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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 1982, and 1986-91. Some tables also contain data for 1992. The data describe initial prosecution decisions, referrals to magistrates, court dispositions, sentencing outcomes, length of sentences imposed, and length of time served in prison. 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. The BJS Federal justice database, maintained under the program, is available for public use at the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, as data collection ICPSR 9296. BJS believes that this report will be of value to criminal justice practitioners, policymakers, researchers, and all others interested in understanding the workings of the Federal criminal justice system and dedicated to ensuring its successful performance.

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**Table 1. Suspects in criminal matters concluded, 1982, 1986-1991**

Most serious offense investigated	Number of suspects in criminal matters concluded						
	1982	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	77,794	86,995	91,310	94,548	104,248	109,948	113,940
<b>Violent offenses</b>	4,674	4,040	4,460	4,480	5,074	5,076	5,693
Murder	294	211	258	336	462	254	319
Assault	941	982	1,071	1,008	1,090	1,023	1,113
Robbery	2,966	2,120	2,257	2,257	2,636	2,722	3,104
Rape	28	83	161	247	222	367	407
Other sex offenses	66	338	456	355	374	392	394
Kidnaping	191	185	137	169	172	216	226
Threats against the President	188	121	120	108	118	102	130
<b>Property offenses</b>	27,148	26,081	28,900	27,468	31,844	32,441	33,975
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	22,086	22,076	24,765	23,675	28,384	28,765	30,470
Embezzlement	5,195	5,020	5,472	5,339	5,575	5,516	5,703
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	12,974	13,643	15,859	15,633	19,930	20,850	22,190
Forgery	3,893	3,372	3,392	2,631	2,742	2,254	2,391
Counterfeiting	24	41	42	72	137	145	186
<b>Other offenses</b>	5,062	4,005	4,135	3,793	3,460	3,676	3,505
Burglary	112	98	115	99	89	81	75
Larceny	2,829	2,349	2,575	2,442	2,240	2,408	2,154
Motor vehicle theft	952	783	938	810	684	679	711
Arson	24	14	25	16	18	29	21
Transportation of stolen property	151	98	118	71	147	153	160
Other	994	663	364	355	282	326	384
<b>Drug offenses</b>	12,186	18,633	22,729	25,801	31,954	33,265	35,108
<b>Public order offenses</b>	31,799	36,099	33,606	35,783	34,068	37,392	37,100
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	5,888	7,039	7,488	7,824	8,073	8,556	8,184
Agriculture	459	411	497	615	588	612	478
Antitrust	133	73	144	122	97	103	108
Fair labor standards	27	41	41	40	34	39	40
Food and drug	441	554	630	624	531	303	226
Motor carrier	136	133	144	190	137	98	102
Other regulatory offenses	4,692	5,827	6,032	6,233	6,686	7,401	7,230
<b>Other offenses</b>	25,911	29,060	26,118	27,959	25,995	28,836	28,916
Weapons	2,729	3,086	3,190	3,627	4,455	5,446	6,917
Immigration offenses	5,943	8,416	6,888	7,058	7,779	8,596	6,992
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	1,817	2,052	2,256	2,098	1,882	1,901	1,865
Bribery	443	508	543	567	674	712	779
Perjury	236	295	266	255	303	282	322
National defense	579	640	576	620	700	720	543
Escape	3,269	2,814	2,873	3,466	3,858	3,774	3,931
Racketeering and extortion	1,631	1,745	1,971	1,896	2,041	2,766	3,055
Gambling offenses	149	338	299	330	282	463	379
Liquor offenses	40	13	5	34	15	25	25
Mail or transport of obscene materials	44	69	83	134	159	138	134
Migratory birds	1,133	670	775	950	909	751	462
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses	7,737	7,971	5,875	6,108	2,143	2,455	2,579
Other	161	443	518	816	795	807	933

Note: See Methodology.

<sup>a</sup> Total may include suspects for whom offense category could not be determined.

<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, 1982, 1986-91

Most serious offense investigated	Number of suspects prosecuted in U.S. district court						
	1982	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	44,144	49,921	54,392	54,764	58,160	60,521	62,112
<b>Violent offenses</b>	3,356	2,821	3,107	3,064	3,358	3,425	3,761
Murder	242	138	196	213	250	166	200
Assault	540	581	634	600	595	573	554
Robbery	2,331	1,661	1,732	1,765	2,061	2,134	2,460
Rape	22	54	118	152	151	216	226
Other sex offenses	26	207	308	197	174	192	171
Kidnaping	113	120	67	91	76	105	111
Threats against the President	82	60	52	46	51	39	39
<b>Property offenses</b>	14,628	14,135	15,989	14,612	16,214	16,289	15,953
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	11,912	11,799	13,415	12,273	14,251	14,266	14,096
Embezzlement	2,976	2,919	3,357	3,191	2,813	2,714	2,840
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	6,458	6,758	7,976	7,481	9,745	10,230	9,867
Forgery	2,467	2,105	2,057	1,548	1,608	1,242	1,280
Counterfeiting	11	17	25	53	85	80	109
<b>Other offenses</b>	2,716	2,336	2,574	2,339	1,963	2,023	1,857
Burglary	85	71	90	71	62	53	51
Larceny	1,780	1,525	1,703	1,545	1,316	1,398	1,225
Motor vehicle theft	564	510	551	493	376	343	341
Arson	13	5	11	8	7	12	7
Transportation of stolen property	89	53	63	25	77	83	86
Other	185	172	156	197	125	134	147
<b>Drug offenses</b>	9,906	14,952	17,729	19,725	24,278	25,094	25,663
<b>Public order offenses</b>	15,167	16,764	16,673	16,921	13,833	14,936	15,872
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	2,417	2,520	2,867	3,064	2,965	2,768	2,733
Agriculture	233	183	340	418	278	233	275
Antitrust	121	65	114	100	83	50	73
Fair labor standards	14	26	19	19	12	21	19
Food and drug	293	402	475	494	395	172	125
Motor carrier	70	76	75	86	45	54	43
Other regulatory offenses	1,686	1,768	1,844	1,947	2,152	2,238	2,198
<b>Other offenses</b>	12,750	14,244	13,806	13,857	10,868	12,168	13,139
Weapons	1,970	2,218	2,211	2,479	2,892	3,627	4,838
Immigration offenses	2,184	2,179	2,304	2,289	2,429	2,676	2,436
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	1,338	1,565	1,648	1,436	1,304	1,248	1,139
Bribery	184	185	265	209	265	290	323
Perjury	141	174	170	144	159	158	155
National defense	245	208	281	198	300	281	211
Escape	919	898	929	1,002	1,008	894	807
Racketeering and extortion	786	969	1,129	926	892	1,232	1,237
Gambling offenses	83	262	205	246	203	91	201
Liquor offenses	25	12	2	21	12	16	14
Mail or transport							
of obscene materials	14	35	53	78	79	65	53
Migratory birds	137	200	563	667	110	55	43
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses	4,709	5,148	3,797	3,746	777	860	1,086
Other	15	191	249	416	438	475	596

Note: See Methodology.

<sup>a</sup> Total may include suspects for whom offense category could not be determined.

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

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

**Table 3. Suspects in criminal matters concluded: Percent who were prosecuted, 1982, 1986-91**

Most serious offense investigated	Percent of suspects prosecuted in U.S. district court						
	1982	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	56.7%	57.4%	59.6%	57.9%	55.8%	55.0%	54.5%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	71.8%	69.8%	69.7%	68.4%	66.2%	67.5%	66.1%
Murder	82.3	65.4	76.0	63.4	54.1	65.4	62.7
Assault	57.4	59.2	59.2	59.5	54.6	56.0	49.8
Robbery	78.6	78.3	76.7	78.2	78.2	78.4	79.3
Rape	78.6	60.0	73.3	61.5	68.0	58.9	55.5
Other sex offenses	39.4	50.0	61.2	55.5	46.5	49.0	43.4
Kidnaping	59.2	53.8	64.9	48.9	44.2	48.6	49.1
Threats against the President	43.6	43.2	49.6	43.3	42.6	38.2	30.0
<b>Property offenses</b>	53.9%	54.2%	55.3%	53.2%	50.9%	50.2%	47.0%
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	53.9%	53.4%	54.2%	51.8%	50.2%	49.6%	46.3%
Embezzlement	57.3	58.1	61.3	59.8	50.5	49.2	49.8
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	49.8	49.5	50.3	47.9	48.9	49.1	44.5
Forgery	63.4	62.4	60.6	58.8	58.6	55.1	53.5
Counterfeiting	45.8	41.5	59.5	73.6	62.0	55.2	58.6
<b>Other offenses</b>	53.7%	58.3%	62.2%	61.7%	56.7%	55.0%	53.0%
Burglary	75.9	72.4	78.3	71.7	69.7	65.4	68.0
Larceny	62.9	64.9	66.1	63.3	58.8	58.1	56.9
Motor vehicle theft	59.2	65.1	58.7	60.9	55.0	50.5	48.0
Arson	54.2	52.2	44.0	—	—	41.4	33.3
Transportation of stolen property	58.9	54.1	53.4	35.2	52.4	54.2	53.8
Other	18.6	24.6	42.9	55.5	44.3	41.0	38.3
<b>Drug offenses</b>	81.3%	80.2%	78.0%	76.5%	76.0%	75.4%	73.1%
<b>Public order offenses</b>	47.7%	46.4%	49.6%	47.3%	40.6%	39.9%	42.8%
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	41.0%	35.8%	38.3%	39.2%	36.7%	32.4%	33.4%
Agriculture	50.8	44.5	68.4	68.0	47.3	38.1	57.5
Antitrust	91.0	89.0	79.2	82.0	85.6	48.5	67.6
Fair labor standards	51.9	63.4	46.3	47.5	35.3	53.8	47.5
Food and drug	66.4	72.6	75.4	79.2	74.4	56.8	55.3
Motor carrier	51.5	57.1	52.1	45.3	32.8	55.1	42.2
Other regulatory offenses	35.9	30.3	30.6	31.2	32.2	30.2	30.4
<b>Other offenses</b>	49.2%	49.0%	52.9%	49.6%	41.8%	42.2%	45.4%
Weapons	72.2	71.9	69.3	68.3	64.9	66.6	69.9
Immigration offenses	36.7	25.9	33.4	32.4	31.2	31.1	34.8
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	73.6	76.3	73.0	68.4	69.3	65.6	61.1
Bribery	41.5	36.4	48.8	36.9	39.3	40.7	41.5
Perjury	59.7	59.0	63.9	56.5	52.5	56.0	48.1
National defense	42.3	32.5	48.8	31.9	42.9	39.0	38.9
Escape	28.1	31.9	32.3	28.9	26.1	23.7	20.5
Racketeering and extortion	48.2	55.5	57.3	48.8	43.7	44.5	40.5
Gambling offenses	55.7	77.5	68.6	74.5	72.0	62.9	53.0
Liquor offenses	62.5	—	—	61.8	—	64.0	56.0
Mail or transport of obscene materials	31.8	50.7	63.9	58.2	49.7	47.1	39.6
Migratory birds	12.1	29.9	72.6	70.2	12.1	7.3	9.3
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses	60.9	64.6	64.6	61.3	36.3	35.0	42.1
Other	9.3	31.9	48.1	51.0	55.1	58.9	63.9

Note: See Methodology.

— Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.

<sup>a</sup> Total may include suspects for whom offense category could not be determined.

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

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

**Table 4. Suspects in criminal matters concluded: Number whom U.S. attorneys declined to prosecute, 1982, 1986-91**

Most serious offense investigated	Number of suspects whom U.S. attorneys declined to prosecute						
	1982	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	20,912	24,422	26,171	28,825	32,855	35,239	40,288
<b>Violent offenses</b>	929	1,018	1,088	1,206	1,436	1,409	1,680
Murder	36	65	51	118	204	78	107
Assault	227	313	290	291	352	344	456
Robbery	491	391	455	433	484	502	551
Rape	5	26	38	94	64	142	162
Other sex offenses	40	127	142	151	191	194	223
Kidnaping	58	52	58	72	83	98	101
Threats against the President	72	44	54	47	58	51	80
<b>Property offenses</b>	10,015	10,333	10,963	11,277	13,875	14,237	16,494
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	8,772	9,194	9,760	10,090	12,674	12,891	15,106
Embezzlement	1,691	1,831	1,842	1,805	2,333	2,299	2,494
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	5,955	6,290	6,784	7,379	9,328	9,711	11,623
Forgery	1,071	1,054	1,117	896	971	824	932
Counterfeiting	5	19	17	10	42	57	57
<b>Other offenses</b>	1,293	1,139	1,203	1,187	1,201	1,346	1,388
Burglary	22	24	25	25	23	25	23
Larceny	744	684	685	724	747	850	786
Motor vehicle theft	342	256	360	309	285	309	352
Arson	9	9	13	8	10	14	14
Transportation of stolen property	55	38	50	45	67	57	68
Other	121	128	70	76	69	91	145
<b>Drug offenses</b>	1,520	3,050	3,752	4,705	5,974	6,413	7,814
<b>Public order offenses</b>	7,954	9,351	9,768	11,146	10,870	12,374	13,341
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	2,562	3,935	4,207	4,301	4,419	5,184	5,037
Agriculture	76	92	144	167	200	219	156
Antitrust	12	8	29	22	14	47	35
Fair labor standards	11	14	22	21	22	17	21
Food and drug	110	103	115	59	110	95	82
Motor carrier	54	57	67	102	85	39	56
Other regulatory offenses	2,299	3,661	3,830	3,930	3,988	4,767	4,687
<b>Other offenses</b>	5,392	5,416	5,561	6,845	6,451	7,190	8,304
Weapons	650	805	894	1,069	1,427	1,630	1,891
Immigration offenses	442	179	211	240	286	283	360
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	401	447	581	649	543	611	687
Bribery	245	312	269	325	387	404	434
Perjury	88	116	90	110	140	122	163
National defense	188	332	198	307	214	227	228
Escape	995	796	898	1,160	1,254	1,209	1,387
Racketeering and extortion	795	742	817	941	1,123	1,487	1,773
Gambling offenses	58	75	92	82	79	166	175
Liquor offenses	14	0	1	13	2	8	11
Mail or transport of obscene materials	27	33	29	54	80	67	81
Migratory birds	84	49	60	67	85	120	119
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses	1,324	1,349	1,225	1,587	587	649	776
Other	81	181	196	241	244	207	219

Note: See Methodology.

<sup>a</sup> Total may include suspects for whom offense category could not be determined.

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

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

**Table 5. Suspects in criminal matters concluded: Percent whom U.S. attorneys declined to prosecute, 1982, 1986-91**

Most serious offense investigated	Percent of suspects whom U.S. attorneys declined to prosecute						
	1982	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	26.9%	28.1%	28.7%	30.5%	31.5%	32.1%	35.4%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	19.9%	25.2%	24.4%	26.9%	28.3%	27.8%	29.5%
Murder	12.2	30.8	19.8	35.1	44.2	30.7	33.5
Assault	24.1	31.9	27.1	28.9	32.3	33.6	41.0
Robbery	16.6	18.4	20.2	19.2	18.4	18.4	17.8
Rape	17.9	40.0	23.6	38.1	28.8	38.7	17.8
Other sex offenses	60.6	50.0	37.6	42.5	51.1	49.5	56.6
Kidnaping	30.4	37.2	28.1	42.3	48.3	45.4	44.7
Threats against the President	38.3	36.4	45.0	43.5	49.2	50.0	61.5
<b>Property offenses</b>	36.9%	39.6%	37.9%	41.1%	43.6%	43.9%	48.5%
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	39.5%	41.6%	39.4%	42.6%	44.7%	44.8%	49.6%
Embezzlement	32.6	36.5	33.7	33.8	41.8	41.7	43.7
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	45.9	46.1	42.8	47.2	46.8	46.6	52.4
Forgery	27.5	31.3	32.9	34.1	35.4	36.6	39.0
Counterfeiting	20.8	46.3	40.5	13.9	30.7	39.3	30.6
<b>Other offenses</b>	25.5%	28.4%	29.1%	31.3%	34.7%	36.6%	39.6%
Burglary	19.6	24.5	21.7	25.3	25.8	30.9	30.7
Larceny	26.3	29.1	26.6	29.6	33.3	35.3	36.5
Motor vehicle theft	35.9	32.7	38.4	38.1	41.7	45.5	49.5
Arson	37.5	43.5	52.0	—	—	48.3	66.7
Transportation of stolen property	36.4	38.8	42.4	63.4	45.6	37.3	42.5
Other	12.2	13.7	19.2	21.4	24.5	27.9	37.8
<b>Drug offenses</b>	12.5%	16.4%	16.3%	18.2%	18.7%	19.3%	22.3%
<b>Public order offenses</b>	25.0%	25.9%	29.1%	31.1%	31.9%	33.1%	36.0%
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	43.5%	55.9%	56.2%	55.0%	54.7%	60.6%	61.5%
Agriculture	16.6	22.4	29.0	27.2	34.0	35.8	32.6
Antitrust	9.0	11.0	20.1	18.0	14.4	45.6	32.4
Fair labor standards	40.7	34.1	53.7	52.5	64.7	43.6	52.5
Food and drug	24.9	18.6	18.3	9.5	20.7	31.4	36.3
Motor carrier	39.7	42.9	46.5	53.7	62.0	39.8	54.9
Other regulatory offenses	49.0	62.8	63.5	63.1	59.6	64.4	64.8
<b>Other offenses</b>	20.8%	18.6%	21.3%	24.5%	24.8%	24.9%	28.7%
Weapons	23.8	26.1	28.0	29.5	32.0	29.9	27.3
Immigration offenses	7.4	2.1	3.1	3.4	3.7	3.3	5.1
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	22.1	21.8	25.8	30.9	28.9	32.1	36.8
Bribery	55.3	61.4	49.5	57.3	57.4	56.7	55.7
Perjury	37.3	39.3	33.8	43.1	46.2	43.3	50.6
National defense	32.5	51.9	34.4	49.5	30.6	31.5	42.0
Escape	30.4	28.3	31.3	33.5	32.5	32.0	35.3
Racketeering and extortion	48.7	42.5	41.5	49.6	55.0	53.8	58.0
Gambling offenses	38.9	22.2	30.8	24.8	28.0	35.9	46.2
Liquor offenses	35.0	—	—	38.2	—	32.0	44.0
Mail or transport							
of obscene materials	61.4	47.8	34.9	40.3	50.3	48.6	60.4
Migratory birds	7.4	7.3	7.7	7.1	9.4	16.0	25.8
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses	17.1	16.9	20.9	26.0	27.4	26.4	30.1
Other	50.3	46.4	37.8	29.5	30.7	25.7	23.5

Note: See Methodology.

— Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.

<sup>a</sup> Total may include suspects for whom offense category could not be determined.

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

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

**Table 6. Suspects in criminal matters concluded: Number who were referred to U.S. magistrates, 1982, 1986-91**

Most serious offense investigated	Number of suspects who were referred to U.S. magistrates						
	1982	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	12,738	12,652	10,747	10,959	13,233	14,188	11,540
<b>Violent offenses</b>	389	201	265	210	280	242	252
Murder	16	8	11	5	8	10	12
Assault	174	88	147	117	143	106	103
Robbery	144	68	70	59	91	86	93
Rape	1	3	5	1	7	9	19
Other sex offenses	0	4	6	7	9	6	0
Kidnaping	20	13	12	6	13	13	14
Threats against the President	34	17	14	15	9	12	11
<b>Property offenses</b>	2,505	1,613	1,948	1,579	1,755	1,915	1,528
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	1,452	1,083	1,590	1,312	1,459	1,608	1,268
Embezzlement	528	270	273	343	429	503	369
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	561	595	1,099	773	857	909	700
Forgery	355	213	218	187	163	188	179
Counterfeiting	8	5	0	9	10	8	20
<b>Other offenses</b>	1,053	530	358	267	296	307	260
Burglary	5	3	0	3	4	3	1
Larceny	305	140	187	173	177	160	143
Motor vehicle theft	46	17	27	8	23	27	18
Arson	2	0	1	0	1	3	0
Transportation of stolen property	7	7	5	1	3	13	6
Other	688	363	138	82	88	101	92
<b>Drug offenses</b>	760	631	1,248	1,371	1,702	1,758	1,631
<b>Public order offenses</b>	8,678	9,984	7,165	7,716	9,365	10,082	7,887
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	909	584	414	459	689	604	414
Agriculture	150	136	13	30	110	160	47
Antitrust	0	0	1	0	0	6	0
Fair labor standards	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Food and drug	38	49	40	71	26	36	19
Motor carrier	12	0	2	2	7	5	3
Other regulatory offenses	707	398	358	356	546	396	345
<b>Other offenses</b>	8,678	9,400	6,751	7,257	8,676	9,478	7,473
Weapons	109	63	85	79	136	189	188
Immigration offenses	3,317	6,058	4,373	4,529	5,064	5,637	4,196
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	78	40	27	13	35	42	39
Bribery	14	11	9	33	22	18	22
Perjury	7	5	6	1	4	2	4
National defense	146	100	97	115	186	212	104
Escape	1,355	1,120	1,046	1,304	1,596	1,671	1,737
Racketeering and extortion	50	34	25	29	26	47	45
Gambling offenses	8	1	2	2	0	6	3
Liquor offenses	1	1	2	0	1	1	0
Mail or transport of obscene materials	3	1	1	2	0	6	0
Migratory birds	912	421	152	216	714	576	300
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses	1,704	1,474	853	775	779	946	717
Other	85	71	73	159	113	125	118

Note: See Methodology.

<sup>a</sup> Total may include suspects for whom offense category could not be determined.

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

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

Table 7. Suspects in criminal matters concluded: Percent referred to U.S. magistrates, 1982, 1986-91

Most serious offense investigated	Percent of suspects who were referred to U.S. magistrates						
	1982	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	16.4%	14.5%	11.8%	11.6%	12.7%	12.9%	10.1%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	8.3%	5.0%	5.9%	4.7%	5.5%	4.8%	4.4%
Murder	5.4	3.8	4.3	1.5	1.7	3.9	3.8
Assault	18.5	9.0	13.7	11.6	13.1	10.4	9.3
Robbery	4.9	3.2	3.1	2.6	3.5	3.2	3.0
Rape	3.6	3.6	3.1	4	3.2	2.5	4.7
Other sex offenses	0	1.2	1.3	2.0	2.4	1.5	0
Kidnaping	10.5	7.0	8.8	3.6	7.6	6.0	6.2
Threats against the President	18.1	14.0	11.7	13.9	7.6	11.8	8.5
<b>Property offenses</b>	9.2%	6.2%	6.7%	5.7%	5.5%	5.9%	4.5%
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	6.6%	4.9%	6.4%	5.5%	5.1%	5.6%	4.2%
Embezzlement	10.2	5.4	5.0	6.4	7.7	9.1	6.5
Fraud	4.3	4.4	6.9	4.9	4.3	4.4	3.2
Forgery	9.1	6.3	6.4	7.1	5.9	8.3	7.5
Counterfeiting	33.3	12.2	0	12.5	7.3	5.5	10.8
<b>Other offenses</b>	20.8%	13.2%	8.7%	7.0%	8.6%	8.4%	7.4%
Burglary	4.5	3.1	0	3.0	4.5	3.7	1.3
Larceny	10.8	6.0	7.3	7.1	7.9	6.6	6.6
Motor vehicle theft	4.8	2.2	2.9	1.0	3.4	4.0	2.5
Arson	8.3	—	4.0	—	—	10.3	0
Transportation of stolen property	4.6	7.1	4.2	1.4	2.0	8.5	3.8
Other	69.2	54.8	37.9	23.1	31.2	31.0	24.0
<b>Drug offenses</b>	6.2%	3.4%	5.5%	5.3%	5.3%	5.3%	4.6%
<b>Public order offenses</b>	27.3%	27.7%	21.3%	21.6%	27.5%	27.0%	21.3%
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	15.4%	8.3%	5.5%	5.9%	8.5%	7.1%	5.1%
Agriculture	32.7	33.1	2.6	4.9	18.7	26.1	9.8
Antitrust	0	0	.7	0	0	5.8	0
Fair labor standards	7.4	2.4	0	0	0	2.6	0
Food and drug	8.6	8.8	6.3	11.4	4.9	11.9	8.4
Motor carrier	8.8	0	1.4	1.1	5.1	5.1	2.9
Other regulatory offenses	15.1	6.8	5.9	5.7	8.2	5.4	4.8
<b>Other offenses</b>	30.0%	32.3%	25.8%	26.0%	33.4%	32.9%	25.8%
Weapons	4.0	2.0	2.7	2.2	3.1	3.5	2.7
Immigration offenses	55.8	72.0	63.5	64.2	65.1	65.6	60.0
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	4.3	1.9	1.2	.6	1.9	2.2	2.1
Bribery	3.2	2.2	1.7	5.8	3.3	2.5	2.8
Perjury	3.0	1.7	2.3	4	1.3	.7	1.2
National defense	25.2	15.6	16.8	18.5	26.6	29.4	19.2
Escape	41.4	39.8	36.4	37.6	41.4	44.3	44.2
Racketeering and extortion	3.1	1.9	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.7	1.5
Gambling offenses	5.4	.3	.7	.6	0	1.3	.8
Liquor offenses	2.5	—	—	0	—	4.0	0
Mail or transport of obscene materials	6.8	1.4	1.2	1.5	0	4.3	0
Migratory birds	80.5	62.8	19.6	22.7	78.5	76.7	64.9
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses	22.0	18.5	14.5	12.7	36.4	38.5	27.8
Other	40.4	16.0	14.1	19.5	14.2	15.5	12.6

Note: See Methodology.

—Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.

<sup>a</sup> Total may include suspects for whom offense category could not be determined.

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

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

Table 8. Defendants in cases terminated in U.S. district court, 1982, 1986-92

Most serious offense charged	Number of defendants in cases terminated in U.S. district court							
	1982	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	42,739	54,152	54,625	54,198	57,672	58,704	60,193	61,853
<b>Violent offenses</b>	3,111	2,818	2,850	2,697	2,805	2,857	3,124	3,530
Murder	187	147	156	135	173	196	188	189
Negligent manslaughter	6	30	18	32	42	26	26	35
Assault	637	679	706	631	575	658	658	656
Robbery	1,925	1,505	1,450	1,326	1,489	1,465	1,706	2,099
Rape	81	108	143	163	181	197	250	253
Other sex offenses	70	205	252	299	198	205	175	177
Kidnaping	100	89	79	70	99	74	87	93
Threats against the President	105	55	46	41	48	36	34	28
<b>Property offenses</b>	15,340	17,286	17,175	16,261	16,188	16,128	15,749	16,541
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	10,514	12,322	12,379	11,553	11,489	11,571	10,931	11,555
Embezzlement	2,224	2,262	2,216	2,137	2,042	2,117	2,037	2,026
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	5,244	6,980	7,646	7,297	7,442	7,686	7,278	7,967
Forgery	2,048	2,486	1,789	1,316	1,300	1,144	966	913
Counterfeiting	998	594	728	803	705	624	650	649
<b>Other offenses</b>	4,826	4,964	4,796	4,708	4,699	4,557	4,818	4,986
Burglary	167	122	138	118	126	127	156	154
Larceny	3,228	3,621	3,645	3,488	3,580	3,561	3,790	3,880
Motor vehicle theft	573	476	378	521	405	323	312	394
Arson	11	13	34	9	15	4	7	8
Transportation of stolen property	616	488	366	347	343	313	320	347
Other	231	244	235	225	230	229	233	203
<b>Drug offenses</b>	8,987	14,746	16,443	16,710	19,750	20,035	21,203	22,277
Trafficking	7,219	12,994	14,282	14,775	17,737	18,651	19,952	21,084
Possession and other	1,768	1,752	2,161	1,935	2,013	1,384	1,251	1,193
<b>Public order offenses</b>	15,301	19,202	18,153	18,524	18,916	19,684	20,115	19,515
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	1,965	2,188	2,062	2,254	2,287	2,316	2,713	2,499
Agriculture	252	218	220	332	337	300	358	339
Antitrust	203	117	131	210	154	95	117	83
Fair labor standards	28	36	49	30	23	30	33	43
Food and drug	119	94	87	61	86	100	76	95
Motor carrier	72	76	48	72	57	56	62	31
Other regulatory offenses	1,291	1,647	1,527	1,549	1,630	1,735	2,067	1,908
<b>Other offenses</b>	13,336	17,014	16,091	16,270	16,629	17,368	17,402	17,016
Weapons	2,009	2,163	2,027	2,127	2,434	2,771	3,629	4,551
Immigration offenses	2,410	2,710	2,267	2,077	2,622	2,841	2,559	2,612
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	1,256	1,541	1,471	1,467	1,164	1,187	1,106	1,109
Bribery	217	237	243	245	298	270	299	334
Perjury	144	182	161	122	141	128	148	102
National defense	131	176	129	163	197	138	151	177
Escape	839	789	934	769	814	795	721	640
Racketeering and extortion	598	848	673	648	604	529	567	701
Gambling offenses	170	237	193	214	229	256	305	265
Liquor offenses	31	19	11	10	16	28	4	31
Mail or transport of obscene materials	21	26	85	55	56	85	44	50
Traffic	5,293	7,758	7,609	8,176	7,765	8,096	7,527	6,195
Migratory birds	94	53	65	52	101	87	62	57
Other	123	275	223	145	188	157	280	192

<sup>a</sup> Total may include defendants for whom 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, 1982, 1986-92**

Most serious offense of conviction	Number of defendants convicted							
	1982	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	34,193	43,920	44,518	43,550	46,805	47,494	48,946	51,936
<b>Violent offenses</b>	2,354	2,192	2,241	2,139	2,180	2,331	2,513	2,919
Murder	110	93	109	93	102	133	123	124
Negligent manslaughter	10	29	21	27	48	23	31	28
Assault	435	489	499	448	398	455	420	434
Robbery	1,564	1,258	1,233	1,127	1,266	1,337	1,527	1,903
Rape	48	80	95	116	130	149	192	200
Other sex offenses	59	167	213	252	145	159	137	149
Kidnaping	66	48	46	48	58	53	67	63
Threats against the President	62	28	25	28	33	22	16	18
<b>Property offenses</b>	12,781	14,546	14,349	13,436	13,552	13,593	13,178	14,217
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	8,792	10,520	10,443	9,583	9,918	10,127	9,473	10,253
Embezzlement	1,971	1,986	1,918	1,775	1,796	1,833	1,759	1,743
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	4,515	6,139	6,588	6,193	6,533	6,881	6,412	7,215
Forgery	1,470	1,906	1,348	1,007	1,019	907	749	726
Counterfeiting	836	489	589	608	570	506	553	569
<b>Other offenses</b>	3,989	4,026	3,906	3,853	3,634	3,466	3,705	3,964
Burglary	149	93	103	100	113	99	142	125
Larceny	2,800	3,023	3,057	2,964	2,810	2,709	2,917	3,086
Motor vehicle theft	481	425	323	409	335	275	250	334
Arson	4	10	21	7	14	1	4	9
Transportation of stolen property	397	324	246	213	232	234	241	270
Other	158	151	156	160	130	148	151	140
<b>Drug offenses</b>	6,979	11,984	13,423	13,376	15,799	16,311	17,349	18,698
Trafficking	5,377	10,336	11,224	11,561	14,023	15,010	16,186	17,578
Possession and other	1,602	1,648	2,199	1,815	1,776	1,301	1,163	1,120
<b>Public order offenses</b>	12,079	15,193	14,500	14,593	15,246	15,259	15,906	16,101
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	1,813	2,010	1,847	1,965	2,024	2,054	2,337	2,179
Agriculture	202	174	167	261	244	259	290	268
Antitrust	163	74	110	178	112	83	92	69
Fair labor standards	26	42	60	34	29	34	41	55
Food and drug	99	85	72	50	120	97	61	82
Motor carrier	64	82	52	66	59	51	60	36
Other regulatory offenses	1,259	1,553	1,386	1,376	1,460	1,530	1,793	1,669
<b>Other offenses</b>	10,266	13,183	12,653	12,628	13,222	13,205	13,569	13,922
Weapons	1,606	1,802	1,730	1,803	2,151	2,440	3,136	3,985
Immigration offenses	2,101	2,464	2,138	1,851	2,446	2,569	2,306	2,364
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	1,110	1,459	1,374	1,429	1,160	1,165	1,048	1,062
Bribery	156	200	182	184	238	220	242	302
Perjury	96	132	116	104	108	87	107	87
National defense	132	339	243	203	204	141	135	151
Escape	662	622	670	651	648	612	525	523
Racketeering and extortion	437	591	495	561	588	518	518	622
Gambling offenses	123	204	150	164	171	211	262	219
Liquor offenses	27	14	8	10	13	22	4	21
Mail or transport of obscene materials	20	32	35	56	54	72	45	40
Traffic offenses	3,661	5,091	5,328	5,479	5,234	4,985	5,024	4,398
Migratory birds	59	40	36	33	70	57	30	25
Other	76	193	148	100	137	106	187	123

<sup>a</sup> Total may include defendants for whom offense category could not be determined.

<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, 1982, 1986-92

Most serious offense charged	Percent of defendants convicted							
	1982	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	80.0%	81.1%	81.5%	80.4%	81.2%	80.9%	81.3%	84.0%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	80.7%	82.4%	83.4%	83.0%	82.4%	83.3%	82.5%	85.5%
Murder	70.6	76.9	78.8	76.3	78.6	78.6	75.5	81.5
Negligent manslaughter	—	73.3	72.2	75.0	83.3	73.1	88.5	77.1
Assault	69.2	72.0	70.7	68.9	67.1	68.4	61.9	66.5
Robbery	87.2	89.3	91.2	90.0	90.2	93.0	92.7	93.6
Rape	67.9	78.7	77.6	77.9	76.2	73.6	78.4	79.1
Other sex offenses	82.9	84.4	85.3	90.6	85.9	82.4	80.6	86.4
Kidnaping	77.0	74.2	79.7	81.4	70.7	78.4	77.0	73.1
Threats against the President	60.0	54.5	65.2	65.9	68.8	61.1	52.9	60.7
<b>Property offenses</b>	83.9%	84.5%	84.3%	83.7%	84.5%	84.6%	83.7%	86.1%
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	85.7%	86.4%	85.9%	85.2%	86.8%	87.6%	87.0%	88.8%
Embezzlement	91.1	89.6	89.7	88.2	89.9	88.8	87.6	88.8
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	82.7	84.6	84.0	83.6	85.6	87.5	86.7	88.7
Forgery	87.1	88.0	89.0	89.4	89.5	87.2	85.7	87.4
Counterfeiting	86.9	88.2	86.7	84.4	85.4	85.1	90.2	92.0
<b>Other offenses</b>	79.9%	79.7%	80.3%	80.0%	78.7%	77.1%	76.2%	79.7%
Burglary	80.8	71.3	78.3	91.5	87.3	89.8	84.6	83.1
Larceny	81.0	79.8	80.4	80.2	79.2	76.7	75.5	78.8
Motor vehicle theft	78.9	87.0	83.9	78.9	82.5	84.2	84.9	86.8
Arson	—	46.2	73.5	—	—	—	—	—
Transportation of stolen property	82.1	84.0	87.2	84.1	83.1	81.2	79.1	86.5
Other	61.9	61.1	64.3	66.2	51.7	62.0	66.1	70.0
<b>Drug offenses</b>	79.5%	83.6%	84.5%	82.9%	83.1%	83.6%	84.0%	85.6%
Trafficking	80.2	85.4	85.2	83.8	84.2	84.2	84.7	86.2
Possession and other	76.5	70.6	80.3	75.6	73.9	75.9	72.3	76.4
<b>Public order offenses</b>	76.3%	76.0%	75.8%	74.8%	76.1%	74.7%	76.5%	79.9%
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	77.0%	75.6%	74.4%	74.1%	77.9%	81.2%	79.1%	81.3%
Agriculture	80.2	70.2	70.5	73.8	71.5	77.7	74.9	75.8
Antitrust	80.8	62.4	75.6	76.7	72.1	84.2	78.6	79.5
Fair labor standards	82.1	88.9	95.9	93.3	91.3	100.0	97.0	95.3
Food and drug	81.5	84.0	78.2	73.8	91.9	87.0	77.6	84.2
Motor carrier	88.9	97.4	89.6	86.1	89.5	89.3	93.5	93.5
Other regulatory offenses	74.6	75.5	73.5	73.0	78.4	80.7	79.2	81.7
<b>Other offenses</b>	76.2%	76.1%	76.0%	74.9%	75.9%	73.8%	76.1%	79.7%
Weapons	80.8	82.8	83.4	81.5	81.1	83.9	82.6	85.3
Immigration offenses	86.0	88.1	87.6	84.5	89.8	89.5	89.1	89.6
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	87.4	89.4	88.1	90.9	90.8	91.8	90.7	90.7
Bribery	76.5	82.3	79.4	80.8	85.9	80.7	87.3	91.3
Perjury	71.5	69.8	68.3	77.0	67.4	64.8	71.6	76.5
National defense	55.7	71.0	79.1	71.2	70.1	73.9	74.2	76.3
Escape	79.5	77.7	67.8	82.3	76.9	76.7	73.0	78.4
Racketeering and extortion	72.7	81.6	78.9	78.4	81.1	80.2	79.7	80.5
Gambling offenses	72.4	90.3	76.7	82.2	74.7	82.8	85.9	74.3
Liquor offenses	74.2	78.9	54.5	—	—	71.4	—	71.0
Mail or transport of obscene materials	90.5	88.5	30.6	78.2	87.5	81.2	86.4	70.0
Traffic	68.5	66.8	70.4	67.0	67.3	61.6	66.9	70.8
Migratory birds	61.7	75.5	56.9	63.5	65.3	64.4	48.4	42.1
Other	58.5	57.1	52.5	51.0	52.7	54.1	48.9	47.9

— Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.  
<sup>a</sup> Total may include defendants for whom offense category could not be determined, but excludes

defendants for whom outcome could not be determined.

<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, 1982, 1986-92**

Most serious offense charged	Number of defendants whose cases were dismissed							
	1982	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	7,164	8,562	8,510	8,733	8,911	9,488	9,253	8,219
<b>Violent offenses</b>	446	393	348	350	376	378	434	385
Murder	35	26	18	16	28	34	28	20
Negligent manslaughter	1	5	5	4	5	5	2	7
Assault	149	152	157	146	148	171	216	177
Robbery	175	133	92	111	114	77	96	98
Rape	19	11	24	28	26	40	42	35
Other sex offenses	11	27	31	22	27	29	22	24
Kidnaping	21	17	12	11	19	13	17	16
Threats against the President	35	22	9	12	9	9	11	8
<b>Property offenses</b>	2,065	2,292	2,337	2,201	2,152	2,184	2,228	1,959
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	1,243	1,421	1,506	1,403	1,272	1,245	1,196	1,042
Embezzlement	144	200	209	204	170	215	231	191
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	744	883	1,037	967	891	803	775	702
Forgery	245	279	180	126	123	144	132	109
Counterfeiting	110	59	80	106	88	83	58	40
<b>Other offenses</b>	822	871	831	798	880	939	1,032	917
Burglary	29	35	28	10	14	11	13	26
Larceny	515	628	624	584	660	769	845	755
Motor vehicle theft	101	53	52	98	61	44	40	41
Arson	3	4	5	0	2	2	1	1
Transportation of stolen property	91	61	42	40	50	41	59	40
Other	83	90	80	66	93	72	74	54
<b>Drug offenses</b>	1,493	1,945	2,082	2,360	2,752	2,750	2,810	2,667
Trafficking	1,139	1,500	1,704	1,914	2,240	2,432	2,486	2,405
Possession and other	354	445	378	446	512	318	324	262
<b>Public order offenses</b>	3,160	3,904	3,743	3,822	3,628	4,176	3,779	3,208
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	338	421	398	411	360	333	452	356
Agriculture	43	53	57	60	76	52	74	69
Antitrust	18	28	6	5	10	1	8	5
Fair labor standards	5	2	2	1	2	0	1	2
Food and drug	17	13	19	13	3	11	17	14
Motor carrier	8	2	5	10	6	6	4	2
Other regulatory offenses	247	323	309	322	263	263	348	264
<b>Other offenses</b>	2,822	3,483	3,345	3,411	3,268	3,843	3,1327	2,852
Weapons	322	312	272	322	360	371	482	517
Immigration offenses	304	289	260	291	249	290	266	259
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	102	118	117	99	72	66	64	77
Bribery	36	18	34	28	29	39	31	22
Perjury	20	40	32	19	32	28	32	18
National defense	57	39	20	36	45	33	36	41
Escape	157	163	292	124	178	165	185	126
Racketeering and extortion	112	88	86	90	65	88	76	99
Gambling offenses	34	15	41	31	52	37	39	61
Liquor offenses	7	3	5	4	2	7	0	8
Mail or transport of obscene materials	2	3	59	12	6	12	4	14
Traffic offenses	1,588	2,286	2,010	2,279	2,069	2,609	1,968	1,496
Migratory birds	34	13	27	15	27	29	17	20
Other	47	96	90	61	82	69	127	94

<sup>a</sup> Total may include defendants for whom offense category could not be determined.

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

**Table 12. Defendants in cases terminated in U.S. district court: Percent whose cases were dismissed, 1982, 1986-92**

Most serious offense charged	Percent of defendants whose cases were dismissed							
	1982	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	16.8%	15.8%	15.6%	16.1%	15.5%	16.2%	15.4%	13.3%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	14.3%	13.9%	12.2%	13.0%	13.4%	13.2%	13.9%	10.9%
Murder	18.7	17.7	11.5	11.9	16.2	17.3	14.9	14.6
Negligent manslaughter	—	16.7	—	12.5	11.9	19.2	7.7	20.0
Assault	23.4	22.4	22.2	23.1	25.7	26.0	32.8	27.0
Robbery	9.1	8.8	6.3	8.4	7.7	5.3	5.6	4.7
Rape	23.5	10.2	16.8	17.2	14.4	20.3	16.8	13.8
Other sex offenses	15.7	13.2	12.3	7.4	13.6	14.1	12.6	13.6
Kidnaping	21.0	19.1	15.2	15.7	19.2	17.6	19.5	17.2
Threats against the President	33.3	40.0	19.6	29.3	18.8	25.0	32.4	28.6
<b>Property offenses</b>	13.5%	13.3%	13.6%	13.5%	13.3%	13.5%	14.1%	11.8%
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	11.8%	11.5%	12.2%	12.1%	11.1%	10.8%	10.9%	9.0%
Embezzlement	6.5	8.8	9.4	9.5	8.3	10.2	11.3	9.4
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	14.2	12.7	13.6	13.3	12.0	10.4	10.6	8.8
Forgery	12.0	11.2	10.1	9.6	9.5	12.6	13.7	11.9
Counterfeiting	11.0	9.9	11.0	13.2	12.5	13.3	8.9	6.2
<b>Other offenses</b>	17.0%	17.5%	17.3%	16.9%	18.7%	20.6%	21.4%	18.4%
Burglary	17.4	28.7	20.3	8.5	11.1	8.7	8.3	16.9
Larceny	16.0	17.3	17.1	16.7	18.4	21.6	22.3	19.5
Motor vehicle theft	17.6	11.1	13.8	18.8	15.1	13.6	12.8	10.4
Arson	—	—	14.7	—	—	—	—	—
Transportation of stolen property	14.8	12.5	11.5	11.5	14.6	13.1	18.4	11.5
Other	35.9	36.9	34.0	29.3	40.4	31.4	31.8	26.6
<b>Drug offenses</b>	16.6%	13.2%	12.7%	14.1%	13.9%	13.7%	13.3%	12.0%
Trafficking	15.8	11.5	11.9	13.0	12.6	13.0	12.5	11.4
Possession and other	20.0	25.4	17.5	23.0	25.4	23.0	25.9	22.0
<b>Public order offenses</b>	20.7%	20.3%	20.6%	20.6%	19.2%	21.2%	18.8%	16.4%
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	17.2%	19.2%	19.3%	18.2%	15.7%	14.4%	16.7%	14.2%
Agriculture	17.1	24.3	25.9	18.1	22.6	17.3	20.7	20.4
Antitrust	8.9	23.9	4.6	2.4	6.5	1.1	6.8	6.0
Fair labor standards	17.9	5.6	4.1	3.3	8.7	0	3.0	4.7
Food and drug	14.3	13.8	21.8	21.3	3.5	11.0	22.4	14.7
Motor carrier	11.1	2.6	10.4	13.9	10.5	10.7	6.5	6.5
Other regulatory offenses	19.7	19.6	20.2	20.8	16.1	15.2	16.8	13.8
<b>Other offenses</b>	21.2%	20.5%	20.8%	21.0%	19.7%	22.1%	19.1%	16.8%
Weapons	16.0	14.4	13.4	15.1	14.8	13.4	13.3	11.4
Immigration offenses	12.6	10.7	11.5	14.0	9.5	10.2	10.4	9.9
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	8.1	7.7	8.0	6.7	6.2	5.6	5.8	6.9
Bribery	16.6	7.6	14.0	11.4	9.7	14.4	10.4	6.6
Perjury	13.9	22.0	19.9	15.6	22.7	21.9	21.6	17.6
National defense	43.5	22.2	15.5	22.1	22.8	23.9	23.8	23.2
Escape	18.7	20.7	31.3	16.1	21.9	20.8	25.7	19.7
Racketeering and extortion	18.7	10.4	12.8	13.9	10.8	16.6	13.4	14.1
Gambling offenses	20.0	6.3	21.2	14.5	22.7	14.5	12.8	23.0
Liquor offenses	22.6	—	—	—	—	25.0	—	25.8
Mail or transport of obscene materials	9.5	11.5	69.4	21.8	10.7	14.1	9.1	28.0
Traffic	30.0	29.5	26.4	27.9	26.6	32.2	26.1	24.1
Migratory birds	36.2	24.5	41.5	28.8	26.7	33.3	27.4	35.1
Other	38.2	34.9	40.4	42.1	43.6	43.9	45.4	49.0

—Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.  
<sup>a</sup> Total may include defendants for whom offense category could not be determined, but excludes

defendants for whom outcome could not be determined.

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

**Table 13. Defendants in matters disposed by U.S. magistrates: Number convicted, 1982, 1986-91**

Most serious offense charged	Number of defendants convicted						
	1982	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	7,065	8,777	6,993	6,994	8,354	8,956	6,372
<b>Violent offenses</b>	71	40	81	64	63	72	45
Murder	3	1	4	1	1	1	0
Assault	60	31	66	54	57	52	33
Robbery	8	7	8	5	5	12	3
Rape		0	0	2	1	4	8
Other sex offenses	0	1	1	1	0	3	0
Kidnaping	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Threats against the President	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
<b>Property offenses</b>	1,151	887	1,119	975	922	997	655
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	490	606	987	848	797	855	538
Embezzlement	245	149	149	205	310	351	226
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	166	345	759	548	392	421	231
Forgery	77	108	79	93	89	81	79
Counterfeiting	2	4	0	2	6	2	2
<b>Other offenses</b>	661	281	132	127	125	142	117
Burglary	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny	71	35	60	75	64	72	58
Motor vehicle theft	8	1	1	0	1	2	0
Arson	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Transportation of stolen property	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Other	581	244	71	52	60	65	58
<b>Drug offenses</b>	191	91	525	387	477	444	502
<b>Public order offenses</b>	5,392	7,613	5,209	5,524	6,809	7,314	5,042
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	384	291	197	223	425	336	194
Agriculture	132	108	11	22	97	148	35
Antitrust	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
Fair labor standards	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Food and drug	2	0	3	4	4	4	3
Motor carrier	11	0	0	2	7	4	2
Other regulatory offenses	238	182	182	195	317	176	154
<b>Other offenses</b>	5,008	7,322	5,012	5,301	6,384	6,978	4,848
Weapons	9	8	6	5	16	40	18
<b>Immigration offenses</b>	2,992	5,714	4,186	4,304	4,827	5,331	3,858
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	29	25	16	9	32	37	32
Bribery	2	2	0	6	3	9	1
Perjury	0	4	3	0	1	0	0
National defense	78	76	73	91	147	178	73
Escape	16	15	11	17	16	20	15
Racketeering and extortion	4	0	1	1	1	4	7
Gambling offenses	0	1	0	2	0	3	3
Liquor offenses	1	1	2	0	1	0	0
Mail or transport of obscene materials	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Migratory birds	740	381	119	194	676	543	250
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses	1,098	1,055	552	532	574	716	498
Other	39	40	43	140	90	94	93

Note: See Methodology.

<sup>a</sup> Total may include defendants for whom offense category could not be determined.

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

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

**Table 14. Defendants in matters disposed by U.S. magistrates: Percent convicted, 1982, 1986-91**

Most serious offense charged	Percent of defendants convicted						
	1982	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	55.5%	69.4%	65.1%	63.8%	63.1%	63.1%	55.2%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	18.3%	19.9%	30.6%	30.5%	22.5%	29.8%	17.9%
Murder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Assault	34.5	35.2	44.9	46.2	39.9	49.1	32.0
Robbery	5.6	10.3	11.4	8.5	5.5	14.0	3.2
Rape	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other sex offenses	...	—	—	—	—	—	...
Kidnaping	0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Threats against the President	0	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Property offenses</b>	45.9%	55.0%	57.4%	61.7%	52.5%	52.1%	42.9%
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	33.7%	56.0%	62.1%	64.6%	54.6%	53.2%	42.4%
Embezzlement	46.4	55.2	54.6	59.8	72.3	69.8	61.2
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	29.6	58.0	69.1	70.9	45.7	46.3	33.0
Forgery	21.7	50.7	36.2	49.7	54.6	43.1	44.1
Counterfeiting	—	—	...	—	—	—	10.0
<b>Other offenses</b>	62.8%	53.0%	36.9%	47.6%	42.2%	46.3%	45.0%
Burglary	—	—	...	—	—	—	—
Larceny	23.3	25.0	32.1	43.4	36.2	45.0	40.6
Motor vehicle theft	17.4	—	3.7	—	4.3	7.4	—
Arson	—	...	—	...	—	—	...
Transportation of stolen property	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	84.4	67.2	51.4	63.4	68.2	64.4	63.0
<b>Drug offenses</b>	25.1%	14.4%	42.1%	28.2%	28.0%	25.3%	30.8%
<b>Public order offenses</b>	62.1%	76.3%	72.7%	71.6%	72.7%	72.5%	63.9%
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	42.2%	49.8%	47.6%	48.6%	61.7%	55.6%	46.9%
Agriculture	88.0	79.4	—	73.3	88.2	92.5	74.5
Antitrust	...	...	—	...	...	—	...
Fair labor standards	—	—	...	...	...	—	...
Food and drug	5.3	0	7.5	5.6	15.4	11.1	—
Motor carrier	—	...	—	—	—	—	—
Other regulatory offenses	33.7	45.7	50.8	54.8	58.1	44.4	44.6
<b>Other offenses</b>	64.5%	77.9%	74.2%	73.0%	73.6%	73.6%	64.9%
Weapons	8.3	12.7	7.1	6.3	11.8	21.2	9.6
Immigration offenses	90.2	94.3	95.7	95.0	95.3	94.6	91.9
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	37.2	62.5	59.3	—	91.4	88.1	82.1
Bribery	—	—	—	18.2	13.6	—	4.5
Perjury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
National defense	53.4	76.0	75.3	79.1	79.0	84.0	70.2
Escape	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.2	.9
Racketeering and extortion	8.0	0	4.0	3.4	3.8	8.5	15.6
Gambling offenses	—	—	—	—	...	—	—
Liquor offenses	—	—	—	...	—	—	...
Mail or transport of obscene materials	—	—	—	—	...	—	...
Migratory birds	81.1	90.5	78.3	89.8	94.7	94.3	83.3
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses	64.4	71.6	64.7	68.6	73.7	75.7	69.5
Other	60.0	56.3	58.9	88.1	79.6	75.2	78.8

Note: See Methodology.  
 —Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.  
 ...No cases of this type occurred in the data.

<sup>a</sup> Total may include suspects for whom offense category could not be determined.

<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, 1982, 1986-92**

Most serious offense of conviction	Number of offenders sentenced to prison <sup>a</sup>							
	1982	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
<b>All offenses<sup>b</sup></b>	17,481	23,058	23,579	23,450	27,377	28,659	30,555	33,622
<b>Violent offenses</b>	2,027	1,813	1,837	1,733	1,892	2,032	2,260	2,618
Murder	100	87	105	88	92	124	111	115
Negligent manslaughter	8	25	16	25	43	20	29	20
Assault	275	296	292	286	257	282	283	282
Robbery	1,453	1,186	1,164	1,059	1,237	1,313	1,504	1,860
Rape	44	65	83	97	101	120	161	175
Other sex offenses	37	88	113	112	75	106	93	96
Kidnaping	64	45	45	44	56	48	66	55
Threats against the President	46	21	19	22	31	19	13	15
<b>Property offenses</b>	5,834	6,291	6,234	5,723	5,974	5,885	6,033	6,557
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	3,873	4,416	4,610	4,182	4,400	4,464	4,542	5,039
Embezzlement	592	533	551	490	510	520	614	718
Fraud <sup>c</sup>	1,976	2,732	3,097	2,915	3,028	3,230	3,251	3,669
Forgery	806	872	606	459	518	397	361	336
Counterfeiting	499	279	356	318	344	317	316	316
<b>Other offenses</b>	1,961	1,875	1,624	1,541	1,574	1,421	1,491	1,518
Burglary	96	69	78	84	93	83	119	106
Larceny	1,223	1,196	1,125	978	1,036	940	951	901
Motor vehicle theft	338	325	220	293	239	200	170	251
Arson	0	8	19	2	11	1	2	6
Transportation of stolen property	268	229	148	132	161	171	191	210
Other	36	48	34	52	34	26	58	44
<b>Drug offenses</b>	5,138	9,272	10,196	10,599	13,306	14,092	15,012	16,401
Trafficking	4,417	8,588	9,584	10,197	12,832	13,640	14,558	15,987
Possession and other	721	684	612	402	474	452	454	414
<b>Public order offenses</b>	1,516	5,682	5,312	5,395	6,194	6,650	7,250	8,045
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	516	688	601	640	746	799	884	856
Agriculture	31	24	16	52	37	49	40	46
Antitrust	54	7	11	43	22	22	25	14
Fair labor standards	4	2	3	6	2	3	8	14
Food and drug	4	13	19	8	24	16	7	13
Motor carrier	7	18	15	27	21	19	24	12
Other regulatory offenses	416	624	537	504	640	690	780	757
<b>Other offenses</b>	3,966	4,994	4,711	4,755	5,448	5,851	6,366	7,189
Weapons	1,000	1,174	1,188	1,262	1,647	1,894	2,632	3,426
Immigration offenses	1,117	1,443	1,355	1,287	1,658	1,876	1,742	1,741
Tax law violations <sup>d</sup>	508	637	640	629	543	507	434	436
Bribery	74	107	83	81	103	111	122	132
Perjury	67	74	80	73	65	62	75	54
National defense	31	61	55	49	88	61	53	59
Escape	577	532	582	566	580	545	470	475
Racketeering and extortion	316	462	372	418	459	404	437	524
Gambling offenses	50	86	39	67	69	113	83	83
Liquor offenses	9	5	3	3	3	11	0	1
Mail or transport of obscene materials	10	6	12	14	9	19	17	10
Traffic offenses	185	385	282	279	207	233	275	232
Migratory birds	0	1	1	8	9	2	3	0
Other	22	21	19	19	8	13	23	16

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

<sup>b</sup> Total may include offenders for whom offense category could not be determined.

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

Table 16. Offenders convicted in cases terminated in U.S. district court: Percent sentenced to prison, 1982, 1986-92

Most serious offense of conviction	Percent of offenders sentenced to prison <sup>a</sup>							
	1982	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
<b>All offenses<sup>b</sup></b>	51.1%	52.5%	53.0%	53.8%	58.5%	60.3%	62.4%	64.7%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	86.1%	82.7%	82.0%	81.0%	86.8%	87.2%	89.9%	89.7%
Murder	90.9	93.5	96.3	94.6	90.2	93.2	90.2	92.7
Negligent manslaughter	—	86.2	76.2	92.6	89.6	87.0	93.5	71.4
Assault	63.2	60.5	58.5	63.8	64.6	62.0	67.4	65.0
Robbery	92.9	94.3	94.4	94.0	97.7	98.2	98.5	97.7
Rape	91.7	81.3	87.4	83.6	77.7	80.5	83.9	87.5
Other sex offenses	62.7	52.7	53.1	44.4	51.7	66.7	67.9	64.4
Kidnaping	97.0	93.8	97.8	91.7	96.6	90.6	98.5	87.3
Threats against the President	74.2	75.0	76.0	78.6	93.9	86.4	—	—
<b>Property offenses</b>	45.6%	43.2%	43.4%	42.6%	44.1%	43.3%	45.8%	46.1%
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	44.1%	42.0%	44.1%	43.6%	44.4%	44.1%	47.9%	49.1%
Embezzlement	30.0	26.8	28.7	27.6	28.4	28.4	34.9	41.2
Fraud <sup>c</sup>	43.8	44.5	47.0	47.1	46.3	46.9	50.7	50.9
Forgery	54.8	45.8	45.0	45.6	50.8	43.8	48.2	46.3
Counterfeiting	59.7	57.1	60.4	52.3	60.4	62.6	57.1	55.5
<b>Other offenses</b>	49.2%	46.6%	41.6%	40.0%	43.3%	41.0%	40.2%	38.3%
Burglary	64.4	74.2	75.7	84.0	82.3	83.8	83.8	84.8
Larceny	43.7	39.6	36.8	33.0	36.9	34.7	32.6	29.2
Motor vehicle theft	70.3	76.5	68.1	71.6	71.3	72.7	68.0	75.1
Arson	—	—	90.5	—	—	—	—	—
Transportation of stolen property	67.5	70.7	60.2	62.0	69.4	73.1	79.3	77.8
Other	22.8	31.8	21.8	32.5	26.2	17.6	38.4	31.4
<b>Drug offenses</b>	73.6%	77.3%	75.9%	79.2%	84.2%	86.4%	86.5%	87.7%
Trafficking	82.1	83.1	85.4	88.2	91.5	90.9	89.9	90.9
Possession and other	44.9	41.5	27.8	22.1	26.7	34.7	39.0	37.0
<b>Public order offenses</b>	37.1%	37.4%	36.6%	37.0%	40.6%	43.6%	45.6%	50.0%
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	28.5%	34.2%	32.5%	32.6%	36.9%	38.9%	37.8%	39.3%
Agriculture	15.3	13.8	9.6	19.9	15.2	18.9	13.8	17.2
Antitrust	33.1	9.5	10.0	24.2	19.6	26.5	27.2	20.3
Fair labor standards	15.4	4.8	5.0	17.6	6.9	8.8	19.5	25.5
Food and drug	4.0	15.3	26.4	16.0	20.0	16.5	11.5	15.9
Motor carrier	10.9	22.0	28.8	40.9	35.6	37.3	40.0	33.3
Other regulatory offenses	33.0	40.2	38.7	36.6	43.8	45.1	43.5	45.4
<b>Other offenses</b>	38.6%	37.9%	37.2%	37.7%	41.2%	44.3%	46.9%	51.6%
Weapons	62.3	65.1	68.7	70.0	76.6	77.6	83.9	86.0
Immigration offenses	53.2	58.6	63.4	69.5	67.8	73.0	75.5	73.6
Tax law violations <sup>d</sup>	45.8	43.7	46.6	44.0	46.8	43.5	41.4	41.1
Bribery	47.4	53.5	45.6	44.0	43.3	50.5	50.4	43.7
Perjury	69.8	56.1	69.0	70.2	60.2	71.3	70.1	62.1
National defense	23.5	18.0	22.6	24.1	43.1	43.3	39.3	39.1
Escape	87.2	85.5	86.9	86.9	89.5	89.1	89.5	90.8
Racketeering and extortion	72.3	78.2	75.2	74.5	78.1	78.0	84.4	84.2
Gambling offenses	40.7	42.2	26.0	40.9	40.4	53.6	31.7	37.9
Liquor offenses	33.3	—	—	—	—	50.0	—	4.8
Mail or transport of obscene materials	50.0	18.8	34.3	25.0	16.7	26.4	37.8	25.0
Traffic offenses	5.1	7.6	5.3	5.1	4.0	4.7	5.5	5.3
Migratory birds	0	2.5	2.8	24.2	12.9	3.5	10.0	0
Other	28.9	10.9	12.8	19.0	5.8	12.3	12.3	13.0

—Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.

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

<sup>b</sup> Total may include offenders for whom offense category could not be determined, but excludes

offenders for whom sentence category could not be determined.

<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, 1982, 1986-92**

Most serious offense of conviction	Average incarceration sentence length imposed							
	1982	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	47.8 mo	52.7 mo	55.2 mo	55.1 mo	54.5 mo	57.2 mo	61.9 mo	62.2 mo
<b>Violent offenses</b>	133.3 mo	132.0 mo	126.2 mo	110.7 mo	90.6 mo	89.2 mo	90.7 mo	88.5 mo
Murder	161.9	196.3	154.6	162.7	180.1	134.7	172.3	141.6
Negligent manslaughter	—	40.2	25.9	29.2	23.3	19.9	21.8	15.7
Assault	43.1	44.6	48.4	39.7	34.4	34.8	37.8	36.5
Robbery	153.1	153.2	148.1	131.4	100.4	100.7	98.6	96.0
Rape	113.2	143.8	114.4	95.8	90.1	78.9	72.3	76.3
Other sex offenses	73.5	68.2	59.5	75.1	44.7	33.1	31.7	49.6
Kidnaping	147.1	242.9	293.9	190.5	147.9	178.5	189.9	151.0
Threats against the President	42.4	26.2	45.0	44.1	35.9	—	—	—
<b>Property offenses</b>	31.1 mo	34.3 mo	32.5 mo	31.5 mo	26.0 mo	22.0 mo	21.2 mo	19.9 mo
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	28.3 mo	32.8 mo	31.1 mo	31.0 mo	26.1 mo	21.9 mo	20.1 mo	19.4 mo
Embezzlement	20.2	21.9	22.1	19.6	16.5	17.5	15.5	15.2
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	27.9	33.8	32.1	32.9	29.8	23.4	21.6	20.3
Forgery	33.0	32.8	30.6	32.1	18.3	16.9	16.6	18.2
Counterfeiting	31.6	43.3	37.2	29.1	20.1	19.4	18.5	19.5
<b>Other offenses</b>	36.5 mo	37.9 mo	36.5 mo	32.7 mo	25.7 mo	22.4 mo	24.6 mo	21.8 mo
Burglary	74.5	41.9	59.0	55.6	41.7	34.4	59.5	54.1
Larceny	32.0	33.6	33.8	27.5	22.7	18.8	17.5	17.0
Motor vehicle theft	42.3	42.4	44.3	38.0	28.6	27.6	29.8	20.4
Arson	...	24.8	51.7	19.0	45.3	—	—	—
Transportation of stolen property	40.0	56.0	37.3	51.1	33.3	31.8	38.6	27.6
Other	10.7	24.1	11.7	17.7	12.2	11.5	8.8	18.9
<b>Drug offenses</b>	54.6 mo	62.2 mo	67.8 mo	71.3 mo	74.9 mo	80.9 mo	85.7 mo	82.2 mo
Trafficking	59.3	63.9	69.1	73.6	77.3	83.1	87.4	83.8
Possession and other	26.2	41.0	48.0	13.6	8.1	14.9	21.7	21.8
<b>Public order offenses</b>	25.6 mo	36.9 mo	35.5 mo	30.7 mo	27.6 mo	28.3 mo	37.8 mo	47.6 mo
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	25.7 mo	47.2 mo	42.1 mo	30.4 mo	24.0 mo	26.7 mo	26.5 mo	35.5 mo
Agriculture	12.0	6.2	11.7	7.4	7.9	9.1	6.9	7.4
Antitrust	6.9	10.7	3.6	8.3	13.5	12.9	17.2	—
Fair labor standards	—	36.0	2.0	8.7	5.0	—	—	—
Food and drug	—	24.9	17.1	12.6	11.3	—	—	—
Motor carrier	—	6.9	10.2	23.6	13.0	—	11.8	—
Other regulatory offenses	29.5	50.9	45.8	35.6	26.2	29.1	28.6	38.8
<b>Other offenses</b>	25.6 mo	30.8 mo	32.2 mo	30.7 mo	28.1 mo	28.5 mo	39.3 mo	49.1 mo
Weapons	34.3	45.4	53.3	52.3	47.1	47.3	63.0	76.9
Immigration offenses	16.4	15.1	15.2	11.7	9.3	10.5	12.5	15.1
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	15.1	20.6	21.1	22.8	25.2	24.3	24.9	19.0
Bribery	26.7	41.9	29.9	27.0	21.0	24.8	23.9	30.0
Perjury	22.5	20.2	31.8	18.9	17.2	22.5	32.2	21.8
National defense	19.0	42.9	26.3	14.3	13.8	15.9	16.1	20.5
Escape	21.6	23.3	22.7	23.9	23.6	22.2	21.8	19.8
Racketeering and extortion	70.7	89.6	84.4	72.3	57.4	61.4	63.0	68.5
Gambling offenses	25.1	18.5	20.3	12.6	12.0	13.6	20.1	19.4
Liquor offenses	—	16.0	12.0	4.7	3.7	—	...	—
Mail or transport of obscene materials	—	36.0	31.2	44.3	22.2	—	—	—
Traffic offenses	2.5	3.4	4.6	3.9	3.2	4.5	5.3	5.3
Migratory birds	...	1.0	1.0	5.1	11.3	—	—	...
Other	14.8	2.8	15.6	9.0	3.4	—	—	—

Note: See Methodology section.  
 — Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.  
 ... No cases of this type occurred in the data.  
<sup>a</sup> Total may include offenders for whom offense category could not be determined.

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

**Table 18. Prisoners released from Federal prison: Average time served until first release (months), 1986-92**

Most serious offense of conviction <sup>a</sup>	Average time served until first release						
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
<b>All offenses</b>	14.9 mo	16.3 mo	18.7 mo	18.7 mo	19.2 mo	21.7 mo	23.6 mo
<b>Violent offenses</b>	49.6 mo	48.8 mo	54.2 mo	52.6 mo	54.2 mo	56.6 mo	56.4 mo
Murder/manslaughter	51.4	49.0	65.5	53.3	64.9	56.1	54.4
Assault	43.8	43.9	43.8	41.9	45.0	51.4	49.2
Robbery	52.8	51.2	59.5	58.6	58.4	60.2	62.0
Rape	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other sex offenses	27.2	26.0	32.4	36.2	34.0	29.0	24.7
Kidnaping	82.0	79.8	103.5	97.2	106.3	102.9	96.7
Threats against the President	—	—	30.3	—	25.8	—	—
<b>Property offenses</b>	15.6 mo	15.1 mo	16.7 mo	16.4 mo	16.3 mo	16.8 mo	16.7 mo
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	13.5 mo	13.3 mo	14.8 mo	15.5 mo	15.1 mo	15.6 mo	15.8 mo
Embezzlement	10.0	10.5	10.8	10.3	11.6	11.0	10.0
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	13.3	12.9	14.5	15.6	15.2	15.6	16.2
Forgery	15.2	15.2	16.9	16.5	14.6	17.6	15.8
Counterfeiting	17.4	18.0	19.8	19.8	19.0	20.3	21.5
<b>Other offenses</b>	19.3 mo	18.8 mo	21.0 mo	18.4 mo	19.6 mo	20.1 mo	19.3 mo
Burglary	18.4	20.4	24.9	26.0	27.2	26.0	26.0
Larceny	17.7	15.9	17.6	16.3	16.8	15.2	15.9
Motor vehicle theft	23.3	23.8	28.2	21.3	22.6	31.6	25.8
Arson	27.5	30.2	28.2	35.3	38.8	42.4	37.6
Transportation of stolen property	23.3	26.8	28.6	24.8	28.3	23.9	25.7
Other	9.9	9.1	9.6	6.5	8.5	9.5	8.3
<b>Drug offenses</b>	22.1 mo	23.0 mo	25.2 mo	27.7 mo	29.7 mo	31.3 mo	32.7 mo
Trafficking	22.7	23.6	26.0	28.9	30.7	32.9	34.7
Possession and other	8.5	9.1	10.4	9.8	10.3	9.7	8.2
<b>Public order offenses</b>	6.5 mo	7.5 mo	9.1 mo	8.5 mo	8.6 mo	10.2 mo	12.4 mo
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	15.9 mo	16.3 mo	18.3 mo	17.7 mo	18.2 mo	19.1 mo	18.1 mo
<b>Other offenses</b>	6.0 mo	7.1 mo	8.5 mo	8.0 mo	8.1 mo	9.7 mo	12.1 mo
Weap. off.	19.1	19.7	20.6	20.8	20.9	21.3	23.1
Immigration offenses	3.6	4.1	4.9	4.4	4.1	4.8	6.1
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	9.6	10.3	11.0	11.0	12.0	11.6	14.2
Bribery	11.6	14.4	12.6	13.9	11.5	11.8	12.8
Perjury	10.9	13.1	11.5	16.6	13.2	14.5	17.4
National defense	—	—	16.6	—	20.7	—	27.4
Escape	19.2	15.3	16.0	17.0	18.4	20.0	19.1
Racketeering and extortion	23.3	23.6	28.3	30.3	31.2	33.7	39.2
Gambling offenses	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Liquor offenses	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mail or transport of obscene materials	—	10.0	13.2	19.6	24.8	18.7	15.8
Traffic offenses	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.7	2.0	2.6	2.5
Migratory birds	5.4	—	4.7	6.0	7.3	8.6	7.4
Other	15.7	17.8	17.2	12.5	13.9	16.9	17.5

Note: Includes all prisoners first released in the indicated calendar year, regardless of sentence length. Includes only prisoners serving U.S. district court sentences. Excludes subsequent releases (e.g. parole violators) and prisoners received from other sources (e.g. courts martial and probation violators). See Explanatory notes.

— Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.  
 ... No cases of this type occurred in the data.  
<sup>a</sup> Offense categories may not be directly comparable to other tables. Total includes offenders whose offense category could not be determined.  
<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 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 U.S. Bureau of Prisons, and other Federal agencies whose files are used in other BJS reports. Federal law prohibits the use of the BJS database for any purpose other than research or statistics.

In each table, data describe the calendar year indicated.

The source for 1982 and 1986-89 data is *Federal Criminal Case Processing, 1980-89, with Preliminary Data for 1990*. Data for 1990 and 1991 supersede that publication. Comparable data for 1980-85 may be found in *Federal Criminal Case Processing, 1980-87*. Additional information for each year may be found in the *Compendium of Federal Justice Statistics*.

Data for 1991 in tables 1 through 7, 13 and 14 are incomplete because the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys phased out the Docket and Reporting data system during 1991-92. The tables are based on records entered into the system through January 1992. In years prior to 1991, data for tables 1 through 7, 13 and 14 for each calendar year included records entered into the Docket and Reporting data system through the end of the following year.

The data shown in tables 8-12 and 15-17 for 1990 through 1992 reflect a change in the AO's file closeout procedures and are not exactly comparable to data for earlier years. (The

number of defendants shown for 1990 through 1992 are slightly lower than would have been anticipated under previous file closeout procedures.)

The offense classifications in tables 1-17 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. Offense categories in table 18 are based on combinations of offense designations used by the Bureau of Prisons. They are similar to the categories in other tables, but may not be directly comparable.

Where more than one offense is charged or adjudicated, the most serious offense is used in the classification. The offense description may change as a case goes through the criminal justice process. In tables 1-17, the offense which may result in the longest sentence is used. In table 18, prisoners are classified according to the offense which actually bears the greatest sentence. Tables indicate whether charged or adjudicated offenses are used.

Tables 1-7, 13 and 14, which describe the number and rate of prosecutions and the results of magistrate proceedings, include only those matters handled by U.S. attorneys. Tables 8-12 and 15-18, which describe the number and rate of convictions, sentencing patterns, incarceration rates, and lengths of sentences imposed and served, include all cases regardless of the prosecuting agency.

In tables 1-7, 13 and 14, from 1980-89 some matters concluded as racketeering offenses were categorized according to their predicate offense (e.g. murder), or were included only in the total of "all offenses," if the predicate offense was not shown in the source data. Beginning in 1990, racketeering offenses are included in the category "racketeering and extortion."

The average sentence lengths reported for 1991 in table 17 are based on partial data. 1,688 offenders (approximately 6% of the total) were excluded because of questionable sentencing information.

## Explanatory notes

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Exact definitions of all offense categories are provided in the glossary.

Tables 1-7, 13 and 14. These tables describe the disposition of matters handled by U.S. attorneys. Suspects are classified according to the most serious offense investigated. 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.

In 1991, the Department of Justice provided U.S. attorneys with lists of cases shown in the data as having remained inactive for long periods of time, and directed that resolutions be reported to the Docket and Reporting system, if possible. As a result, many cases which had been shown as pending were reported to be declined for prosecution, or were shown as resolved by U.S. magistrates. Statistics for 1991 were substantially affected by these recordkeeping activities.

Tables 8 and 10-12. 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.

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.

Suspended sentences and sentences to "time already served" are not included as incarceration sentences.

Table 17. Average lengths of imposed 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).

Table 18. Prisoners are classified according to the offense associated with the longest sentence actually imposed. (Classifications in other tables are based on the longest potential sentence allowed by law.) Offense categories are based on combinations of offense designations used by the Bureau of Prisons. They are similar to the categories in other tables, but may not be directly comparable. The table includes only prisoners committed by U.S. district courts for violations of the U.S. Code. Other prisoners, such as probation and parole violators, and other types

of offenses, such as military, D.C., or state offenses, are excluded. Unlike BJS publications concerning State prisoners, which exclude prisoners serving sentences under one year, table 18 includes Federal prisoners who received sentences of any length. Offenses for a few offenders could not be classified; these offenders are included in the total. Time served is the number of months from the prisoner's arrival into custody of the Bureau of Prisons until first release from prison, plus any jail time served and credited. The calculation is the same as that currently used by the Bureau of Prisons. Other publications may include different groups of prisoners, calculate time served differently, or use a different offense classification, and consequently their estimates of time served may differ from those in table 18.

## 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 antitrust statutes (15 U.S.C. 1, 2, 3, 8, 13(A)-(F), 20, 24, 70I, 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. 8I).

**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 interstate or foreign ship-

ments 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(12)(13), 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. Govern-

ment; 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. 1436; 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, interstate 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 coun-

try 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 interstate or foreign commerce, interstate 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 pleas 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 interstate 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 1262-65; 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 interstate 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 postrelease 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 and Ouchita National Forest Sanctuary and Refuge (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** — interstate 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, 11A, 11B, 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 vessel, knowingly and willfully causing or allowing fraud, neglect, misconduct, or violation of any law resulting in loss of life (18 U.S.C. 351(A), 1111-16, 1751A, and 2113(E); 21 U.S.C. 461(C) and 675(C); and 49 U.S.C. 1472(K1)).

**National defense violations** — violations of the national defense laws on the Selective Service Acts, the Defense Production Act, the Economic Stabilization Act of 1970 (which includes prices, rents, and wages), the Subversive Activities Control Act, alien registration, treason (including espionage, sabotage, sedition, and the Smith Act), curfew and restricted areas, exportation of war materials, trading with an enemy, and use of uniform and any other violations of the Federal statutes concerning national defense (50 U.S.C. 210, 321-29, and 824; 50 A U.S.C. 327, 462, 468, and 2061-66; 8 U.S.C. 1304 (d-e), 1306 (a-d); 18 U.S.C. 792-95, 797-99, 953, 2153 (a-b), 2154 (a-b), 2155 (a-b), 2156 (a-b), 2381, 2384-90; and 42 U.S.C. 2273, 2274 (a-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 interstate 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, interstate 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 interstate 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 or-

der 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 interstate or foreign commerce or any facility in interstate 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 interstate 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 50 A 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. Examples of conditions that may be imposed and then violated include remaining within a specified jurisdiction, or appearing at specified intervals for drug tests.

**Termination** — [Pretrial services] execution of sentence, acquittal, dismissal, diversion, or fugitive status. [U.S. district court] conviction, acquittal, or dismissal.

**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),

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**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 nonviolent), kidnaping, and threats against the President. (See specific offenses for citations.)

**Weapons violations** — violations of any of the provisions of sections 922 and 923 of title 18 concerning the manufacturing, importing, possessing, receiving, and licensing of firearms and ammunition. Manufacturing, selling, possessing, or transporting (within any territory or possession of the United States, within Indian country, or within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States) (18 U.S.C. 7) any switchblade knife. Engaging in importing, manufacturing, or dealing in firearms if not registered with the secretary in the Internal Revenue Service District in which the business is conducted or not having paid a special occupational tax. Carrying on the U.S. Capitol grounds or within U.S. Capitol buildings any firearm, dangerous weapon, explosive, or incendiary device (2 U.S.C. 167(D); 15 U.S.C. 1242-43; 18 U.S.C. 922(A)-(M), 923, and 924(A)-(C); 18A U.S.C. 1202(A1)-(A5),(B1)(B5); 26 U.S.C. 5801-2, 5811-12, 5821-22, 5841-44, 5851, 5861(A)-(L), and 5871; 40 U.S.C. 193F(A); and 49 U.S.C. 1472(L1)(L2)).

**Youth sentence** — a sentence of confinement under the Youth Corrections Act (18 U.S.C. 5010(B)(C)).

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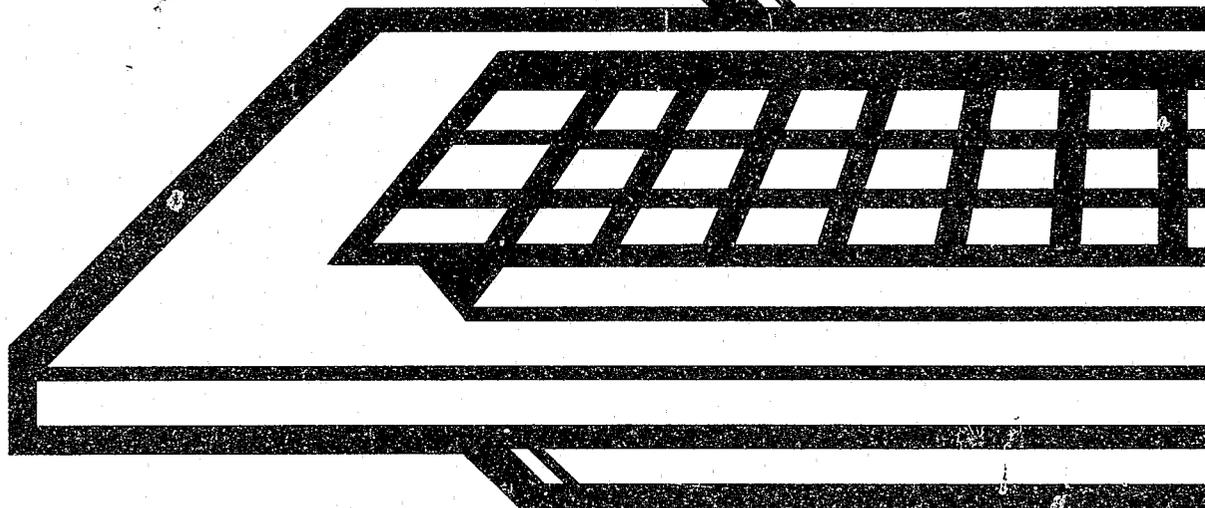
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