This report describes cases processed by the federal criminal justice system. Data are from Bureau of Justice Statistics’ Federal Justice Statistics Program, which collects, standardizes, and reports on administrative data received from six federal justice agencies: the U.S. Marshals Service, Drug Enforcement Administration, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, Federal Bureau of Prisons, and U.S. Sentencing Commission.

**Arrest and booking**

During FY 2019, federal law enforcement made 206,630 arrests, a 6% increase from the 195,771 arrests in FY 2018. An immigration offense was the most serious arrest offense in 57% of federal arrests in FY 2019.

**Investigation and prosecution**

Agencies within the Department of Homeland Security referred 59% of the 203,030 suspects in matters sent to U.S. attorneys in FY 2019. The Department of Justice referred 27% of suspects, and 3% of suspects were referred by federal or state task forces.

**Case filing, adjudication, and sentencing**

From FY 2018 to FY 2019, the number of persons charged with a federal offense grew 7%. During that period, the number of persons charged with immigration offenses increased 13% and those charged with weapon offenses increased 8%. The number of persons charged with property offenses decreased 2%.

**Federal prison**

In FY 2019, there were 58,886 federally sentenced persons admitted to federal prison, including 21,075 persons admitted for drug offenses, most of whom (15,574, or 74%) had been sentenced to more than 1 year.

The full report ([Federal Justice Statistics, 2019](https://bjs.ojp.gov)), related documents, and additional information about the Bureau of Justice Statistics are available on the BJS website at bjs.ojp.gov.