9  | 72.6  |
| Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses | 50.2                                    | 57.5  | 60.9  | 61.1  | 65.7  | 67.7  | 64.6  | 64.6  |
| Other  | 6.3                                     | 14.1  | 9.3   | 8.3   | 16.3  | 31.9  | 43.1  | 48.1  |

-Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.

<sup>a</sup>Excludes tax fraud.

<sup>b</sup>Includes tax fraud.

**Table 4. Suspects in criminal matters concluded: Number whom U.S. attorneys declined to prosecute, 1980-87**

| Most serious offense investigated                            | Number of suspects whom U.S. attorneys declined to prosecute |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|--|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|  | 1980   | 1981   | 1982   | 1983   | 1984   | 1985   | 1986   | 1987   |
| <b>All offenses</b>  | 22,525   | 20,244 | 20,912 | 20,648 | 21,689 | 21,356 | 24,422 | 26,171 |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>                                      | 1,126  | 997    | 929    | 889    | 977    | 1,036  | 1,018  | 1,088  |
| Murder   | 37   | 39     | 36     | 25     | 40     | 43     | 65     | 51     |
| Assault  | 254  | 254    | 227    | 257    | 263    | 251    | 313    | 290    |
| Robbery  | 636  | 535    | 491    | 400    | 431    | 437    | 391    | 455    |
| Rape   | 14   | 15     | 5      | 20     | 9      | 30     | 26     | 38     |
| Other sex offenses   | 36   | 36     | 40     | 37     | 49     | 123    | 127    | 142    |
| Kidnaping  | 86   | 63     | 58     | 69     | 118    | 87     | 52     | 58     |
| Threats against the President                                | 63   | 55     | 72     | 81     | 67     | 65     | 44     | 54     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>                                     | 10,428   | 9,425  | 10,015 | 9,724  | 9,805  | 9,007  | 10,333 | 10,963 |
| <b>Fraudulent offenses</b>                                   | 8,855  | 8,245  | 8,722  | 8,556  | 8,640  | 7,880  | 9,194  | 9,760  |
| Embezzlement   | 1,817  | 1,842  | 1,691  | 1,696  | 1,608  | 1,557  | 1,831  | 1,842  |
| Fraud <sup>a</sup>   | 5,937  | 5,464  | 5,955  | 5,671  | 5,951  | 5,338  | 6,290  | 6,784  |
| Forgery  | 1,091  | 934    | 1,071  | 1,165  | 1,068  | 964    | 1,054  | 1,117  |
| Counterfeiting   | 10   | 5      | 5      | 24     | 13     | 21     | 19     | 17     |
| <b>Other offenses</b>  | 1,573  | 1,180  | 1,293  | 1,168  | 1,165  | 1,127  | 1,139  | 1,203  |
| Burglary   | 15   | 23     | 22     | 18     | 27     | 10     | 24     | 25     |
| Larceny  | 1,007  | 736    | 744    | 683    | 709    | 632    | 684    | 685    |
| Motor vehicle theft  | 378  | 294    | 342    | 321    | 306    | 289    | 256    | 360    |
| Arson  | 7  | 7      | 9      | 4      | 12     | 10     | 9      | 13     |
| Transportation of stolen property                            | 31   | 28     | 55     | 49     | 37     | 83     | 38     | 50     |
| Other  | 135  | 92     | 121    | 93     | 74     | 103    | 128    | 70     |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>   | 1,827  | 1,336  | 1,520  | 2,044  | 2,276  | 2,557  | 3,050  | 3,752  |
| <b>Public-order offenses</b>                                 | 8,539  | 8,041  | 7,954  | 7,522  | 8,204  | 8,304  | 9,351  | 9,768  |
| <b>Regulatory offenses</b>                                   | 2,879  | 3,323  | 2,562  | 2,549  | 2,920  | 3,391  | 3,935  | 4,207  |
| Agriculture  | 101  | 83     | 76     | 71     | 80     | 70     | 92     | 144    |
| Antitrust  | 28   | 12     | 12     | 9      | 29     | 14     | 8      | 29     |
| Fair labor standards   | 20   | 36     | 11     | 21     | 21     | 28     | 14     | 22     |
| Food and drug  | 181  | 129    | 110    | 100    | 68     | 88     | 103    | 115    |
| Motor carrier  | 43   | 34     | 54     | 51     | 56     | 55     | 57     | 67     |
| Other regulatory offenses                                    | 2,506  | 3,029  | 2,299  | 2,297  | 2,666  | 3,136  | 3,661  | 3,830  |
| <b>Other offenses</b>  | 5,660  | 4,718  | 5,392  | 4,973  | 5,284  | 4,913  | 5,416  | 5,561  |
| Weapons offenses   | 601  | 529    | 650    | 618    | 604    | 612    | 805    | 894    |
| Immigration offenses   | 202  | 269    | 442    | 157    | 223    | 189    | 179    | 211    |
| Tax law violations <sup>b</sup>                              | 484  | 326    | 401    | 366    | 412    | 312    | 447    | 581    |
| Bribery  | 257  | 236    | 245    | 234    | 207    | 253    | 312    | 269    |
| Perjury  | 100  | 61     | 88     | 82     | 88     | 92     | 116    | 90     |
| National defense   | 122  | 72     | 188    | 247    | 320    | 371    | 332    | 198    |
| Escape   | 1,039  | 941    | 995    | 936    | 952    | 852    | 796    | 898    |
| Racketeering and extortion                                   | 1,117  | 891    | 795    | 926    | 999    | 818    | 742    | 817    |
| Gambling offenses  | 153  | 35     | 58     | 86     | 61     | 51     | 75     | 92     |
| Liquor offenses  | 22   | 19     | 14     | 9      | 8      | 4      | 0      | 1      |
| Mail or transport of obscene materials                       | 41   | 22     | 27     | 66     | 13     | 30     | 33     | 29     |
| Migratory birds  | 68   | 59     | 84     | 45     | 36     | 69     | 49     | 60     |
| Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses | 1,380  | 1,200  | 1,324  | 1,060  | 1,214  | 1,123  | 1,349  | 1,225  |
| Other  | 74   | 58     | 81     | 141    | 147    | 137    | 181    | 196    |

<sup>a</sup>Excludes tax fraud. <sup>b</sup>Includes tax fraud.

Table 5. Suspects in criminal matters concluded: Percent whom U.S. attorneys declined to prosecute, 1980-87

| Most serious offense investigated                            | Percent of suspects whom U.S. attorneys declined to prosecute |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|  | 1980  | 1981  | 1982  | 1983  | 1984  | 1985  | 1986  | 1987  |
| <b>All offenses</b>  | 32.5%   | 29.6% | 26.9% | 26.9% | 27.9% | 27.2% | 28.1% | 28.7% |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>                                      | 29.2%   | 24.9% | 19.9% | 22.0% | 25.3% | 27.1% | 25.2% | 24.4% |
| Murder   | 20.6  | 26.4  | 12.2  | 11.9  | 19.3  | 23.0  | 30.8  | 19.8  |
| Assault  | 29.4  | 29.6  | 24.1  | 28.1  | 31.7  | 32.1  | 31.9  | 27.1  |
| Robbery  | 26.2  | 20.9  | 16.6  | 16.8  | 18.7  | 20.3  | 18.4  | 20.2  |
| Rape   | 46.7  | 41.7  | 17.9  | 40.8  | 19.6  | 40.0  | 31.3  | 23.6  |
| Other sex offenses   | 57.1  | 52.2  | 60.6  | 58.7  | 55.7  | 50.0  | 37.6  | 31.1  |
| Kidnaping  | 47.0  | 40.9  | 30.4  | 26.1  | 50.4  | 37.2  | 28.1  | 42.3  |
| Threats against the President                                | 54.8  | 31.1  | 38.3  | 47.9  | 42.1  | 41.9  | 36.4  | 45.0  |
| <b>Property offenses</b>                                     | 48.7%   | 42.9% | 36.9% | 38.4% | 39.7% | 38.3% | 39.6% | 37.9% |
| <b>Fraudulent offenses</b>                                   | 53.4%   | 47.2% | 39.5% | 40.9% | 42.7% | 40.3% | 41.6% | 39.4% |
| Embezzlement   | 45.7  | 41.6  | 32.6  | 32.6  | 34.7  | 34.5  | 36.5  | 33.7  |
| Fraud <sup>a</sup>   | 60.6  | 53.4  | 45.9  | 47.4  | 47.5  | 45.5  | 46.1  | 42.8  |
| Forgery  | 39.0  | 33.6  | 27.5  | 31.2  | 35.1  | 29.6  | 31.3  | 32.9  |
| Counterfeiting   | 40.0  | -     | 20.8  | 52.2  | 52.0  | 36.8  | 46.3  | 40.5  |
| <b>Other offenses</b>  | 32.5%   | 26.1% | 25.5% | 26.6% | 26.1% | 28.5% | 28.4% | 29.1% |
| Burglary   | 16.1  | 19.2  | 19.6  | 16.8  | 25.2  | 11.2  | 24.5  | 21.7  |
| Larceny  | 37.6  | 30.9  | 26.3  | 27.9  | 30.0  | 28.9  | 29.1  | 26.6  |
| Motor vehicle theft  | 46.3  | 36.9  | 35.9  | 39.6  | 40.2  | 40.5  | 32.7  | 38.4  |
| Arson  | -   | -     | 37.5  | -     | 60.0  | 43.5  | -     | 52.0  |
| Transportation of stolen property                            | 27.2  | 31.1  | 36.4  | 33.1  | 36.3  | 44.1  | 38.8  | 42.4  |
| Other  | 12.1  | 8.2   | 12.2  | 10.7  | 6.6   | 13.7  | 19.3  | 19.2  |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>   | 19.1%   | 13.8% | 12.5% | 16.2% | 16.3% | 16.3% | 16.4% | 16.5% |
| <b>Public-order offenses</b>                                 | 26.2%   | 25.7% | 25.0% | 22.8% | 24.2% | 24.5% | 25.9% | 29.1% |
| <b>Regulatory offenses</b>                                   | 46.3%   | 50.7% | 43.5% | 44.3% | 48.1% | 52.1% | 55.9% | 56.2% |
| Agriculture  | 33.4  | 17.8  | 16.6  | 22.0  | 17.1  | 16.7  | 22.4  | 29.0  |
| Antitrust  | 15.4  | 9.3   | 9.0   | 5.5   | 21.5  | 19.7  | 11.0  | 20.1  |
| Fair labor standards   | 48.8  | 73.5  | 40.7  | 40.4  | 38.9  | 49.1  | 34.1  | 53.7  |
| Food and drug  | 38.3  | 32.4  | 24.9  | 27.7  | 19.6  | 23.7  | 18.6  | 18.3  |
| Motor carrier  | 37.7  | 24.1  | 39.7  | 32.3  | 32.4  | 38.7  | 42.9  | 46.5  |
| Other regulatory offenses                                    | 49.1  | 56.4  | 49.0  | 48.9  | 54.4  | 57.6  | 62.8  | 63.5  |
| <b>Other offenses</b>  | 21.4%   | 19.1% | 20.8% | 18.3% | 19.0% | 18.0% | 18.6% | 21.3% |
| Weapons offenses   | 33.5  | 23.8  | 23.8  | 22.9  | 24.9  | 22.6  | 26.1  | 28.0  |
| Immigration offenses   | 2.5   | 4.1   | 7.4   | 2.1   | 3.1   | 2.7   | 2.1   | 3.1   |
| Tax law violations <sup>b</sup>                              | 36.9  | 23.5  | 22.1  | 23.5  | 22.0  | 16.8  | 21.8  | 25.8  |
| Bribery  | 59.4  | 58.6  | 55.3  | 54.4  | 49.3  | 58.7  | 61.4  | 49.5  |
| Perjury  | 45.7  | 35.1  | 37.3  | 33.7  | 33.5  | 32.5  | 39.3  | 33.8  |
| National defense   | 26.2  | 20.3  | 32.5  | 37.4  | 46.1  | 49.7  | 51.9  | 34.4  |
| Escape   | 32.9  | 29.4  | 30.4  | 29.8  | 31.8  | 31.6  | 28.3  | 31.3  |
| Racketeering and extortion                                   | 65.5  | 52.0  | 48.7  | 51.5  | 51.1  | 45.3  | 42.5  | 41.5  |
| Gambling offenses  | 60.2  | 25.9  | 38.9  | 39.3  | 30.0  | 47.2  | 22.2  | 30.8  |
| Liquor offenses  | 32.4  | 35.8  | 35.0  | 30.0  | 19.5  | 16.7  | -     | -     |
| Mail or transport of obscene materials                       | 36.3  | 57.9  | 61.4  | 83.5  | 22.0  | 34.9  | 47.8  | 34.9  |
| Migratory birds  | 6.0   | 5.3   | 7.4   | 4.2   | 2.9   | 6.4   | 7.3   | 7.7   |
| Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses | 18.6  | 16.8  | 17.1  | 13.9  | 15.0  | 13.5  | 16.9  | 20.9  |
| Other  | 57.8  | 31.5  | 50.3  | 68.4  | 61.3  | 46.4  | 40.9  | 37.8  |

-Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data. <sup>a</sup>Excludes tax fraud. <sup>b</sup>Includes tax fraud.

Table 6. Suspects in criminal matters concluded: Number who were referred to U.S. magistrates, 1980-87

| Most serious offense investigated                            | Number of suspects who were referred to U.S. magistrates |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|--|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|  | 1980   | 1981   | 1982   | 1983   | 1984   | 1985   | 1986   | 1987   |
| <b>All offenses</b>  | 15,601   | 13,032 | 12,738 | 12,490 | 12,021 | 11,094 | 12,652 | 10,747 |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>                                      | 353  | 322    | 389    | 275    | 215    | 180    | 201    | 265    |
| Murder   | 3  | 11     | 16     | 12     | 3      | 5      | 8      | 11     |
| Assault  | 178  | 154    | 174    | 138    | 113    | 93     | 88     | 147    |
| Robbery  | 138  | 111    | 144    | 77     | 69     | 38     | 68     | 70     |
| Rape   | 0  | 0      | 1      | 3      | 0      | 0      | 3      | 5      |
| Other sex offenses   | 3  | 5      | 0      | 3      | 1      | 0      | 4      | 6      |
| Kidnaping  | 13   | 14     | 20     | 17     | 8      | 21     | 13     | 12     |
| Threats against the President                                | 18   | 27     | 34     | 25     | 21     | 23     | 17     | 14     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>                                     | 2,680  | 2,293  | 2,505  | 1,911  | 1,854  | 1,546  | 1,613  | 1,948  |
| <b>Fraudulent offenses</b>                                   | 1,489  | 1,159  | 1,452  | 1,112  | 847    | 925    | 1,083  | 1,590  |
| Embezzlement   | 447  | 412    | 528    | 427    | 345    | 267    | 270    | 273    |
| Fraud <sup>a</sup>   | 653  | 452    | 561    | 377    | 278    | 425    | 595    | 1,099  |
| Forgery  | 382  | 293    | 355    | 305    | 221    | 229    | 213    | 218    |
| Counterfeiting   | 7  | 2      | 8      | 3      | 3      | 4      | 5      | 0      |
| <b>Other offenses</b>  | 1,191  | 1,134  | 1,053  | 799    | 1,007  | 621    | 530    | 358    |
| Burglary   | 4  | 7      | 5      | 2      | 1      | 0      | 3      | 0      |
| Larceny  | 341  | 280    | 305    | 204    | 166    | 135    | 140    | 187    |
| Motor vehicle theft  | 35   | 30     | 46     | 25     | 12     | 11     | 17     | 27     |
| Arson  | 3  | 3      | 2      | 0      | 1      | 1      | 0      | 1      |
| Transportation of stolen property                            | 11   | 6      | 7      | 2      | 4      | 9      | 7      | 5      |
| Other  | 797  | 808    | 688    | 566    | 823    | 465    | 363    | 138    |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>   | 716  | 635    | 760    | 441    | 493    | 536    | 631    | 1,248  |
| <b>Public-order offenses</b>                                 | 11,387   | 9,490  | 8,678  | 9,506  | 9,243  | 8,704  | 9,984  | 7,165  |
| <b>Regulatory offenses</b>                                   | 1,403  | 1,030  | 909    | 767    | 726    | 566    | 584    | 414    |
| Agriculture  | 126  | 207    | 150    | 48     | 157    | 107    | 136    | 13     |
| Antitrust  | 0  | 1      | 0      | 0      | 1      | 2      | 0      | 1      |
| Fair labor standards   | 5  | 3      | 2      | 0      | 2      | 2      | 1      | 0      |
| Food and drug  | 58   | 34     | 38     | 37     | 42     | 47     | 49     | 40     |
| Motor carrier  | 10   | 15     | 12     | 6      | 7      | 2      | 0      | 2      |
| Other regulatory offenses                                    | 1,204  | 770    | 707    | 676    | 517    | 406    | 398    | 358    |
| <b>Other offenses</b>  | 11,387   | 9,490  | 8,678  | 9,506  | 9,243  | 8,704  | 9,984  | 7,165  |
| Weapons offenses   | 117  | 85     | 109    | 78     | 58     | 74     | 63     | 85     |
| Immigration offenses   | 5,134  | 3,986  | 3,317  | 4,361  | 4,533  | 4,389  | 6,058  | 4,373  |
| Tax law violations <sup>b</sup>                              | 90   | 67     | 78     | 44     | 39     | 25     | 40     | 27     |
| Bribery  | 14   | 9      | 14     | 17     | 16     | 12     | 11     | 9      |
| Perjury  | 5  | 7      | 7      | 2      | 3      | 0      | 5      | 6      |
| National defense   | 156  | 169    | 146    | 187    | 119    | 118    | 100    | 97     |
| Escape   | 1,361  | 1,277  | 1,355  | 1,200  | 1,144  | 1,056  | 1,120  | 1,046  |
| Racketeering and extortion                                   | 52   | 222    | 50     | 59     | 39     | 54     | 34     | 25     |
| Gambling offenses  | 0  | 7      | 8      | 2      | 3      | 1      | 1      | 2      |
| Liquor offenses  | 4  | 2      | 1      | 0      | 10     | 2      | 1      | 2      |
| Mail or transport of obscene materials                       | 1  | 2      | 3      | 2      | 3      | 2      | 1      | 1      |
| Migratory birds  | 685  | 689    | 912    | 821    | 938    | 784    | 421    | 152    |
| Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses | 2,319  | 1,838  | 1,704  | 1,918  | 1,558  | 1,557  | 1,474  | 853    |
| Other  | 46   | 100    | 65     | 48     | 54     | 64     | 71     | 73     |

<sup>a</sup>Excludes tax fraud. <sup>b</sup>Includes tax fraud.



Table 7. Suspects in criminal matters concluded: Percent who were referred to U.S. magistrates, 1980-87

| Most serious offense investigated                            | Percent of suspects referred to U.S. magistrates |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|  | 1980   | 1981  | 1982  | 1983  | 1984  | 1985  | 1986  | 1987  |
| <b>All offenses</b>  | 22.5%  | 19.1% | 16.4% | 16.3% | 15.5% | 14.1% | 14.5% | 11.8% |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>                                      | 9.1%   | 8.1%  | 8.3%  | 6.8%  | 5.6%  | 4.7%  | 5.0%  | 5.9%  |
| Murder   | 1.7  | 7.4   | 5.4   | 5.7   | 1.4   | 2.7   | 3.8   | 4.3   |
| Assault  | 20.6   | 17.9  | 18.5  | 15.1  | 13.6  | 11.9  | 9.0   | 13.7  |
| Robbery  | 5.7  | 4.3   | 4.9   | 3.2   | 3.0   | 1.8   | 3.2   | 3.1   |
| Rape   | 0  | 0     | 3.6   | 6.1   | 0     | 0     | 3.6   | 3.1   |
| Other sex offenses   | 4.8  | 7.2   | 0     | 4.8   | 1.1   | 0     | 1.2   | 1.3   |
| Kidnaping  | 7.1  | 9.1   | 10.5  | 6.4   | 3.4   | 9.0   | 7.0   | 8.8   |
| Threats against the President                                | 15.7   | 15.3  | 18.1  | 14.8  | 13.2  | 14.8  | 14.0  | 11.7  |
| <b>Property offenses</b>                                     | 12.5%  | 10.4% | 9.2%  | 7.6%  | 7.4%  | 5.9%  | 6.2%  | 6.7%  |
| <b>Fraudulent offenses</b>                                   | 9.0%   | 6.6%  | 6.6%  | 5.3%  | 4.2%  | 4.7%  | 4.9%  | 6.4%  |
| Embezzlement   | 11.2   | 9.3   | 10.2  | 8.2   | 7.4   | 5.9   | 5.4   | 5.0   |
| Fraud <sup>a</sup>   | 6.7  | 4.4   | 4.3   | 3.2   | 2.2   | 3.6   | 4.4   | 6.9   |
| Forgery  | 13.7   | 10.5  | 9.1   | 8.2   | 7.3   | 7.0   | 6.3   | 6.4   |
| Counterfeiting   | 28.0   | -     | 33.3  | 6.5   | 12.0  | 7.0   | 12.2  | 0     |
| <b>Other offenses</b>  | 24.6%  | 25.1% | 20.8% | 18.2% | 22.5% | 15.7% | 13.2% | 8.7%  |
| Burglary   | 4.3  | 5.8   | 4.5   | 1.9   | .9    | 0     | 3.1   | 0     |
| Larceny  | 12.7   | 11.8  | 10.8  | 8.3   | 7.0   | 6.2   | 6.0   | 7.3   |
| Motor vehicle theft  | 4.3  | 3.8   | 4.8   | 3.1   | 1.6   | 1.5   | 2.2   | 2.9   |
| Arson  | -  | -     | 8.3   | -     | 5.0   | 4.3   | -     | 4.0   |
| Transportation of stolen property                            | 9.6  | 6.7   | 4.6   | 1.4   | 3.9   | 4.8   | 7.1   | 4.2   |
| Other  | 71.7   | 72.2  | 69.2  | 65.1  | 73.5  | 61.8  | 54.8  | 37.9  |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>   | 7.5%   | 6.6%  | 6.2%  | 3.5%  | 3.5%  | 3.4%  | 3.4%  | 5.5%  |
| <b>Public-order offenses</b>                                 | 34.9%  | 30.4% | 27.3% | 28.9% | 33.5% | 25.6% | 27.7% | 21.3% |
| <b>Regulatory offenses</b>                                   | 22.6%  | 15.7% | 15.4% | 13.3% | 12.0% | 8.7%  | 8.3%  | 5.5%  |
| Agriculture  | 41.7   | 44.5  | 32.7  | 14.9  | 33.5  | 25.6  | 33.1  | 2.6   |
| Antitrust  | 0  | .8    | 0     | 0     | .7    | 2.8   | 0     | .7    |
| Fair labor standards   | 12.2   | 6.1   | 7.4   | 0     | 3.7   | 3.5   | 2.4   | 0     |
| Food and drug  | 12.3   | 8.5   | 8.6   | 10.2  | 12.1  | 12.6  | 8.8   | 6.3   |
| Motor carrier  | 8.8  | 10.6  | 8.8   | 3.8   | 4.0   | 1.4   | 0     | 1.4   |
| Other regulatory offenses                                    | 23.6   | 14.3  | 15.1  | 14.4  | 10.6  | 7.5   | 6.8   | 5.9   |
| <b>Other offenses</b>  | 37.8%  | 34.3% | 30.0% | 32.2% | 30.6% | 29.8% | 32.3% | 25.8% |
| Weapons offenses   | 6.5  | 3.8   | 4.0   | 2.9   | 2.4   | 2.7   | 2.0   | 2.7   |
| Immigration offenses   | 62.7   | 60.7  | 55.8  | 58.9  | 62.3  | 63.3  | 72.0  | 63.5  |
| Tax law violations <sup>b</sup>                              | 6.9  | 4.8   | 4.3   | 2.8   | 2.1   | 1.3   | 1.9   | 1.2   |
| Bribery  | 3.2  | 2.2   | 3.2   | 4.0   | 3.8   | 2.8   | 2.2   | 1.7   |
| Perjury  | 2.3  | 4.0   | 3.0   | .8    | 1.1   | 0     | 1.7   | 2.3   |
| National defense   | 33.5   | 47.6  | 25.2  | 28.3  | 17.1  | 15.8  | 15.6  | 16.8  |
| Escape   | 43.1   | 39.9  | 41.4  | 38.2  | 38.2  | 39.2  | 39.8  | 36.4  |
| Racketeering and extortion                                   | 3.0  | 13.0  | 3.1   | 3.3   | 2.0   | 3.0   | 1.9   | 1.3   |
| Gambling offenses  | 0  | 5.2   | 5.4   | .9    | 1.5   | .9    | .3    | .7    |
| Liquor offenses  | 5.9  | 3.8   | 2.5   | 0     | 24.4  | 8.3   | -     | -     |
| Mail or transport of obscene materials                       | .9   | 5.3   | 6.8   | 2.5   | 5.1   | 2.3   | 1.4   | 1.2   |
| Migratory birds  | 60.4   | 62.4  | 80.5  | 76.4  | 74.7  | 72.4  | 62.8  | 19.6  |
| Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses | 31.2   | 25.7  | 22.0  | 25.1  | 19.3  | 18.8  | 18.5  | 14.5  |
| Other  | 35.9   | 54.3  | 40.4  | 23.3  | 22.5  | 21.7  | 16.0  | 14.1  |

-Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data. <sup>a</sup>Excludes tax fraud. <sup>b</sup>Includes tax fraud.

Table 8. Number of defendants in cases terminated in U.S. district court, 1980-1987

| Most serious offense charged                       | Number of defendants in U.S. district court cases terminated |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|--|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|  | 1980   | 1981   | 1982   | 1983   | 1984   | 1985   | 1986   | 1987   |
| <b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>                    | 39,172   | 40,837 | 42,739 | 45,858 | 48,529 | 51,243 | 54,152 | 54,625 |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>                            | 2,871  | 3,022  | 3,111  | 2,737  | 2,814  | 2,871  | 2,818  | 2,850  |
| Murder   | 186  | 196    | 187    | 164    | 186    | 157    | 147    | 156    |
| Negligent manslaughter                             | 8  | 13     | 6      | 10     | 20     | 27     | 30     | 18     |
| Assault  | 651  | 619    | 637    | 585    | 558    | 653    | 679    | 706    |
| Robbery  | 1,701  | 1,869  | 1,925  | 1,621  | 1,677  | 1,561  | 1,505  | 1,450  |
| Rape   | 118  | 115    | 81     | 126    | 149    | 119    | 108    | 143    |
| Other sex offenses                                 | 47   | 66     | 70     | 52     | 66     | 165    | 205    | 252    |
| Kidnaping  | 109  | 88     | 100    | 117    | 91     | 113    | 89     | 79     |
| Threats against the President                      | 51   | 56     | 105    | 62     | 67     | 76     | 55     | 46     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>                           | 13,544   | 13,851 | 15,340 | 16,384 | 15,969 | 16,250 | 17,286 | 17,173 |
| <b>Fraudulent offenses</b>                         | 8,684  | 9,055  | 10,514 | 11,110 | 10,743 | 10,765 | 12,322 | 12,379 |
| Embezzlement                                       | 1,871  | 2,042  | 2,224  | 2,182  | 1,971  | 1,989  | 2,262  | 2,216  |
| Fraud <sup>b</sup>                                 | 4,178  | 4,622  | 5,244  | 5,902  | 6,216  | 5,842  | 6,980  | 7,646  |
| Forgery  | 1,851  | 1,580  | 2,048  | 2,132  | 1,908  | 2,356  | 2,486  | 1,789  |
| Counterfeiting                                     | 784  | 811    | 998    | 894    | 648    | 578    | 594    | 728    |
| <b>Other offenses</b>                              | 4,860  | 4,796  | 4,826  | 5,274  | 5,226  | 5,485  | 4,964  | 4,796  |
| Burglary   | 183  | 178    | 167    | 238    | 183    | 191    | 122    | 138    |
| Larceny  | 3,408  | 3,383  | 3,228  | 3,613  | 3,689  | 4,012  | 3,621  | 3,645  |
| Motor vehicle theft                                | 632  | 493    | 573    | 509    | 475    | 445    | 476    | 378    |
| Arson  | 19   | 14     | 11     | 12     | 17     | 16     | 13     | 34     |
| Transportation of stolen property                  | 423  | 461    | 616    | 707    | 558    | 495    | 488    | 366    |
| Other  | 195  | 267    | 231    | 195    | 304    | 326    | 244    | 235    |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>                               | 7,119  | 8,077  | 8,987  | 9,774  | 11,361 | 12,984 | 14,746 | 16,443 |
| Possession   | 475  | 1,141  | 1,763  | 1,534  | 1,762  | 1,854  | 1,743  | 2,156  |
| Trafficking, including importing and manufacturing | 6,640  | 6,934  | 7,219  | 8,235  | 9,592  | 11,126 | 12,994 | 14,282 |
| Other  | 4  | 2      | 5      | 5      | 7      | 4      | 9      | 5      |
| <b>Public-order offenses</b>                       | 15,638   | 15,887 | 15,301 | 16,963 | 18,380 | 19,009 | 19,202 | 18,153 |
| <b>Regulatory offenses</b>                         | 2,082  | 2,726  | 1,965  | 2,044  | 2,101  | 2,392  | 2,188  | 2,062  |
| Agriculture  | 326  | 721    | 252    | 350    | 261    | 425    | 218    | 220    |
| Antitrust  | 161  | 178    | 203    | 166    | 195    | 139    | 117    | 131    |
| Fair labor standards                               | 36   | 28     | 28     | 22     | 28     | 40     | 36     | 49     |
| Food and drug                                      | 149  | 136    | 119    | 91     | 82     | 107    | 94     | 87     |
| Motor carrier                                      | 77   | 118    | 72     | 99     | 93     | 96     | 76     | 48     |
| Other regulatory offenses                          | 1,333  | 1,545  | 1,291  | 1,316  | 1,442  | 1,585  | 1,647  | 1,527  |
| <b>Other offenses</b>                              | 13,556   | 13,161 | 13,336 | 14,919 | 16,279 | 16,617 | 17,014 | 16,091 |
| Weapons  | 1,336  | 1,716  | 2,009  | 2,009  | 1,865  | 1,884  | 2,163  | 2,027  |
| Immigration offenses                               | 2,913  | 2,655  | 2,410  | 2,927  | 2,899  | 2,636  | 2,710  | 2,267  |
| Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>                    | 1,601  | 1,384  | 1,256  | 1,156  | 1,297  | 1,329  | 1,541  | 1,471  |
| Bribery  | 201  | 207    | 217    | 236    | 245    | 243    | 237    | 243    |
| Perjury  | 126  | 122    | 144    | 141    | 149    | 182    | 182    | 161    |
| National defense                                   | 250  | 119    | 131    | 122    | 172    | 163    | 176    | 129    |
| Escape   | 877  | 867    | 839    | 841    | 816    | 722    | 789    | 934    |
| Racketeering and extortion                         | 632  | 578    | 598    | 695    | 786    | 755    | 848    | 673    |
| Gambling offenses                                  | 173  | 100    | 170    | 151    | 182    | 106    | 237    | 193    |
| Liquor offenses                                    | 73   | 43     | 31     | 37     | 21     | 22     | 19     | 11     |
| Mail or transport of obscene materials             | 43   | 43     | 21     | 64     | 22     | 47     | 26     | 85     |
| Traffic  | 4,983  | 5,094  | 5,293  | 6,352  | 7,640  | 8,207  | 7,758  | 7,609  |
| Migratory Birds                                    | 150  | 88     | 94     | 90     | 97     | 59     | 53     | 65     |
| Other  | 198  | 145    | 123    | 98     | 88     | 262    | 275    | 223    |

<sup>a</sup>Totals include defendants whose offense category could not be determined.

<sup>b</sup>Excludes tax fraud

<sup>c</sup>Includes tax fraud

Table 9. Defendants in cases terminated in U.S. district court: Number convicted, 1980-87

| Most serious offense of conviction                 | Number of convicted offenders |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|--|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|  | 1980                          | 1981   | 1982   | 1983   | 1984   | 1985   | 1986   | 1987   |
| <b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>                    | 29,943                        | 32,007 | 34,193 | 37,187 | 39,065 | 40,924 | 43,920 | 44,518 |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>                            | 2,134                         | 2,264  | 2,354  | 2,109  | 2,210  | 2,226  | 2,192  | 2,241  |
| Murder   | 111                           | 116    | 110    | 107    | 101    | 101    | 93     | 109    |
| Negligent manslaughter                             | 11                            | 16     | 10     | 14     | 23     | 33     | 29     | 21     |
| Assault  | 450                           | 422    | 435    | 451    | 415    | 458    | 489    | 499    |
| Robbery  | 1,371                         | 1,523  | 1,564  | 1,318  | 1,440  | 1,308  | 1,258  | 1,233  |
| Rape   | 49                            | 53     | 48     | 67     | 90     | 75     | 80     | 95     |
| Other sex offenses                                 | 43                            | 49     | 59     | 31     | 58     | 140    | 167    | 213    |
| Kidnaping  | 73                            | 56     | 66     | 80     | 51     | 71     | 48     | 46     |
| Threats against the President                      | 26                            | 29     | 62     | 41     | 32     | 40     | 28     | 25     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>                           | 10,780                        | 11,074 | 12,781 | 13,523 | 13,042 | 13,274 | 14,546 | 14,349 |
| <b>Fraudulent offenses</b>                         | 6,733                         | 7,262  | 8,792  | 9,098  | 8,723  | 8,958  | 10,520 | 10,443 |
| Embezzlement                                       | 1,605                         | 1,803  | 1,971  | 1,889  | 1,749  | 1,711  | 1,986  | 1,918  |
| Fraud <sup>b</sup>                                 | 3,307                         | 3,722  | 4,515  | 4,919  | 5,005  | 4,989  | 6,139  | 6,588  |
| Forgery  | 1,180                         | 1,068  | 1,470  | 1,567  | 1,417  | 1,774  | 1,906  | 1,348  |
| Counterfeiting                                     | 641                           | 669    | 836    | 723    | 552    | 484    | 489    | 589    |
| <b>Other offenses</b>                              | 4,047                         | 3,812  | 3,989  | 4,425  | 4,319  | 4,316  | 4,026  | 3,906  |
| Burglary   | 129                           | 149    | 149    | 202    | 137    | 136    | 93     | 103    |
| Larceny  | 3,026                         | 2,738  | 2,800  | 3,168  | 3,188  | 3,260  | 3,023  | 3,057  |
| Motor vehicle theft                                | 458                           | 409    | 481    | 435    | 396    | 361    | 425    | 323    |
| Arson  | 10                            | 8      | 4      | 6      | 14     | 12     | 10     | 21     |
| Transportation of stolen property                  | 260                           | 300    | 397    | 494    | 389    | 347    | 324    | 246    |
| Other  | 164                           | 208    | 158    | 120    | 195    | 200    | 151    | 156    |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>                               | 5,135                         | 5,981  | 6,979  | 7,657  | 8,898  | 10,289 | 11,984 | 13,423 |
| Possession   | 498                           | 1,085  | 1,598  | 1,597  | 1,808  | 1,770  | 1,636  | 2,193  |
| Trafficking, including importing and manufacturing | 4,633                         | 4,893  | 5,377  | 6,055  | 7,086  | 8,517  | 10,336 | 11,224 |
| Other  | 4                             | 3      | 4      | 5      | 4      | 2      | 12     | 6      |
| <b>Public-order offenses</b>                       | 11,893                        | 12,688 | 12,079 | 13,898 | 14,911 | 15,132 | 15,193 | 14,500 |
| <b>Regulatory offenses</b>                         | 1,828                         | 2,364  | 1,813  | 1,945  | 2,001  | 2,167  | 2,010  | 1,847  |
| Agriculture  | 308                           | 616    | 202    | 284    | 233    | 369    | 174    | 167    |
| Antitrust  | 125                           | 140    | 163    | 156    | 171    | 118    | 74     | 110    |
| Fair labor standards                               | 30                            | 15     | 26     | 30     | 27     | 38     | 42     | 60     |
| Food and drug                                      | 105                           | 95     | 99     | 75     | 67     | 86     | 85     | 72     |
| Motor carrier                                      | 73                            | 120    | 64     | 88     | 92     | 104    | 82     | 52     |
| Other regulatory offenses                          | 1,187                         | 1,378  | 1,259  | 1,312  | 1,411  | 1,452  | 1,553  | 1,386  |
| <b>Other offenses</b>                              | 10,065                        | 10,324 | 10,266 | 11,953 | 12,910 | 12,965 | 13,183 | 12,653 |
| Weapons offenses                                   | 980                           | 1,367  | 1,606  | 1,664  | 1,562  | 1,552  | 1,802  | 1,730  |
| Immigration offenses                               | 2,200                         | 2,375  | 2,101  | 2,650  | 2,684  | 2,417  | 2,464  | 2,138  |
| Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>                    | 1,407                         | 1,224  | 1,110  | 1,026  | 1,227  | 1,253  | 1,459  | 1,374  |
| Bribery  | 170                           | 150    | 156    | 183    | 189    | 203    | 200    | 182    |
| Perjury  | 70                            | 72     | 96     | 100    | 102    | 145    | 132    | 116    |
| National defense                                   | 193                           | 113    | 132    | 251    | 334    | 340    | 339    | 243    |
| Escape   | 609                           | 683    | 662    | 665    | 644    | 609    | 622    | 670    |
| Racketeering and extortion                         | 418                           | 417    | 437    | 523    | 591    | 560    | 591    | 495    |
| Gambling offenses                                  | 129                           | 63     | 123    | 100    | 131    | 80     | 204    | 150    |
| Liquor offenses                                    | 60                            | 40     | 27     | 27     | 24     | 18     | 14     | 8      |
| Mail or transport of obscene materials             | 11                            | 32     | 20     | 20     | 19     | 42     | 32     | 35     |
| Traffic offenses                                   | 3,590                         | 3,630  | 3,661  | 4,592  | 5,286  | 5,551  | 5,091  | 5,328  |
| Migratory birds                                    | 101                           | 70     | 59     | 68     | 49     | 34     | 40     | 36     |
| Other  | 127                           | 88     | 76     | 84     | 68     | 161    | 193    | 148    |

<sup>a</sup>Total includes offenders for whom offense category could not be determined: 1 (1980), 4 (1984), and 3 (1985).

<sup>b</sup>Excludes tax fraud.

<sup>c</sup>Includes tax fraud.

**Table 10. Defendants in cases terminated in U.S. district court: Percent convicted, 1980-87**

| Most serious offense charged                       | Percent of defendants convicted in U.S. district court |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|  | 1980   | 1981  | 1982  | 1983  | 1984  | 1985  | 1986  | 1987  |
| <b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>                    | 76.4%  | 78.4% | 80.0% | 81.1% | 80.5% | 79.9% | 81.1% | 81.5% |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>                            | 79.1%  | 79.8% | 80.7% | 83.2% | 83.0% | 82.9% | 82.4% | 83.4% |
| Murder   | 71.0   | 73.5  | 70.6  | 78.0  | 71.0  | 75.8  | 76.9  | 78.8  |
| Negligent manslaughter                             | -  | -     | -     | -     | 75.0  | 81.5  | 73.3  | -     |
| Assault  | 66.7   | 69.3  | 69.2  | 74.2  | 71.7  | 72.1  | 72.0  | 70.7  |
| Robbery  | 86.9   | 86.1  | 87.2  | 89.6  | 90.5  | 89.8  | 89.3  | 91.2  |
| Rape   | 64.4   | 69.6  | 67.9  | 70.6  | 73.2  | 70.6  | 78.7  | 77.6  |
| Other sex offenses                                 | 72.3   | 75.8  | 82.9  | 67.3  | 87.9  | 87.9  | 84.4  | 85.3  |
| Kidnaping  | 77.1   | 72.7  | 77.0  | 76.9  | 75.8  | 82.3  | 74.2  | 79.7  |
| Threats against the President                      | 51.0   | 50.0  | 60.0  | 64.5  | 55.2  | 56.6  | 54.5  | 65.2  |
| <b>Property offenses</b>                           | 80.9%  | 81.2% | 83.9% | 83.7% | 83.0% | 82.2% | 84.5% | 84.3% |
| <b>Fraudulent offenses</b>                         | 82.3%  | 82.7% | 85.7% | 84.6% | 83.5% | 84.5% | 86.4% | 85.9% |
| Embezzlement                                       | 86.7   | 87.6  | 91.1  | 91.5  | 89.6  | 88.6  | 89.6  | 89.7  |
| Fraud <sup>b</sup>                                 | 78.9   | 80.1  | 82.7  | 81.5  | 80.1  | 82.1  | 84.6  | 84.0  |
| Forgery  | 84.6   | 83.5  | 87.1  | 86.4  | 86.6  | 86.3  | 88.0  | 89.0  |
| Counterfeiting                                     | 83.8   | 84.2  | 86.9  | 83.8  | 88.1  | 87.4  | 88.2  | 86.7  |
| <b>Other offenses</b>                              | 78.4%  | 78.2% | 79.9% | 81.8% | 82.0% | 77.7% | 79.7% | 80.3% |
| Burglary   | 73.2   | 74.7  | 80.8  | 80.7  | 69.4  | 75.9  | 71.3  | 78.3  |
| Larceny  | 80.0   | 78.9  | 81.0  | 82.3  | 83.6  | 78.4  | 79.8  | 80.4  |
| Motor vehicle theft                                | 72.6   | 78.1  | 78.9  | 84.9  | 82.7  | 79.3  | 87.0  | 83.9  |
| Arson  | -  | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 73.5  |
| Transportation of stolen property                  | 79.7   | 80.9  | 82.1  | 83.0  | 85.7  | 84.8  | 84.0  | 87.2  |
| Other  | 73.3   | 67.8  | 61.9  | 63.6  | 63.8  | 57.7  | 61.1  | 64.3  |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>                               | 73.5%  | 75.9% | 79.5% | 80.6% | 80.7% | 81.6% | 83.6% | 84.5% |
| Possession   | 63.2   | 76.9  | 76.5  | 78.1  | 78.2  | 71.6  | 70.5  | 80.3  |
| Trafficking, including importing and manufacturing | 74.3   | 75.7  | 80.2  | 81.0  | 81.2  | 83.3  | 85.4  | 85.2  |
| Other  | -  | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     |
| <b>Public order offenses</b>                       | 73.4%  | 77.0% | 76.3% | 78.5% | 77.8% | 76.2% | 76.0% | 75.8% |
| <b>Regulatory offenses</b>                         | 73.8%  | 75.2% | 77.0% | 78.4% | 78.3% | 77.7% | 75.6% | 74.4% |
| Agriculture  | 82.2   | 79.9  | 80.2  | 77.4  | 77.4  | 81.4  | 70.2  | 70.5  |
| Antitrust  | 75.8   | 78.1  | 80.8  | 86.1  | 83.6  | 82.7  | 62.4  | 75.6  |
| Fair labor standards                               | 77.8   | 46.4  | 82.1  | 86.4  | 89.3  | 92.5  | 88.9  | 95.9  |
| Food and drug                                      | 70.5   | 69.9  | 81.5  | 80.2  | 76.8  | 79.4  | 84.0  | 78.2  |
| Motor carrier                                      | 92.2   | 93.2  | 88.9  | 85.9  | 93.5  | 96.9  | 97.4  | 89.6  |
| Other regulatory offenses                          | 70.7   | 72.3  | 74.6  | 76.8  | 76.6  | 74.6  | 75.5  | 73.5  |
| <b>Other offenses</b>                              | 73.4%  | 77.3% | 76.2% | 78.5% | 77.7% | 76.0% | 76.1% | 76.0% |
| Weapons  | 73.5   | 80.1  | 80.8  | 81.9  | 84.0  | 81.3  | 82.8  | 83.4  |
| Immigration offenses                               | 74.5   | 86.9  | 86.0  | 88.6  | 89.3  | 89.0  | 88.1  | 87.6  |
| Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>                    | 85.4   | 86.8  | 87.4  | 84.1  | 89.6  | 91.0  | 89.4  | 88.1  |
| Bribery  | 78.1   | 77.3  | 76.5  | 82.2  | 80.4  | 85.2  | 82.3  | 79.4  |
| Perjury  | 57.1   | 59.0  | 71.5  | 68.8  | 68.5  | 68.7  | 69.8  | 68.3  |
| National defense                                   | 66.8   | 69.7  | 55.7  | 66.4  | 61.0  | 58.3  | 71.0  | 79.1  |
| Escape   | 68.5   | 77.5  | 79.5  | 81.2  | 78.7  | 81.4  | 77.7  | 67.8  |
| Racketeering and extortion                         | 65.8   | 69.6  | 72.7  | 76.1  | 75.3  | 78.1  | 81.6  | 78.9  |
| Gambling offenses                                  | 78.0   | 63.0  | 72.4  | 78.8  | 80.8  | 80.2  | 90.3  | 76.7  |
| Liquor offenses                                    | 84.9   | 88.4  | 74.2  | 75.7  | 90.5  | -     | -     | 54.5  |
| Mail or transport of obscene materials             | 23.3   | 74.4  | 90.5  | 31.3  | 77.3  | 76.6  | 88.5  | 30.6  |
| Traffic  | 72.0   | 71.3  | 68.5  | 72.9  | 70.8  | 68.4  | 66.8  | 70.4  |
| Migratory Birds                                    | 67.3   | 79.5  | 61.7  | 72.2  | 51.5  | 59.3  | 75.5  | 56.9  |
| Other  | 60.6   | 51.7  | 58.5  | 60.2  | 56.8  | 58.8  | 57.1  | 52.5  |

-Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.  
<sup>a</sup>Total includes suspects for whom offense category could not be determined:

465 (1980), 500 (1981), 406 (1982), 357 (1983), 216 (1984), 128 (1985), 223 (1986), and 121 (1987).

<sup>b</sup>Excludes tax fraud.  
<sup>c</sup>Includes tax fraud.

Table 11. Defendants in cases terminated in U.S. district court: Number whose cases were dismissed, 1980-87

| Most serious offense charged                       | Number of defendants whose cases were dismissed |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|  | 1980  | 1981  | 1982  | 1983  | 1984  | 1985  | 1986  | 1987  |
| <b>All offenses</b>                                | 7,713   | 7,470 | 7,164 | 7,101 | 7,824 | 8,767 | 8,562 | 8,510 |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>                            | 468   | 475   | 446   | 332   | 344   | 367   | 393   | 348   |
| Murder   | 39  | 35    | 35    | 26    | 27    | 30    | 26    | 18    |
| Negligent manslaughter                             | 2   | 5     | 1     | 1     | 3     | 5     | 5     | 5     |
| Assault  | 173   | 144   | 149   | 99    | 107   | 140   | 152   | 157   |
| Robbery  | 172   | 208   | 175   | 123   | 132   | 117   | 133   | 92    |
| Rape   | 25  | 26    | 19    | 24    | 29    | 27    | 11    | 24    |
| Other sex offenses                                 | 12  | 14    | 11    | 12    | 3     | 17    | 27    | 31    |
| Kidnaping  | 20  | 18    | 21    | 25    | 20    | 12    | 17    | 12    |
| Threats against the President                      | 25  | 25    | 35    | 22    | 23    | 19    | 22    | 9     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>                           | 2,117   | 2,196 | 2,065 | 2,158 | 2,268 | 2,507 | 2,292 | 2,337 |
| <b>Fraudulent offenses</b>                         | 1,254   | 1,299 | 1,243 | 1,354 | 1,491 | 1,445 | 1,421 | 1,506 |
| Embezzlement                                       | 215   | 198   | 144   | 151   | 160   | 196   | 200   | 209   |
| Fraud <sup>a</sup>                                 | 686   | 754   | 744   | 839   | 1,050 | 885   | 883   | 1,037 |
| Forgery  | 253   | 234   | 245   | 246   | 222   | 298   | 279   | 180   |
| Counterfeiting                                     | 100   | 113   | 110   | 118   | 59    | 66    | 59    | 80    |
| <b>Other offenses</b>                              | 863   | 897   | 822   | 804   | 777   | 1,062 | 871   | 831   |
| Burglary   | 43  | 39    | 29    | 42    | 49    | 42    | 35    | 28    |
| Larceny  | 567   | 612   | 515   | 536   | 504   | 762   | 628   | 624   |
| Motor vehicle theft                                | 151   | 95    | 101   | 62    | 67    | 69    | 53    | 52    |
| Arson  | 5   | 5     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 4     | 4     | 5     |
| Transportation of stolen property                  | 56  | 69    | 91    | 91    | 62    | 52    | 61    | 42    |
| Other  | 41  | 77    | 83    | 69    | 90    | 133   | 90    | 80    |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>                               | 1,581   | 1,622 | 1,493 | 1,524 | 1,734 | 1,977 | 1,945 | 2,082 |
| Possession   | 166   | 245   | 353   | 295   | 306   | 477   | 444   | 377   |
| Trafficking, including importing and manufacturing | 1,413   | 1,377 | 1,139 | 1,228 | 1,427 | 1,499 | 1,500 | 1,704 |
| Other  | 2   | 0     | 1     | 1     | 1     | 1     | 1     | 1     |
| <b>Public-order offenses</b>                       | 3,547   | 3,177 | 3,160 | 3,087 | 3,476 | 3,888 | 3,904 | 3,743 |
| <b>Regulatory offenses</b>                         | 406   | 556   | 338   | 333   | 332   | 402   | 421   | 398   |
| Agriculture  | 42  | 118   | 43    | 66    | 43    | 72    | 53    | 57    |
| Antitrust  | 11  | 19    | 18    | 6     | 7     | 11    | 28    | 6     |
| Fair labor standards                               | 2   | 15    | 5     | 1     | 1     | 2     | 2     | 2     |
| Food and drug                                      | 43  | 39    | 17    | 15    | 19    | 20    | 13    | 10    |
| Motor carrier                                      | 6   | 7     | 8     | 11    | 6     | 3     | 2     | 5     |
| Other regulatory offenses                          | 302   | 358   | 247   | 234   | 256   | 294   | 323   | 309   |
| <b>Other offenses</b>                              | 3,141   | 2,621 | 2,822 | 2,754 | 3,144 | 3,486 | 3,483 | 3,345 |
| Weapons offenses                                   | 282   | 271   | 322   | 283   | 251   | 292   | 312   | 272   |
| Immigration offenses                               | 713   | 317   | 304   | 302   | 275   | 263   | 289   | 260   |
| Tax law violations <sup>b</sup>                    | 154   | 134   | 102   | 124   | 84    | 91    | 118   | 117   |
| Bribery  | 27  | 28    | 36    | 28    | 24    | 21    | 18    | 34    |
| Perjury  | 41  | 40    | 20    | 24    | 32    | 35    | 40    | 32    |
| National defense                                   | 76  | 32    | 57    | 39    | 61    | 56    | 39    | 20    |
| Escape   | 263   | 180   | 157   | 137   | 158   | 122   | 163   | 292   |
| Racketeering and extortion                         | 147   | 127   | 112   | 103   | 107   | 87    | 88    | 86    |
| Gambling offenses                                  | 31  | 19    | 34    | 30    | 25    | 17    | 15    | 41    |
| Liquor offenses                                    | 11  | 5     | 7     | 5     | 1     | 4     | 3     | 5     |
| Mail or transport of obscene materials             | 26  | 6     | 2     | 40    | 5     | 11    | 3     | 59    |
| Traffic offenses                                   | 1,251   | 1,377 | 1,588 | 1,581 | 2,042 | 2,369 | 2,286 | 2,010 |
| Migratory birds                                    | 46  | 16    | 34    | 19    | 44    | 21    | 13    | 27    |
| Other  | 73  | 69    | 47    | 39    | 35    | 97    | 96    | 90    |

<sup>a</sup>Excludes tax fraud. <sup>b</sup>Includes tax fraud.

**Table 12. Defendants in cases terminated in U.S. district court: Percent whose cases were dismissed, 1980-87**

| Most serious offense charged                       | Percent of defendants whose cases were dismissed |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|  | 1980   | 1981  | 1982  | 1983  | 1984  | 1985  | 1986  | 1987  |
| <b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>                    | 19.7%  | 18.3% | 16.8% | 15.5% | 16.1% | 17.1% | 15.8% | 15.6% |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>                            | 16.3%  | 15.7% | 14.3% | 12.1% | 12.2% | 12.8% | 13.9% | 12.2% |
| Murder   | 21.0   | 17.9  | 18.7  | 15.9  | 14.5  | 19.1  | 17.7  | 11.5  |
| Negligent manslaughter                             | -  | -     | -     | -     | 15.0  | 18.5  | 16.7  | -     |
| Assault  | 26.6   | 23.3  | 23.4  | 16.9  | 19.2  | 21.4  | 22.4  | 22.2  |
| Robbery  | 10.1   | 11.1  | 9.1   | 7.6   | 7.9   | 7.5   | 8.8   | 6.3   |
| Rape   | 21.2   | 22.6  | 23.5  | 19.0  | 19.5  | 22.7  | 10.2  | 16.8  |
| Other sex offenses                                 | 25.5   | 21.2  | 15.7  | 23.1  | 4.5   | 10.3  | 13.2  | 12.3  |
| Kidnaping  | 18.3   | 20.5  | 21.0  | 21.4  | 22.0  | 10.6  | 19.1  | 15.2  |
| Threats against the President                      | 49.0   | 44.6  | 33.3  | 35.5  | 34.3  | 25.0  | 40.0  | 19.6  |
| <b>Property offenses</b>                           | 15.6%  | 15.9% | 13.5% | 13.2% | 14.2% | 15.4% | 13.3% | 13.6% |
| <b>Fraudulent offenses</b>                         | 14.4%  | 14.3% | 11.8% | 12.2% | 13.9% | 13.4% | 11.5% | 12.2% |
| Embezzlement                                       | 11.5   | 9.7   | 6.5   | 6.9   | 8.1   | 9.9   | 8.8   | 9.4   |
| Fraud <sup>b</sup>                                 | 16.4   | 16.3  | 14.2  | 14.2  | 16.9  | 15.1  | 12.7  | 13.6  |
| Forgery  | 13.7   | 14.8  | 12.0  | 11.5  | 11.6  | 12.6  | 11.2  | 10.1  |
| Counterfeiting                                     | 12.8   | 13.9  | 11.0  | 13.2  | 9.1   | 11.4  | 9.9   | 11.0  |
| <b>Other offenses</b>                              | 17.8%  | 18.7% | 17.0% | 15.2% | 14.9% | 19.4% | 17.5% | 17.3% |
| Burglary   | 23.5   | 21.9  | 17.4  | 17.6  | 26.8  | 22.0  | 28.7  | 20.3  |
| Larceny  | 16.6   | 18.1  | 16.0  | 14.8  | 13.7  | 19.0  | 17.3  | 17.1  |
| Motor vehicle theft                                | 23.9   | 19.3  | 17.6  | 12.2  | 14.1  | 15.5  | 11.1  | 13.8  |
| Arson  | -  | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 14.7  |
| Transportation of stolen property                  | 13.2   | 15.0  | 14.8  | 12.9  | 11.1  | 10.5  | 12.5  | 11.5  |
| Other  | 21.0   | 28.8  | 35.9  | 35.4  | 29.6  | 40.8  | 36.9  | 34.0  |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>                               | 22.2%  | 20.1% | 16.6% | 15.6% | 15.3% | 15.2% | 13.2% | 12.7% |
| Possession   | 34.9   | 21.5  | 20.0  | 19.2  | 17.4  | 25.7  | 25.5  | 17.5  |
| Trafficking, including importing and manufacturing | 21.3   | 19.9  | 15.8  | 14.9  | 14.9  | 13.5  | 11.5  | 11.9  |
| Other  | -  | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     |
| <b>Public order offenses</b>                       | 22.7%  | 20.0% | 20.7% | 18.2% | 18.9% | 20.5% | 20.3% | 20.6% |
| <b>Regulatory offenses</b>                         | 19.5%  | 20.4% | 17.2% | 16.3% | 15.8% | 16.8% | 19.2% | 19.3% |
| Agriculture  | 12.9   | 16.4  | 17.1  | 18.9  | 16.5  | 16.9  | 24.3  | 25.9  |
| Antitrust  | 6.8  | 10.7  | 8.9   | 3.6   | 3.6   | 7.9   | 23.9  | 4.6   |
| Fair labor standards                               | 5.6  | 53.6  | 17.9  | 4.5   | 3.6   | 5.0   | 5.6   | 4.1   |
| Food and drug                                      | 28.9   | 28.7  | 14.3  | 16.5  | 23.2  | 18.7  | 13.8  | 21.8  |
| Motor carrier                                      | 7.8  | 5.9   | 11.1  | 11.1  | 6.5   | 3.1   | 2.6   | 10.4  |
| Other regulatory offenses                          | 22.7   | 23.2  | 19.1  | 17.8  | 17.8  | 18.5  | 19.6  | 20.2  |
| <b>Other offenses</b>                              | 23.2%  | 19.9% | 21.2% | 18.5% | 19.3% | 21.0% | 20.5% | 20.8% |
| Weapons  | 21.1   | 15.8  | 16.0  | 14.1  | 13.5  | 15.5  | 14.4  | 13.4  |
| Immigration offenses                               | 24.5   | 11.9  | 12.6  | 10.3  | 9.5   | 10.0  | 10.7  | 11.5  |
| Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>                    | 9.6  | 9.7   | 8.1   | 10.7  | 6.5   | 6.8   | 7.7   | 8.0   |
| Bribery  | 13.4   | 13.5  | 16.6  | 11.9  | 9.8   | 8.6   | 7.6   | 14.0  |
| Perjury  | 32.5   | 32.8  | 13.9  | 17.0  | 21.5  | 19.2  | 22.0  | 19.9  |
| National defense                                   | 30.4   | 26.9  | 43.5  | 32.0  | 35.5  | 34.4  | 22.2  | 15.5  |
| Escape   | 30.0   | 20.8  | 18.7  | 16.3  | 19.4  | 16.9  | 20.7  | 31.3  |
| Racketeering and extortion                         | 23.3   | 22.0  | 18.7  | 14.8  | 13.6  | 11.5  | 10.4  | 12.8  |
| Gambling offenses                                  | 17.9   | 19.0  | 20.0  | 19.9  | 13.7  | 16.0  | 6.3   | 21.2  |
| Liquor offenses                                    | 15.1   | 11.6  | 22.6  | 13.5  | 4.8   | 18.2  | -     | -     |
| Mail or transport of obscene materials             | 60.5   | 14.0  | 9.5   | 62.5  | 22.7  | 23.4  | 11.5  | 69.4  |
| Traffic  | 25.1   | 27.0  | 30.0  | 24.9  | 26.7  | 28.9  | 29.5  | 26.4  |
| Migratory Birds                                    | 30.7   | 18.2  | 36.2  | 21.1  | 45.4  | 35.6  | 24.5  | 41.5  |
| Other  | 36.9   | 47.6  | 38.2  | 39.8  | 39.8  | 37.0  | 34.9  | 40.4  |

-Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.

<sup>a</sup>Total includes defendants for whom offense category could not be determined:

5 (1984), 128 (1985), and 100 (1986). Total excludes defendants for whom outcome could not be determined: 42 (1985), 128 (1986), and 171 (1987).

<sup>b</sup>Excludes tax fraud.

<sup>c</sup>Includes tax fraud.

**Table 13. Defendants in matters disposed by U.S. magistrates: Number convicted, 1980-87**

| Most serious offense investigated                            | Number of defendants convicted in matters disposed by U.S. magistrates |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|  | 1980   | 1981  | 1982  | 1983  | 1984  | 1985  | 1986  | 1987  |
| <b>All offenses</b>  | 9,243  | 7,552 | 7,065 | 7,848 | 7,747 | 7,304 | 8,777 | 6,993 |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>                                      | 94   | 69    | 71    | 69    | 55    | 50    | 40    | 81    |
| Murder   | 0  | 1     | 3     | 6     | 2     | 1     | 1     | 4     |
| Assault  | 73   | 63    | 60    | 58    | 52    | 43    | 31    | 66    |
| Robbery  | 20   | 4     | 8     | 2     | 1     | 4     | 7     | 8     |
| Rape   | 0  | 0     | 0     | 1     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 2     |
| Other sex offenses   | 0  | 0     | 0     | 1     | 0     | 0     | 1     | 1     |
| Kidnaping  | 0  | 1     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| Threats against the President                                | 1  | 0     | 0     | 1     | 0     | 2     | 0     | 0     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>                                     | 1,255  | 1,132 | 1,151 | 974   | 1,024 | 718   | 887   | 1,119 |
| <b>Fraudulent offenses</b>                                   | 542  | 392   | 490   | 413   | 322   | 330   | 606   | 987   |
| Embezzlement   | 185  | 177   | 245   | 165   | 163   | 96    | 149   | 149   |
| Fraud <sup>a</sup>   | 237  | 129   | 166   | 147   | 83    | 111   | 345   | 759   |
| Forgery  | 115  | 85    | 77    | 99    | 74    | 120   | 108   | 79    |
| Counterfeiting   | 5  | 1     | 2     | 2     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 0     |
| <b>Other offenses</b>  | 713  | 740   | 661   | 561   | 702   | 388   | 281   | 132   |
| Burglary   | 1  | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1     | 0     |
| Larceny  | 113  | 107   | 71    | 63    | 43    | 42    | 35    | 60    |
| Motor vehicle theft  | 1  | 1     | 8     | 1     | 1     | 0     | 1     | 1     |
| Arson  | 0  | 0     | 1     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| Transportation of stolen property                            | 0  | 0     | 0     | 1     | 1     | 1     | 0     | 0     |
| Other  | 598  | 632   | 581   | 496   | 657   | 345   | 244   | 71    |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>   | 111  | 129   | 191   | 112   | 140   | 132   | 91    | 525   |
| <b>Public-order offenses</b>                                 | 7,487  | 6,033 | 5,392 | 6,494 | 6,434 | 6,333 | 7,613 | 5,209 |
| <b>Regulatory offenses</b>                                   | 465  | 400   | 384   | 248   | 322   | 231   | 291   | 197   |
| Agriculture  | 99   | 159   | 132   | 30    | 134   | 89    | 108   | 11    |
| Antitrust  | 0  | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1     |
| Fair labor standards   | 1  | 1     | 1     | 0     | 0     | 2     | 1     | 0     |
| Food and drug  | 6  | 11    | 2     | 7     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 3     |
| Motor carrier  | 10   | 14    | 11    | 6     | 4     | 1     | 0     | 0     |
| Other regulatory offenses                                    | 349  | 215   | 238   | 205   | 184   | 139   | 182   | 182   |
| <b>Other offenses</b>  | 7,022  | 5,633 | 5,008 | 6,246 | 6,112 | 6,102 | 7,322 | 5,012 |
| Weapons offenses   | 9  | 6     | 9     | 6     | 3     | 6     | 8     | 6     |
| Immigration offenses   | 4,573  | 3,504 | 2,992 | 4,070 | 4,205 | 4,119 | 5,714 | 4,186 |
| Tax law violations <sup>b</sup>                              | 27   | 23    | 29    | 20    | 14    | 13    | 25    | 16    |
| Bribery  | 3  | 2     | 2     | 0     | 1     | 0     | 2     | 0     |
| Perjury  | 0  | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 4     | 3     |
| National defense   | 102  | 134   | 78    | 130   | 79    | 78    | 76    | 73    |
| Escape   | 15   | 16    | 16    | 13    | 8     | 10    | 15    | 11    |
| Racketeering and extortion                                   | 3  | 0     | 4     | 5     | 4     | 1     | 0     | 1     |
| Gambling offenses  | 0  | 1     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1     | 0     |
| Liquor offenses  | 1  | 0     | 1     | 0     | 0     | 2     | 1     | 2     |
| Mail or transport of obscene materials                       | 0  | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1     | 0     | 0     |
| Migratory birds  | 562  | 622   | 740   | 735   | 828   | 688   | 381   | 119   |
| Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses | 1,707  | 1,276 | 1,098 | 1,235 | 943   | 1,144 | 1,055 | 552   |
| Other  | 20   | 49    | 39    | 32    | 27    | 40    | 40    | 43    |

<sup>a</sup>Excludes tax fraud.    <sup>b</sup>Includes tax fraud.

Table 14. Defendants in matters disposed by U.S. magistrates: Percent convicted, 1980-87

| Most serious offense investigated                            | Magistrate dispositions resulting in conviction |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|  | 1980  | 1981  | 1982  | 1983  | 1984  | 1985  | 1986  | 1987  |
| <b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>                              | 59.2%   | 57.9% | 55.5% | 62.8% | 64.4% | 65.8% | 69.4% | 65.1% |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>                                      | 26.6%   | 21.4% | 18.3% | 25.1% | 25.6% | 27.8% | 19.9% | 30.6% |
| Murder   | -   | -     | -     | -     | 66.7  | -     | -     | -     |
| Assault  | 41.0  | 40.9  | 34.5  | 42.0  | 46.0  | 46.2  | 35.2  | 44.9  |
| Robbery  | 14.5  | 3.6   | 5.6   | 2.6   | 1.4   | 10.5  | 10.3  | 11.4  |
| Rape   | ...   | ...   | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     |
| Other sex offenses   | -   | -     | ...   | ...   | 0     | -     | -     | -     |
| Kidnaping  | -   | -     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | -     | -     |
| Threats against the President                                | -   | 0     | 0     | 4.0   | 0     | 8.7   | -     | -     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>                                     | 46.8%   | 49.4% | 45.9% | 51.0% | 55.2% | 46.4% | 55.0% | 57.4% |
| <b>Fraudulent offenses</b>                                   | 36.4%   | 33.8% | 33.7% | 37.1% | 38.0% | 35.7% | 56.0% | 62.1% |
| Embezzlement   | 41.4  | 43.0  | 46.4  | 38.6  | 47.2  | 36.0  | 55.2  | 54.6  |
| Fraud <sup>b</sup>   | 36.3  | 28.5  | 29.6  | 39.0  | 29.9  | 26.1  | 58.0  | 69.1  |
| Forgery  | 30.1  | 29.0  | 21.7  | 32.5  | 33.5  | 52.4  | 50.7  | 36.2  |
| Counterfeiting   | -   | -     | -     | -     | 66.7  | -     | -     | ...   |
| <b>Other offenses</b>  | 59.9%   | 65.3% | 62.8% | 70.2% | 69.7% | 44.9% | 53.0% | 36.9% |
| Burglary   | -   | -     | -     | -     | 0     | -     | -     | ...   |
| Larceny  | 33.1  | 38.2  | 23.3  | 30.9  | 25.9  | 31.1  | 25.0  | 32.1  |
| Motor vehicle theft  | 2.9   | 3.3   | 17.4  | 4.0   | 8.3   | -     | -     | 3.7   |
| Arson  | -   | -     | -     | ...   | 0     | -     | ...   | -     |
| Transportation of stolen property                            | -   | -     | -     | -     | 25.0  | -     | -     | -     |
| Other  | 75.0  | 78.2  | 84.4  | 87.6  | 79.8  | 74.2  | 67.2  | 51.4  |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>   | 15.5%   | 20.3% | 25.1% | 25.4% | 28.4% | 24.6% | 14.4% | 42.1% |
| <b>Public-order offenses</b>                                 | 65.8%   | 63.6% | 62.1% | 68.3% | 69.6% | 72.8% | 76.3% | 72.7% |
| <b>Regulatory offenses</b>                                   | 33.1%   | 38.8% | 42.2% | 32.3% | 44.4% | 40.8% | 49.8% | 47.6% |
| Agriculture  | 78.6  | 76.8  | 88.0  | 62.5  | 85.4  | 83.2  | 79.4  | -     |
| Antitrust  | ...   | -     | ...   | ...   | 0     | -     | ...   | -     |
| Fair labor standards   | -   | -     | -     | ...   | 0     | -     | -     | ...   |
| Food and drug  | 10.3  | 32.4  | 5.3   | 18.9  | 0     | 0     | 0     | 7.5   |
| Motor carrier  | -   | -     | -     | -     | 57.1  | -     | ...   | -     |
| Other regulatory offenses                                    | 29.0  | 27.9  | 33.7  | 30.3  | 35.6  | 34.2  | 45.7  | 50.8  |
| <b>Other offenses</b>  | 70.3%   | 66.6% | 64.5% | 71.5% | 71.8% | 75.0% | 77.9% | 74.2% |
| Weapons offenses   | 7.7   | 7.1   | 8.3   | 7.7   | 5.2   | 8.1   | 12.7  | 7.1   |
| Immigration offenses   | 89.1  | 87.9  | 90.2  | 93.3  | 92.8  | 93.8  | 94.3  | 95.7  |
| Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>                              | 30.0  | 34.3  | 37.2  | 45.5  | 35.9  | 52.0  | 62.5  | 59.3  |
| Bribery  | -   | -     | -     | -     | 6.3   | -     | -     | -     |
| Perjury  | -   | -     | -     | -     | 0     | -     | -     | -     |
| National defense   | 65.4  | 79.3  | 53.4  | 69.5  | 66.4  | 66.1  | 76.0  | 75.3  |
| Escape   | 1.1   | 1.3   | 1.2   | 1.1   | .7    | -     | 1.3   | 1.1   |
| Racketeering and extortion                                   | 5.8   | 0     | 8.0   | 8.5   | 10.3  | 1.9   | 0     | 4.0   |
| Gambling offenses  | ...   | -     | -     | -     | 0     | -     | -     | -     |
| Liquor offenses  | -   | -     | -     | ...   | 0     | -     | -     | -     |
| Mail or transport of obscene materials                       | -   | -     | -     | -     | 0     | -     | -     | -     |
| Migratory birds  | 82.0  | 90.3  | 81.1  | 89.5  | 88.3  | 87.8  | 90.5  | 78.3  |
| Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses | 73.6  | 69.4  | 64.4  | 64.4  | 60.5  | 73.5  | 71.6  | 64.7  |
| Other  | 43.5  | 49.0  | 60.0  | 66.7  | 50.0  | 62.5  | 56.3  | 58.9  |

-Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.

...No cases of this type occurred in the data.

<sup>a</sup>Total includes defendants for whom offense category could not be determined: 465 (1980),

406 (1982), 357 (1983), 216 (1984), 128 (1985), 223 (1986), and 121 (1987).

<sup>b</sup>Excludes tax fraud.

<sup>c</sup>Includes tax fraud.



Table 15. Offenders convicted in cases terminated in U.S. district court: Number sentenced to prison, 1980-87

| Most serious offense of conviction                 | Number of convicted offenders who were sentenced to incarceration <sup>a</sup> |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|--|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|  | 1980   | 1981   | 1982   | 1983   | 1984   | 1985   | 1986   | 1987   |
| <b>All offenses</b>                                | 13,766   | 15,300 | 17,481 | 18,505 | 19,125 | 20,605 | 23,058 | 23,579 |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>                            | 1,770  | 1,961  | 2,027  | 1,822  | 1,840  | 1,807  | 1,813  | 1,837  |
| Murder   | 100  | 103    | 100    | 94     | 93     | 92     | 87     | 105    |
| Negligent manslaughter                             | 8  | 9      | 8      | 10     | 16     | 18     | 25     | 16     |
| Assault  | 265  | 259    | 275    | 304    | 246    | 254    | 296    | 292    |
| Robbery  | 1,252  | 1,442  | 1,453  | 1,231  | 1,309  | 1,210  | 1,186  | 1,164  |
| Rape   | 29   | 44     | 44     | 57     | 63     | 60     | 65     | 83     |
| Other sex offenses                                 | 31   | 30     | 37     | 23     | 43     | 85     | 88     | 113    |
| Kidnaping  | 70   | 52     | 64     | 73     | 46     | 61     | 45     | 45     |
| Threats against the President                      | 15   | 22     | 46     | 30     | 24     | 27     | 21     | 19     |
| <b>Property offenses</b>                           | 4,630  | 4,874  | 5,834  | 5,864  | 5,414  | 5,612  | 6,291  | 6,234  |
| <b>Fraudulent offenses</b>                         | 2,825  | 3,161  | 3,873  | 3,736  | 3,396  | 3,696  | 4,416  | 4,610  |
| Embezzlement                                       | 460  | 533    | 592    | 563    | 489    | 484    | 533    | 551    |
| Fraud <sup>b</sup>                                 | 1,384  | 1,651  | 1,976  | 1,921  | 1,853  | 2,120  | 2,732  | 3,097  |
| Forgery  | 610  | 597    | 806    | 839    | 722    | 803    | 872    | 606    |
| Counterfeiting                                     | 371  | 380    | 499    | 413    | 332    | 289    | 279    | 356    |
| <b>Other offenses</b>                              | 1,805  | 1,713  | 1,961  | 2,128  | 2,018  | 1,916  | 1,875  | 1,624  |
| Burglary   | 77   | 96     | 96     | 160    | 107    | 94     | 69     | 78     |
| Larceny  | 1,180  | 1,089  | 1,223  | 1,299  | 1,304  | 1,252  | 1,196  | 1,125  |
| Motor vehicle theft                                | 321  | 283    | 338    | 310    | 277    | 263    | 325    | 220    |
| Arson  | 6  | 5      | 0      | 6      | 9      | 5      | 8      | 19     |
| Transportation of stolen property                  | 178  | 207    | 268    | 313    | 264    | 250    | 229    | 148    |
| Other  | 43   | 33     | 36     | 40     | 57     | 52     | 48     | 34     |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>                               | 3,675  | 4,353  | 5,138  | 5,565  | 6,487  | 7,774  | 9,272  | 10,196 |
| Possession   | 114  | 453    | 718    | 542    | 741    | 762    | 677    | 609    |
| Trafficking, including importing and manufacturing | 3,560  | 3,899  | 4,417  | 5,022  | 5,743  | 7,012  | 8,588  | 9,584  |
| Other  | 1  | 1      | 3      | 1      | 3      | 0      | 7      | 3      |
| <b>Public-order offenses</b>                       | 1,062  | 1,479  | 1,516  | 1,620  | 1,567  | 1,664  | 1,862  | 1,789  |
| <b>Regulatory offenses</b>                         | 484  | 623    | 516    | 581    | 596    | 661    | 688    | 601    |
| Agriculture  | 54   | 149    | 31     | 75     | 25     | 51     | 24     | 16     |
| Antitrust  | 32   | 40     | 54     | 30     | 34     | 6      | 7      | 11     |
| Fair labor standards                               | 11   | 3      | 4      | 9      | 3      | 4      | 2      | 3      |
| Food and drug                                      | 5  | 9      | 4      | 5      | 6      | 10     | 13     | 19     |
| Motor carrier                                      | 2  | 10     | 7      | 4      | 17     | 34     | 18     | 15     |
| Other regulatory offenses                          | 380  | 412    | 416    | 458    | 511    | 556    | 624    | 537    |
| <b>Other offenses</b>                              | 578  | 856    | 1,000  | 1,039  | 971    | 1,003  | 1,174  | 1,188  |
| Weapons offenses                                   | 578  | 856    | 1,000  | 1,039  | 971    | 1,003  | 1,174  | 1,188  |
| Immigration offenses                               | 1,017  | 1,063  | 1,117  | 1,423  | 1,493  | 1,412  | 1,443  | 1,355  |
| Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>                    | 487  | 472    | 508    | 493    | 582    | 603    | 637    | 640    |
| Bribery  | 62   | 46     | 74     | 83     | 74     | 90     | 107    | 83     |
| Perjury  | 48   | 47     | 67     | 66     | 64     | 99     | 74     | 80     |
| National defense                                   | 49   | 37     | 31     | 36     | 39     | 60     | 61     | 55     |
| Escape   | 533  | 584    | 577    | 565    | 555    | 499    | 532    | 582    |
| Racketeering and extortion                         | 315  | 330    | 316    | 383    | 444    | 441    | 462    | 372    |
| Gambling offenses                                  | 39   | 19     | 50     | 53     | 45     | 38     | 86     | 39     |
| Liquor offenses                                    | 33   | 15     | 9      | 10     | 8      | 3      | 5      | 3      |
| Mail or transport of obscene materials             | 3  | 10     | 10     | 5      | 11     | 17     | 6      | 12     |
| Traffic offenses                                   | 32   | 55     | 185    | 498    | 486    | 464    | 385    | 282    |
| Migratory birds                                    | 1  | 4      | 0      | 5      | 3      | 2      | 1      | 1      |
| Other  | 9  | 11     | 22     | 14     | 10     | 18     | 21     | 19     |

<sup>a</sup>Includes sentences to prison with or without probation. <sup>b</sup>Excludes tax fraud. <sup>c</sup>Includes tax fraud.

**Table 16. Offenders convicted in cases terminated in U.S. district court: Percent sentenced to prison, 1980-87**

| Most serious offense of conviction                 | Percent of convicted offenders sentenced to prison <sup>a</sup> |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|  | 1980  | 1981  | 1982  | 1983  | 1984  | 1985  | 1986  | 1987  |
| <b>All offenses<sup>b</sup></b>                    | 46.0%   | 48.0% | 51.1% | 49.8% | 49.0% | 50.3% | 52.5% | 53.0% |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>                            | 82.9%   | 86.6% | 86.1% | 86.4% | 83.3% | 81.2% | 82.7% | 82.0% |
| Murder   | 90.1  | 88.8  | 90.9  | 87.9  | 92.1  | 91.1  | 93.5  | 96.3  |
| Negligent manslaughter                             | -   | -     | -     | -     | 69.6  | 54.5  | 86.2  | 76.2  |
| Assault  | 58.9  | 61.4  | 63.2  | 67.4  | 59.3  | 55.5  | 60.5  | 58.5  |
| Robbery  | 91.3  | 94.7  | 92.9  | 93.4  | 90.9  | 92.5  | 94.3  | 94.4  |
| Rape   | 59.2  | 83.0  | 91.7  | 85.1  | 70.0  | 80.0  | 81.3  | 87.4  |
| Other sex offenses                                 | 72.1  | 61.2  | 62.7  | 74.2  | 74.1  | 60.7  | 52.7  | 53.1  |
| Kidnaping  | 95.9  | 92.9  | 97.0  | 91.3  | 90.2  | 85.9  | 93.8  | 97.8  |
| Threats against the President                      | 57.7  | 75.9  | 74.2  | 73.2  | 75.0  | 67.5  | 75.0  | 75.0  |
| <b>Property offenses</b>                           | 42.9%   | 44.0% | 45.6% | 43.4% | 41.5% | 42.3% | 43.2% | 43.4% |
| <b>Fraudulent offenses</b>                         | 42.0%   | 43.5% | 44.1% | 41.1% | 38.9% | 41.3% | 42.0% | 44.1% |
| Embezzlement                                       | 28.7  | 29.6  | 30.0  | 29.8  | 28.0  | 28.3  | 26.8  | 28.7  |
| Fraud <sup>c</sup>                                 | 41.9  | 44.4  | 43.8  | 39.1  | 37.0  | 42.5  | 44.5  | 47.0  |
| Forgery  | 51.7  | 55.9  | 54.8  | 53.5  | 51.0  | 45.3  | 45.8  | 45.0  |
| Counterfeiting                                     | 57.9  | 56.8  | 59.7  | 57.1  | 60.1  | 59.7  | 57.1  | 60.4  |
| <b>Other offenses</b>                              | 44.6%   | 44.9% | 49.2% | 48.1% | 46.7% | 44.4% | 46.6% | 41.6% |
| Burglary   | 59.7  | 64.4  | 64.4  | 79.2  | 78.1  | 69.1  | 74.2  | 75.7  |
| Larceny  | 39.0  | 39.8  | 43.7  | 41.0  | 40.9  | 38.4  | 39.6  | 36.8  |
| Motor vehicle theft                                | 70.1  | 69.2  | 70.3  | 71.3  | 69.9  | 72.9  | 76.5  | 68.1  |
| Arson  | -   | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 90.5  |
| Transportation of stolen property                  | 68.5  | 69.0  | 67.5  | 63.4  | 67.9  | 72.0  | 70.7  | 60.2  |
| Other  | 26.2  | 15.9  | 22.8  | 33.3  | 29.2  | 26.0  | 31.8  | 21.8  |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>                               | 71.6%   | 72.8% | 73.6% | 72.7% | 72.9% | 75.6% | 77.3% | 75.9% |
| Possession   | 22.9  | 41.8  | 44.9  | 33.9  | 41.0  | 43.1  | 41.4  | 27.8  |
| Trafficking, including importing and manufacturing | 76.8  | 79.7  | 82.1  | 82.9  | 81.0  | 82.3  | 83.1  | 85.4  |
| Other  | -   | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     |
| <b>Public-order offenses</b>                       | 31.0%   | 32.9% | 37.1% | 37.8% | 36.1% | 35.8% | 37.4% | 36.6% |
| <b>Regulatory offenses</b>                         | 26.5%   | 26.4% | 28.5% | 29.9% | 29.8% | 30.5% | 34.2% | 32.5% |
| Agriculture  | 17.5  | 24.2  | 15.3  | 26.4  | 10.7  | 13.8  | 13.8  | 9.6   |
| Antitrust  | 25.6  | 28.6  | 33.1  | 19.2  | 19.9  | 5.1   | 9.5   | 10.0  |
| Fair labor standards                               | 36.7  | -     | 15.4  | 30.0  | 11.1  | 10.5  | 4.8   | 5.0   |
| Food and drug                                      | 4.8   | 9.5   | 4.0   | 6.7   | 9.0   | 11.6  | 15.3  | 26.4  |
| Motor carrier                                      | 2.7   | 8.3   | 10.9  | 4.5   | 18.5  | 32.7  | 22.0  | 28.8  |
| Other regulatory offenses                          | 32.0  | 29.9  | 33.0  | 34.9  | 36.2  | 38.3  | 40.2  | 38.7  |
| <b>Other offenses</b>                              | 31.9%   | 34.4% | 38.6% | 39.1% | 37.1% | 36.6% | 37.9% | 37.2% |
| Weapons offenses                                   | 59.0  | 62.6  | 62.3  | 62.4  | 62.2  | 64.6  | 65.1  | 68.7  |
| Immigration offenses                               | 46.2  | 44.8  | 53.2  | 53.7  | 55.6  | 58.4  | 58.6  | 63.4  |
| Tax law violations <sup>d</sup>                    | 34.6  | 38.6  | 45.8  | 48.1  | 47.4  | 48.1  | 43.7  | 46.6  |
| Bribery  | 36.5  | 30.7  | 47.4  | 45.4  | 39.2  | 44.3  | 53.5  | 45.6  |
| Perjury  | 68.6  | 65.3  | 69.8  | 66.0  | 62.7  | 68.3  | 56.1  | 69.0  |
| National defense                                   | 25.4  | 32.7  | 23.5  | 14.3  | 11.7  | 17.6  | 13.0  | 22.6  |
| Escape   | 87.5  | 85.5  | 87.2  | 85.0  | 86.2  | 81.9  | 85.5  | 86.9  |
| Racketeering and extortion                         | 75.4  | 79.1  | 72.3  | 73.2  | 75.1  | 78.8  | 78.2  | 75.2  |
| Gambling offenses                                  | 30.2  | 30.2  | 40.7  | 53.0  | 34.4  | 47.5  | 42.2  | 26.0  |
| Liquor offenses                                    | 55.0  | 37.5  | 33.3  | 37.0  | 33.3  | -     | -     | -     |
| Mail or transport of obscene materials             | -   | 31.3  | 50.0  | 25.0  | -     | 40.5  | 13.8  | 34.3  |
| Traffic offenses                                   | .9  | 1.5   | 5.1   | 10.8  | 9.2   | 8.4   | 7.6   | 5.3   |
| Migratory birds                                    | 1.0   | 5.7   | 0     | 7.4   | 6.1   | 5.9   | 2.5   | 2.8   |
| Other  | 7.1   | 12.5  | 28.9  | 16.7  | 14.7  | 11.2  | 10.9  | 12.8  |

-Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.

<sup>a</sup>Includes sentences to prison with or without probation.

<sup>b</sup>Total includes offenders for whom

sentence category could not be determined: 627 (1980), 303 (1981), 254 (1982), 344 (1983), 253 (1984), 301 (1985), 241 (1986), and 212 (1987). Total includes offenders for whom offense category could not be determined:

1 (1980), 4 (1984), and 3 (1985).

<sup>c</sup>Excludes tax fraud.

<sup>d</sup>Includes tax fraud.

**Table 17. Offenders convicted in cases terminated in U.S. district court: Mean length of prison sentences, 1980-87**

| Most serious offense <sup>a</sup><br>of conviction    | Average sentence length for convicted offenders sentenced to prison |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|---|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|   | 1980  | 1981       | 1982       | 1983       | 1984       | 1985       | 1986       | 1987       |
| <b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>                       | 44.3 mos.   | 47.1 mos.  | 47.8 mos.  | 46.4 mos.  | 47.3 mos.  | 50.7 mos.  | 52.7 mos.  | 55.2 mos.  |
| <b>Violent offenses</b>                               | 125.4 mos.  | 132.0 mos. | 133.3 mos. | 127.5 mos. | 132.2 mos. | 135.4 mos. | 132.0 mos. | 126.2 mos. |
| Murder  | 123.4   | 138.1      | 161.9      | 150.5      | 199.8      | 212.0      | 196.3      | 154.6      |
| Negligent manslaughter                                | -   | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | 40.2       | -          |
| Assault   | 40.7  | 42.7       | 43.1       | 35.8       | 45.5       | 45.6       | 44.6       | 48.4       |
| Robbery   | 141.5   | 150.4      | 153.1      | 147.9      | 149.1      | 151.1      | 153.2      | 148.1      |
| Rape  | 85.7  | 124.7      | 113.2      | 113.2      | 141.9      | 123.3      | 143.8      | 114.4      |
| Other sex offenses                                    | 39.7  | 45.1       | 73.5       | 71.8       | 75.6       | 81.0       | 68.2       | 59.5       |
| Kidnaping   | 262.6   | 174.6      | 147.1      | 228.4      | 146.2      | 254.5      | 242.9      | 293.9      |
| Threats against the President                         | 39.4  | 35.0       | 42.4       | 44.7       | 39.0       | 48.2       | 26.2       | 45.0       |
| <b>Property offenses</b>                              | 29.4 mos.   | 29.8 mos.  | 31.1 mos.  | 32.3 mos.  | 31.2 mos.  | 33.0 mos.  | 34.3 mos.  | 32.5 mos.  |
| <b>Fraudulent offenses</b>                            | 27.1 mos.   | 26.4 mos.  | 28.3 mos.  | 28.4 mos.  | 28.3 mos.  | 31.1 mos.  | 32.8 mos.  | 31.1 mos.  |
| Embezzlement  | 20.1  | 16.7       | 20.2       | 17.4       | 19.7       | 22.9       | 21.9       | 22.1       |
| Fraud <sup>b</sup>                                    | 24.9  | 26.7       | 27.9       | 26.6       | 26.4       | 30.0       | 33.8       | 32.1       |
| Forgery   | 32.5  | 30.1       | 33.0       | 36.4       | 33.4       | 36.5       | 32.8       | 30.6       |
| Counterfeiting  | 35.0  | 33.0       | 31.6       | 35.9       | 40.8       | 38.2       | 43.3       | 37.2       |
| <b>Other offenses</b>                                 | 32.9 mos.   | 36.0 mos.  | 36.5 mos.  | 39.2 mos.  | 36.2 mos.  | 36.6 mos.  | 37.9 mos.  | 36.5 mos.  |
| Burglary  | 46.0  | 51.5       | 74.5       | 92.9       | 79.5       | 67.0       | 41.9       | 59.0       |
| Larceny   | 29.2  | 29.3       | 32.0       | 31.6       | 29.1       | 31.7       | 33.6       | 33.8       |
| Motor vehicle theft                                   | 38.1  | 53.0       | 42.3       | 41.5       | 47.0       | 42.8       | 42.4       | 44.3       |
| Arson   | -   | -          | ...        | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| Transportation of stolen property                     | 47.7  | 44.7       | 40.0       | 44.7       | 44.8       | 48.0       | 56.0       | 37.3       |
| Other   | 9.3   | 10.8       | 10.7       | 13.5       | 21.3       | 15.5       | 24.1       | 11.7       |
| <b>Drug offenses</b>                                  | 47.1 mos.   | 50.0 mos.  | 54.6 mos.  | 52.2 mos.  | 55.7 mos.  | 58.2 mos.  | 62.2 mos.  | 67.8 mos.  |
| Possession  | 14.7  | 28.0       | 26.2       | 25.1       | 26.6       | 34.5       | 41.4       | 48.1       |
| Trafficking, including importing<br>and manufacturing | 48.1  | 52.6       | 59.3       | 58.5       | 59.5       | 60.8       | 63.9       | 69.1       |
| Other   | -   | -          | -          | -          | -          | ...        | -          | -          |
| <b>Public-order offenses</b>                          | 24.5 mos.   | 27.1 mos.  | 25.6 mos.  | 26.4 mos.  | 27.8 mos.  | 32.7 mos.  | 36.9 mos.  | 35.5 mos.  |
| <b>Regulatory offenses</b>                            | 25.3 mos.   | 27.6 mos.  | 25.7 mos.  | 27.6 mos.  | 31.5 mos.  | 37.7 mos.  | 47.2 mos.  | 42.1 mos.  |
| Agriculture   | 12.4  | 11.4       | 12.0       | 12.1       | 5.6        | 16.3       | 6.2        | 11.7       |
| Antitrust   | 3.2   | 5.6        | 6.9        | 3.7        | 4.5        | 5.3        | 10.7       | 3.6        |
| Fair labor standards                                  | -   | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| Food and drug   | -   | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| Motor carrier   | -   | -          | -          | -          | -          | 10.2       | -          | -          |
| Other regulatory offenses                             | 28.3  | 36.1       | 29.5       | 31.1       | 35.8       | 42.4       | 50.9       | 45.8       |
| <b>Other offenses</b>                                 | 23.8 mos.   | 26.7 mos.  | 25.6 mos.  | 25.8 mos.  | 25.6 mos.  | 29.4 mos.  | 30.8 mos.  | 32.2 mos.  |
| Weapons offenses                                      | 37.6  | 34.2       | 34.3       | 36.4       | 34.0       | 41.5       | 45.4       | 53.3       |
| Immigration offenses                                  | 13.0  | 13.7       | 16.4       | 17.6       | 14.8       | 14.4       | 15.1       | 15.2       |
| Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>                       | 13.1  | 12.1       | 15.1       | 17.9       | 18.3       | 22.4       | 20.6       | 21.1       |
| Bribery   | 14.3  | 32.7       | 26.7       | 19.1       | 16.5       | 25.8       | 41.9       | 29.9       |
| Perjury   | 24.9  | 19.0       | 22.5       | 32.3       | 31.6       | 44.8       | 20.2       | 31.8       |
| National defense                                      | 19.6  | 252.7      | 19.0       | 9.3        | 14.6       | 63.0       | 42.9       | 26.3       |
| Escape  | 20.8  | 18.7       | 21.6       | 25.0       | 22.8       | 26.2       | 23.3       | 22.7       |
| Racketeering and extortion                            | 62.6  | 66.2       | 70.7       | 74.8       | 85.3       | 84.8       | 89.6       | 84.4       |
| Gambling offenses                                     | 12.7  | 12.0       | 25.1       | 12.5       | 14.8       | 17.5       | 18.5       | 20.3       |
| Liquor offenses                                       | 16.2  | 12.4       | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| Mail or transport<br>of obscene materials             | -   | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| Traffic offenses                                      | 2.6   | 3.2        | 2.5        | 2.2        | 2.2        | 3.3        | 3.4        | 4.6        |
| Migratory birds                                       | -   | -          | ...        | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| Other   | -   | -          | 14.8       | -          | -          | -          | 2.8        | -          |

-Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.

...No cases of this type occurred in the data.

<sup>a</sup>Total includes offenders for whom offense

category could not be determined: 1 (1984) and 1 (1985).

<sup>b</sup>Excludes tax fraud.

<sup>c</sup>Includes tax fraud.

## Methodology

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The data in this report come from the BJS Federal Justice Statistics database. The database is constructed from source files provided by the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, the Administrative Office of the United States Courts (AO), the Pretrial Services Agency, the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, and the U.S. Parole Commission. Federal law prohibits the use of the BJS database for any purpose other than research or statistics.

The offense classifications in the tables are based on the classification system used by the AO. Specific offenses in the AO classification are combined to form the BJS categories in the tables. These categories are designed to be as consistent as possible with BJS publications on State criminal justice systems.

Where more than one offense is charged or adjudicated, the most serious offense, the one that may result in the most severe sentence, is used in the classification. The offense description may change as a case goes through the criminal justice process. Tables indicate whether charged or adjudicated offenses are used.

The glossary defines all offense categories used, citing the U.S. Code. "Racketeering and extortion" offenses include primarily prosecutions under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act. "Murder" includes nonnegligent homicide but excludes negligent homicide. "Other sex offenses" for the most part refer to violent offenses but may also include some nonviolent offenses. "Other property offenses" include destruction of property and trespassing.

Data describing the number and rate of prosecutions and the results of magistrate proceedings include only those cases handled by U.S. attorneys. Data describing convictions in district court, sentencing patterns, pretrial release, and sentence length include all cases, regardless of the prosecuting authority.

In each table, data describe the calendar year indicated.

## Explanatory notes

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Exact definitions of all offense categories are provided in the glossary. The category "other sex offenses" may include some non-violent offenses. Larceny excludes transportation of stolen property. Racketeering and extortion refers primarily to prosecutions under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act.

Tables 1-7, 13 and 14. These tables describe the disposition of matters handled by U.S. attorneys. Data describing prosecutions by other agencies, including the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, were not available for this report. Data in all the remaining tables describe the processing of defendants in all court cases, regardless of the prosecuting agency.

Tables 8 and 10-14. These tables tabulate defendants according to the most serious offense charged.

Tables 9 and 15-17. These tables tabulate convicted offenders according to the most serious offense of conviction. Other BJS Federal Justice Statistics Program publications may present conviction data according to the most serious offense charged at the time of case filing.

Tables 15 and 16. These tables include all sentences to incarceration longer than 4 days regardless of whether the term was concurrent or consecutive with a period of probation, a fine, or other condition.

Table 17. Average lengths of prison sentences are tabulated for all adult offenders receiving a sentence with a maximum term, excluding only offenders receiving an indeterminate sentence such as a life sentence or a death sentence. The average is the mean value of the maximum terms to be served, considering all consecutive and concurrent sentences.

These figures differ from statistics published by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts for the average "regular" sentence imposed. "Regular" sentences exclude two categories of offenders included in the BJS calculations: offenders receiving a "split" sentence (5 days through 6 months followed by probation) and offenders sentenced under 18 USC 4205(b)(1) and (b)(2) (where a maximum term is set accompanied by no or a small minimum).

## Glossary

This glossary defines each of the terms used in the tables. The definitions specifically describe the criteria used in establishing table classifications.

Definitions of offense categories describe all offenses included in each category. Statutory sections are cited in parentheses at the end of each definition.

**Agriculture violation**—violation of the Federal statutes on agriculture and conservation, for example, violations of the Agricultural Acts, Federal Seed Act, Game Conservation Acts, Insecticide Act, and the Packers and Stockyards Act; also violation of laws concerning plant quarantine and the handling of animals pertaining to research (title 7 U.S.C. except sections on food stamps).

**Antitrust**—violation of Federal anti-trust statutes (15 U.S.C. 1, 2, 3, 8, 13(A)-(F), 20, 24, 701, and 72).

**Arson**—willfully or maliciously setting, or attempting to set, fire to any property within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States as defined in 18 U.S.C. 7 (18 U.S.C. 81).

**Assault**—intentionally inflicting or attempting or threatening to inflict bodily injury to anyone within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States as defined in 18 U.S.C. 7 or to any Government official, foreign official, official guest, internationally protected person, or any officer or employee of the United States designated in section 1114 of title 18; also certain violations of the Fair Housing Law (18 U.S.C. 111, 112(A)-(C), 113(A)-(F), 114, 351(C)-(E), 372, 1501-2, 1751(E), 1991, 2231(A)(B), and 2233; 21 U.S.C. 461(C), 675(A)(B), and 1041(C); 26 U.S.C. 7212(A)(B); 42 U.S.C. 3610(A), 3611(F), and 3631; 46 U.S.C. 701(6); and 49 U.S.C. 1472(k1) and 1475(J)(k1)).

**Bail**—the sum of money promised as a condition of release, to be paid if a released defendant defaults (18 U.S.C. 3142(c)).

**Bribery**—offering or promising anything of value with intent to unlawfully influence a public official, bank employee, officer or employee of the U.S. Government, witness, or any common carrier as well as soliciting or accepting such an offer. Soliciting or receiving anything of value in consideration of aiding a person to obtain employment in the U.S. Government. Receiving or soliciting any remuneration, directly or indirectly, in cash or any kind in return for purchasing, ordering, leasing, or recommending to purchase any good, service, facility, or item for which payment may be made through Medical Assistance Programs. Bribing in sporting contests is also illegal (18 U.S.C. 201(A)-(I), 203-5, 207(B)(C), 208-15, and 224; 21 U.S.C. 622; 26 U.S.C. 7214(A); 42 U.S.C. 1396H(B); 46 U.S.C. 239(I); and 49 U.S.C. 10(4), 917(B), and 1472(D)).

**Burglary**—breaking and entering into another's property with intent to steal within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 7; also including breaking and entering into any official bank, credit union, savings and loan institution, post office, vessel or steamboat assigned to the use of mail service, or personal property of the United States or breaking the seal or lock of any carrier facility containing inter-State or foreign shipments of freight or express (18 U.S.C. 2111, 2113(A), and 2115-17).

**Collateral Bond**—an agreement made by a defendant as a condition of his or her pretrial release that requires the defendant to post property valued at the full bail amount as an assurance of his or her intention to appear at trial.

**Conspiracy**—an agreement by two or more persons to commit or to effect the commission of an unlawful act or to use unlawful means to accomplish an act that is not in itself unlawful; also any overt act in furtherance of the agreement. A person charged with conspiracy is classified under the substantive offense alleged.

**Counterfeiting**—falsely making, forging, or altering any obligation or security of the United States, foreign obligation or security, coin or bar stamped at any mint in the United States, money order issued by the Postal Service, domestic or foreign stamp, or seal of any department or agency of the United States. Passing, selling, attempting to pass or sell, or bringing into the United States any of the above falsely made articles. Making, selling, or possessing any plates or stones used for printing counterfeit obligations or securities of the United States, foreign obligations or securities, Government transportation requests, or postal stamps (18 U.S.C. 331, 471-74, 476-81, 485-88, 490, 492, 500-502, 506-7, and 509; 21 U.S.C. 458(C4) and 611(B4); 26 U.S.C. 5604(A4) and 7241; and 46 U.S.C. 410).

**Declination**—the decision by a prosecutor not to file a case.

**Deposit bond**—an agreement made by a defendant as a condition of his or her release that requires the defendant to post a fraction of the bail before he or she is released.

**Detention**—the legally authorized confinement of persons after arrest, whether before or during prosecution. Only those persons held 2 or more days are classified as detained in this compendium.

**Dismissal**—termination of a case before trial or other final judgment (including nolle prosequi and deferred prosecution).

**Disposition**—the decision made on a case brought before the Federal criminal courts.

**Distribution**—delivery (other than by administering or dispensing) of a controlled substance (21 U.S.C. 802).

**District of Columbia**—the jurisdiction of the U.S. district court for the District of Columbia. This compendium includes Federal offenses prosecuted in U.S. district courts and excludes violations of the District of Columbia code and cases prosecuted in the District of Columbia superior court.

**Drug offenses**—possessing or trafficking in (distributing, importing, and manufacturing) controlled substances. Also furnishing of fraudulent or false information concerning prescriptions as well as any other unspecified drug-related offense. (See specific offenses in this glossary for citations.)

**Embezzlement**—fraudulently misapplying property by a person to whom such property has been entrusted or into whose hands it has lawfully come where offense is committed by bank officers or employees; officers or employees of the Postal Service; officers of lending, credit, or insurance institutions; any officer or employee of a corporation or association engaged in commerce as a common carrier; court officers of the U.S. courts; or officers or employees of the United States. Embezzling, stealing, or knowingly converting to one's own use or the use of another or without authority selling, conveying, or disposing of any money, property, records, or thing of value to the United States or any department thereof (12 U.S.C. 630; 15 U.S.C. 645(B)(C); 18 U.S.C. 332, 334, 641-57, 660, 664, 665(A)(B), 1025, 1163, 1709-11 and 1721; 22 U.S.C. 1179; 29 U.S.C. 501(C) and 502(B); 38 U.S.C. 3501; and 42 U.S.C. 2703A, 2971F(A)(B), 3220(B), and 3791).

**Escape**—departing or attempting to depart from the custody of a correctional institution; a judicial, correctional, or law enforcement officer; or a hospital where one is committed for drug abuse and drug dependency problems. Knowingly advising, aiding, assisting, or procuring the escape or attempted escape of any person from a correctional facility, an officer, or the above-mentioned hospital as well as concealing an escapee. Forcibly rescuing any person in an attempt to prevent execution or forcibly removing or attempting to remove the dead body of an executed offender in order to prevent an autopsy. Aiding or enticing any person belonging to the Armed Forces of a belligerent nation or fraction, who is interned in the United States in accordance with the law of nations, to escape or attempt to escape. Providing or attempting to provide to an inmate in prison a prohibited object or making, possessing, obtaining, or attempting to make or obtain a prohibited object (as defined in section 1791C of title 18). Instigating, assisting, attempting to cause, or causing any mutiny or riot at any Federal penal, detention, or correctional facility or conveying into any of these institutions any dangerous instrumentalities (18 U.S.C. 751, 752(A)(B), 753-57, 1071-74, 1791-92, 3150, and 4082(D); 42 U.S.C. 261(B)(C) and 3425-26; and 50 U.S.C. 822-23).

**Failure to appear**—willful absence from any court appointment.

**Felony**—a criminal offense punishable by death or imprisonment for a term exceeding 1 year (18 U.S.C. 1).

**Filing**—The initiation of a criminal case in U.S. district court by formal submission to the court of a charging document alleging that one or more named persons have committed one or more specified offenses. In this compendium, each defendant in a case is counted separately, and only the most serious alleged offense is considered.

**Financial conditions**—monetary conditions upon which release of a defendant before trial is contingent. Includes deposit bond, surety bond, and collateral bond (see individual definitions).

**Food and drug violations**—violations of the Federal Food and Drug Act (21 U.S.C. 16-17, 20-23, 62-63, 104, 111, 115, 117, 120, 122, 124, 126, 134(A)-(E), 141-45, 151-55, 157, 158, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209-12, 331(A)-(G), 331(I2)(I3), 331(J)-(P), 333(A)(B), 458(A1)-(A5), 459, 460(A)-(D), 461(A), 463, 466(A), 610(A)(B)(B2)(C), 611(A)(B3), 620(D), 642, 676(A), 1037, 1041(A), 1175, and 1175F; and 26 U.S.C. 4591, 4594(A)-(C), 4597(A), 4804(A2)(A4)(B), 4805(B), 4814(A1), 4815(A)(B), 4817, 4833(A2)(B)(C), 4834(A), 4841, 4862(B), 7234(A)-(C)(D1)(D2A)(D2B)(D3)(D4), 7235(A)-(E), 7236, 7264, 7265(A)(B), and 7266(A1)-(A3)(B)).

**Forgery**—falsely and with intent to defraud, making, counterfeiting, altering, or possessing with intent to pass off as genuine any U.S. Postal Service money order; postmarking stamp or impression; obligation or security of the United States; foreign obligation, security, or bank note; contractors' bond, bid, or public record; seal of a court or any department or agency of the U.S. Government; the signature of a judge or court officer; ships' papers; documents on entry of vessels; deed; power of attorney; customs matters; bond of distilleries; military or naval discharge certificate; coin or bar; and so forth. Also making, possessing, selling, or printing plates or stones for counterfeiting obligations or securities and receiving, possessing, concealing, selling, or disposing of any falsely made securities, tax stamps, or pledges that have crossed a State or the U.S. boundary after being stolen or unlawfully converted (18 U.S.C. 471-74, 478-79, 482-85, 493-98, 500, 503, 505-8, 1025, 2314-15, and 2318; 19 U.S.C. 1439; 21 U.S.C. 458(B)(C1)(C2), and 611(B1); 26 U.S.C. 5601(A4)(A5); 43 U.S.C. 1191-92; and 49 U.S.C. 1472(B)).

**Fraud**—unlawfully depriving a person of his or her property or legal rights through intentional misrepresentation of fact or deceit other than forgery or counterfeiting. Includes violations of statutes pertaining to lending and credit institutions, the Postal Service, inter-State wire, radio, television, veterans benefits, allotments, bankruptcy, marketing agreements, commodity credit, the Securities and Exchange Commission, railroad retirement, unemployment, Social Security, false personation, citizenship, passports, conspiracy, and claims and statements, excluding tax fraud. The category excludes fraud involving tax violations that are shown in a separate category under "Public-order, other offenses." (See specific offenses in this glossary for citations.)

**Fraudulent property offenses**—see "Property offenses, fraudulent."

**Gambling**—transporting, manufacturing, selling, possessing, or using any gambling device in the District of Columbia or any possession of the United States or within Indian country or the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States as defined in section 7 of title 18. Also transporting gambling devices in the jurisdiction of the United States, except under authority of the Federal Trade Commission or any State that has a law providing for their exemption from these provisions, transmitting wagering information in inter-State or foreign commerce, inter-State transporting of wagering paraphernalia, importing or transporting lottery tickets, or mailing lottery tickets or related matter. An employee of the Postal Service acting as a lottery agent is considered guilty of this offense (15 U.S.C. 1172-76; and 18 U.S.C. 1082(A)(B), 1084, 1301-3, 1953, and 1955).

**Guilty plea**—a plea in response to formal charges admitting that the defendant committed offenses as charged. This category also includes please of nolo contendere.

**Hispanic**—ethnic category based on classification by reporting agency. Hispanic persons may be of any race.

**Homicide**—see murder

**Immigration offenses**—offenses involving illegal entrance into the United States, illegally reentering after being deported, willfully failing to deport when so ordered, or willfully remaining beyond days allowed on conditional permit. Falsely representing oneself to be a citizen of the United States or counterfeiting any visa, permit, or other document to enter the United States as well as violating any of the provisions for travel of citizens or aliens during war or national emergency. Also bringing in or harboring any aliens not duly admitted by an immigration officer (8 U.S.C. 331, 333-34, 338-39, 1185(C), 1252(D)(E), 1282(A)(C), 1286-87, 1321, and 1324-26; and 18 U.S.C. 911 and 1546).

**Incarceration**—any sentence of confinement, including prison, jail, and other residential placements.

**Indeterminate sentence**—a prison sentence whose maximum or minimum term is not specifically established at the time of sentencing (18 U.S.C. 4205 B(1)(2)).

**Jurisdictional offenses**—acts that are Federal crimes because of the place in which they occur, such as on an aircraft, on Federal land or property, and for certain crimes on Indian reservations or at sea, but that cannot be classified in a more specific substantive category.

**Kidnaping**—unlawfully seizing any person, within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States as defined by section 7 of title 18, for ransom or reward, except in the case of a minor by a parent. Also receiving, possessing, or disposing of any money or other property that has been delivered as ransom or reward in connection with

a kidnaping as well as conspiring to kidnap. This offense includes kidnaping or attempting to kidnap any Government official, the President of the United States, the President-elect, the Vice President, any foreign official, any official guest, or any internationally protected person (18 U.S.C. 351(B)-(D), 1201-2, and 1751(B)-(C)).

**Labor law violations**—violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Taft-Hartley Act (labor-management relations), the Byrnes Act (transportation of strikebreakers), laws regarding the 8-hour day on public works, and peonage laws (18 U.S.C. 1231 and 1581-88; 29 U.S.C. 162, 186(A), 206-7, 211(C)(D), 212, 214-15, 216(A), 439(A)-(C), 463(B), 503(C), 504(B), and 1131; and 40 U.S.C. 321-22).

**Larceny**—taking and carrying away with intent to steal any personal property of another, within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 7. Stealing, possessing, converting to one's own use, or illegally selling or disposing of anything of value to the United States or any of its departments or agencies or any property made or being made under contract for the United States or any of its departments or agencies. Stealing anything of value (in excess of \$100) from a bank, the Postal Service, or any inter-State or foreign shipments by carrier. Receiving or possessing stolen property or pirate property. Stealing or obtaining by fraud any funds, assets, or property that are the subject of a grant, contract, or other form of assistance, whether received directly or indirectly, from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration or that belong to or are entrusted to the custody of an Indian tribal organization. This offense category excludes the transportation of stolen property (18 U.S.C. 641, 659, 661-62, 1024, 1163, 1660, 1702, 1704, 1707-8, and 2113(B)(C); 42 U.S.C. 3791; and 49 U.S.C. 1472(K1)).



**Liquor violations**—violations of Internal Revenue Service laws on liquor as well as violations of liquor laws not cited under these laws, such as smuggling goods into the United States; dispensing or unlawfully possessing intoxicants in Indian country; transporting intoxicating liquors into any State, territory, district, or possession where sale is prohibited; shipping packages containing unmarked and unlabeled intoxicants; failing to declare liquor at customs; shipping liquor by C.O.D.; knowingly delivering a liquor shipment to someone other than to whom it has been consigned; and violating in any way the Federal Alcohol Administration Act (18 U.S.C. 545, 1154-56, and 1282-65; 19 U.S.C. 1461; 26 U.S.C. 5061(B), 5113(A), 5115, 5171(A), 5179(A)-80, 5214(A), 5221(A), 5273(B), 5291(A), 5301(A)-(C), 5601(A1)-(A4)(A6)-(A14), 5602, 5603(A)(B), 5604(A1)-(A3), (A6)-(A13)(A15)-(A19), 5605-7, 5608(A)(B), 5661(A)(B), 5662, 5671-72, 5674, 5676(1-3)(5), 5681(A)-(C), 5682-83, 5685(A)(B), 5686-87, 5689, and 5691(A); and 27 U.S.C. 203, 205(E)(F), 206(A)(B), 207, and 208(A)(D)).

**Mailing or transportation of obscene materials**—knowingly using the mail for mailing obscene or crime-inciting matter, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 1461 and 39 U.S.C. 3001(E). Also transporting for sale or distribution, importing, or transporting any obscene matter in inter-State or foreign commerce (18 U.S.C. 1461-63, 1465, and 1718).

**Major offense**—(while on conditional release)—allegation, arrest, or conviction of a crime for which the minimum sentence is incarceration for over 90 days or greater than 1 year on probation. (See Introduction to Probation Statistical Reporting, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, 1981.)

**Mandatory release**—the release of an inmate from prison after confinement for a time period equal to his or her full sentence minus statutory good-time, if any. Federal prisoners released on mandatory release may still be subject to a period of post-release community supervision.

**Matter**—a potential case under review by a U.S. Attorney on which more than 1 hour is expended.

**Matters concluded**—matters about which a final decision has been reached by a U.S. Attorney. Specifically includes matters filed as cases, matters declined after investigation, matters referred for disposition by U.S. Magistrates, and matters otherwise terminated without reaching court.

**Migratory birds offenses**—taking, killing, or possessing migratory birds, or any part, nest, or egg thereof, in violation of Federal regulations or the transportation laws of the State, territory, or district from which the bird was taken. Misuse or nonuse of a migratory-bird hunting and conservation stamp. Violation of the regulations of Bear River Refuge in Utah and Ouchita National Forest sanctuary and refuge in (16 U.S.C. 690(D)(G), 693A, 701, 703-6, 707(A)(B), 708-11, and 718(A)(E)(G)).

**Minor offense** (while on conditional release)—conviction of a crime for which the maximum sentence is incarceration for 90 days or less, probation of 1 year or less, or a fine of \$500 or less. (See Introduction to Probation Statistical Reporting, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, 1981.)

**Misdemeanor**—a criminal offense punishable by a jail term not exceeding 1 year and any offense specifically defined as a misdemeanor by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts for the purposes of data collection. (This category includes offenses previously called minor offenses that were reclassified under the Federal Magistrates Act of 1979.)

**Mixed sentence**—a sentence requiring the convicted offender to serve more than 6 months of incarceration, followed by a term of probation. Unless otherwise noted, offenders receiving mixed sentences are included in both incarceration and probation categories (see also "Split sentence").

**Most serious offense**—the offense with the greatest potential penalty.

**Motor carrier violations**—violations of the Federal statutes listed below concerning the Motor Carrier Act (15 U.S.C. 1986, 1990, and 1990(C); and 49 U.S.C. 1(7)(17)(20), 10(1), 15(11)(12), 41(1), 46, 301-4, 322(A)(D), 917(A)(E)(F), 1021(A)(B)(E)(F), and 1159(A)).

**Motor vehicle theft**—inter-State or foreign transporting, receiving, concealing, storing, bartering, selling, or disposing of any stolen motor vehicle or aircraft (18 U.S.C. 2312 and 2313; and 49 U.S.C. 1472I, IIA, IIB, NA, and NB).

**Murder**—committing or attempting to commit murder (first or second degree) or voluntary manslaughter within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States (18 U.S.C. 7). Killing or attempting to kill any Government official, the President of the United States, the President-elect, the Vice President, any officers and employees of the United States, any foreign officials, any official guests, or any internationally protected persons. As applied to the owner or charterer of any steamboat or ve#-b), 2275-77, 2278 A (b), 2278 A (c)(b), and 2462 (g)).

**Negligent manslaughter**—causing the death of another, within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States as defined in 18 U.S.C. 7, by wanton or reckless disregard for human life. Also negligent manslaughter of any Government official, the President of the

United States, the President-elect, the Vice President, any officers and employees of the United States, any foreign officials, any official guests, or any internationally protected persons. This offense category also includes misconduct, negligence, or inattention to duties by ship officers on a steamboat or vessel resulting in death to any person (18 U.S.C. 351(A), 1112, 1114-16, and 1751(A); and 49 U.S.C. 1472(K1)).

**Nolo contendere**—defendant's plea in a criminal case indicating that he or she will not contest charges, but not admitting or denying guilt.

**Not convicted**—acquittal by bench or jury trial, mistrial, and dismissal (including nolle prosequi and deferred prosecution).

**Offense**—violation of U.S. criminal law. Where more than one offense is charged, the offense with the greatest potential penalty is reported.

**Other property offenses**—offenses that involve the destruction of property moving in inter-State or foreign commerce in the possession of a common or contract carrier. The malicious destruction of Government property, or injury to U.S. postal property such as mailboxes or mailbags. Trespassing on timber and Government lands is also included in this category of offenses (15 U.S.C. 1281; 16 U.S.C. 3, 9A, 45A, 45C-E, 114, 121-24, 146, 152, 163, 171, 403H-4, 413, 430H, 430Q, 430V, 460K-3, 460N-3, 460N-5, 460N-7, 471, 476-78, 478A, 479, 481-82, 551, and 604-6; 18 U.S.C. 1164, 1361-64, 1705-6, 1851-63, 2071(A)(B), and 2072; 24 U.S.C. 286; 40 U.S.C. 53, 101, 193(E)(O)(P)-(R), and 318(C); and 43 U.S.C. 316K).

#### **Other public-order offenses**

—violations of laws pertaining to abortion; bigamy; disorderly conduct on the U.S. Capitol grounds; civil disorder; hunting, trapping, or fishing on Indian lands or military areas and zones; and obscene or harassing telephone calls (18 U.S.C. 231, 1165, 1384-85, and 2101; 40 U.S.C. 193(B)-(D)(F)(G)(O)(P); and 47 U.S.C. 223). Included in "public-order, non-regulatory offenses" (q.v.).

**Other regulatory offenses**—violations of civil rights, election laws, the Communication Act (including wire tapping and wire interception), contempt, laws regarding congressional contempt, custom laws (except narcotics and liquor), importation of injurious animals and birds, inter-State commerce (the Connally Act, Hot Oil Act, transportation or importation of prison-made goods, and the Railroad and Transportation Act), maritime and shipping laws, laws regarding stowaways, the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, U.S. postal laws (excluding injury to postal property), intimidation of witness laws, aircraft regulations, explosives (except in vessels), the Gold Acts, train wrecking, and any other regulatory offenses not listed above. (For citations refer to the United States Title and Code Criminal Offense Citations, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, September 1982.)

**Other sex offenses**—transporting, coercing, or enticing any women to go from one place to another in inter-State or foreign commerce, in the District of Columbia, or in any territory or possession of the United States with the intent and purpose to engage in prostitution, debauchery, or any other immoral purpose. Importing, maintaining, or harboring any women for purposes of prostitution or debauchery or for any other immoral purpose. These offenses may be either violent or nonviolent (8 U.S.C. 1328 and 18 U.S.C. 2421-24).

**Parole**—period of supervision after release from custody before the expiration of sentence.

**Perjury**—knowingly or willfully giving false evidence or swearing to false statements under oath or by any means procuring or instigating any person to commit perjury. Making any false material declarations under oath in any proceeding before or ancillary to any court or grand jury of the United States. This offense also includes any officers and employees of the Government listed under 13 U.S.C. 21-25 who willfully or knowingly furnish or cause to be furnished any false information or statement (8 U.S.C. 1357(B), 13 U.S.C. 213, 18 U.S.C. 1621-23, and 22 U.S.C. 1203).

**Personal recognizance**—pretrial release condition in which the defendant promises to appear at trial and no financial conditions are required to be met.

**Petty offense**—criminal offense punishable by imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not more than \$500 or both (18 U.S.C. 1(3)).

**Possession**—acquiring a controlled substance by misrepresentation or fraud, attempting or conspiring to possess, or simple possession of a controlled substance in schedules I-V (as defined by 21 U.S.C. 812). Also possession of a controlled substance in schedule I or II or a narcotic drug in schedule III or IV on board a vessel of the United States or vessels within custom waters of the United States or by any citizen of the United States on board a vessel. Possessing any punch, die, plate, stone, or any other thing designed to reproduce the label upon any drug or container is an offense under this category. Distributing a small amount of marijuana for no remuneration is treated as simple possession and, therefore, is included in this offense category (21 U.S.C. 843(A3)(A5), 844(A), 846, 955, and 962-63).

**Pretrial diversion**—an agreement to defer (and possibly drop) prosecution conditioned on the defendant's good behavior and/or participation in programs during a stated period.

**Pretrial release**—the release of a defendant from custody, for all or part of the time before or during prosecution. The defendant may be released either on personal recognizance or unsecured bond or on financial conditions. The category includes defendants released within 2 days after arrest and defendants who were initially detained but subsequently released after raising bail or having release conditions changed at a subsequent hearing.

**Property offenses, fraudulent**—property offenses involving the elements of deceit or intentional misrepresentation. Specifically includes embezzlement, fraud (excluding tax fraud), forgery, and counterfeiting.

**Property offenses, non-fraudulent**—violent offenses against property: burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, arson, transportation of stolen property, and other property offenses (destruction of property and trespassing). These offenses are termed "non-fraudulent" only for the purpose of distinguishing them from the category "property offenses, fraudulent," above.

**Public-order, non-regulatory offenses**—offenses concerning weapons; immigration; tax law violations (tax fraud); bribery; perjury; national defense; escape; racketeering and extortion; gambling; liquor; mailing or transporting of obscene materials; traffic; migratory birds; conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses; and "other public-order offenses" (q. v.). These offenses are termed "non-regulatory" only for the purpose of distinguishing them from the category "public-order, regulatory offenses," below.

**Public-order, regulatory offenses**—violations of regulatory laws and regulations in agriculture, antitrust, labor law, food and drug, motor carrier, and other regulatory offenses that are not specifically listed in the category "public-order, non-regulatory offenses" above.

**Q.v.**—refer to the appropriate entry in this glossary for a definition of terms marked "(q.v.)."

**Racketeering and extortion**—using inter-State or foreign commerce or any facility in inter-State or foreign commerce to aid racketeering enterprises such as arson, bribery, gambling, liquor, narcotics, prostitution, and extortionate credit transactions. For officers or employees of the United States, or anyone representing himself or herself as such, obtaining property or money from another, with his or her consent induced by actual or threatened force, violence, blackmail, or unlawful interference with employment or business. Transmitting by inter-State commerce or through the mail any threat to injure the property, the person, or the reputation of the addressee or of another or to kidnap any person with intent to extort (18 U.S.C. 872-74, 875(A-D), 876-77, 892-94, 1951-52, 1954, 1962(A-D), and 1963; 19 U.S.C. 60; 27 U.S.C. 205(C); and 42 U.S.C. 2703(B)).

**Rape**—rape, assault with intent to commit rape, and carnal knowledge of a female under 16 who is not one's wife, within the territorial and special maritime jurisdictions of the United States as defined in 18 U.S.C. 7 (18 U.S.C. 113(A), and 2031-32; and 49 U.S.C. 1472(K1)).

**Remove**—transfer from Federal court (usually to a State court).

**Robbery**—taking anything of value from the person or presence of another by force or by intimidation, within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States (18 U.S.C. 7). Also robbery of bank property, U.S. postal property, or personal property of the United States. Also assaulting or putting the life of any person in jeopardy by the use of a dangerous weapon while committing or attempting to commit such robbery (18 U.S.C. 113(B), 1661, 1991, 2111-12, 2113(A)(D)(E), and 2114; and 49 U.S.C. 1472(K1)).

**Sentence**—sanction imposed on a convicted offender. For sentences to incarceration, the maximum time the offender may be held in custody is reported. (See also "Split sentence," "Mixed sentence," "Indeterminate sentence," and "Youth sentence.")

**Special maritime and territorial jurisdiction**—areas of Federal jurisdiction outside the jurisdiction of any State, including (1) the high seas, Great Lakes, and connecting waterways; (2) Federal lands; and (3) U.S.-owned aircraft in flight over the high seas (18 U.S.C. 7).

**Split sentence**—a sentence requiring the convicted person to serve a period of confinement of 6 months or less, followed by a period of probation. Unless otherwise noted, convicted offenders receiving split sentences are included in both the incarceration and probation categories (see "Mixed sentence").

**Stale**—too old to support successful prosecution.

**Surety bond**—an agreement by the defendant as a condition of his or her release that requires a third party (usually a bail bondsman) to promise to pay the full bail amount in the event that the defendant fails to appear.

**Suspect**—a person who is under investigation or interrogation as a likely perpetrator of a specific criminal offense.

**Tax law violations**—tax fraud offenses such as income tax fraud; evading or defeating tax; willful failure to file; fraudulently withholding on exemption certificate or failing to supply information; counterfeiting any stamps with intent to defraud the collection or payment of tax; willful failure to collect or pay tax; putting fraudulent or false statements on tax returns; failure to obey summons to produce any papers concerning taxes; preparers of returns disclosing or using any information for any purpose other than to assist in preparing returns; failing to furnish receipts for employees of tax withheld; failing to furnish information relating to certain trusts, annuity, and bond purchase plans; and not obtaining a license for a business that makes a profit from foreign items. Also included in this offense category are violations of excise and wagering tax laws and any other laws listed below from the Internal Revenue Service title (26 U.S.C. 3402, 4411-12, 4918(E)(H), 4919(B2), 5751(A1)(A2), 5752(A)-(D), 5762(A1)-(A11)(B), 6047(A)-(C), 6051, 6056, 6331, 6420(E2), 6421(F2), 6424(D2), 6427(E2), 6674, 7001, 7121-22, 7201-5, 7206(1)-(4)(5A)(5B), 7207, 7208(1), 7210, 7213(A1)-(A3)(B)-(D), 7215(A), 7216, 7231-32, 7322(2), 7261-62, 7272(A), 7512, 7513(B), 7602-3, and 7604(B); and 50A U.S.C. 243(A)).

**Technical violation**—failure to comply with any of the conditions of pretrial release, probation, or parole, excluding alleged new criminal activity. May result in revocation of release status.

**Threats against the President**—knowingly and willfully depositing in the mail, at any post office, or by any letter carrier a letter, paper, writing, print, missive, or document containing any threat to take the life of or to inflict bodily harm upon the President, Vice President, or any other officer in order of succession to the Presidency. Knowingly and willfully making such threats in any way to the above-named people (18 U.S.C. 871).

**Traffic offenses**—driving while intoxicated or any moving or parking violations on Federal lands (40 U.S.C. 212 B).

**Trafficking**—importing any controlled substance in schedule I, II, III, IV, or V (as defined by 21 U.S.C. 812). Manufacturing, distributing, selling, or possessing with intent to manufacture, distribute, or sell a controlled substance or a counterfeit substance. Exporting any controlled substance in schedules I-V. Manufacturing or distributing a controlled substance in schedule I or II for purposes of unlawful importation. Making or distributing any punch, die, plate, stone, or any other thing designed to reproduce the label upon any drug or container or removing or obliterating the label or symbol of any drug or container. Obtaining a prescription of a controlled substance in schedule III or IV without a written or oral prescription. Distributing for reasons other than medical a controlled substance in schedule V. Illegally crossing the border if the individual is addicted to or using drugs or has been convicted of any violation of narcotics or marijuana laws (18 U.S.C. 1407; and 21 U.S.C. 825(A)-(D), 829(B)(C), 841(A)(B1A)(B2)-(B4), 842(A4)-(A8), 843(A1)(A2)(A5)(B), 845(A)(B), 846, 952(A)(B), 953(A)(C)(E), 954-55, 957, 959, 960(A1)(B2), 961(2), and 962-63).

**Transportation of stolen property**—transporting, selling, or receiving stolen goods, stolen securities, stolen moneys, stolen cattle, fraudulent State tax stamps, or articles used in counterfeiting if the above articles or goods involve or constitute interstate or foreign commerce (18 U.S.C. 2314-17).

**Trial conviction**—conviction by judge or jury after trial.

**True bill**—an indictment.

**United States**—the territory occupied by the 50 states, the District of Columbia (q.v.), Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**U.S. Attorneys**—all United States Attorneys. Prosecutorial data in this compendium come from the Docket and Reporting System of the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys.

**Unsecured bond**—an agreement by the defendant as a condition of his or her release in which the defendant agrees to pay full bond amount in the event of nonappearance at trial, but is not required to post security as a condition to release.

**Violation** (of pretrial release, probation, or parole)—allegation of a new crime or a technical violation (q.v.) while on pretrial release, probation, or parole.

**Violent offenses**—threatening, attempting, or actually using physical force against a person. Includes murder, negligent manslaughter, assault, robbery, rape, other sex offenses (some of which may be non-violent), kidnaping, and threats against the President. (See specific offenses for citations.)

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