

Table 2.3. Suspects in criminal matters declined by U.S. attorneys, by basis of declination, October 1, 2005 - September 30, 2006

Basis for declination	Suspects in criminal matters declined by U.S. attorneys	
	Number	Percent^a
Total declinations^b	29,677	100 %
No crime	6,837	23.4 %
No true bill returned	15	0.1
No federal offense	1,436	4.9
Lack of criminal intent	5,386	18.4
Referred or handled in other prosecution	6,009	20.6 %
Removed	1,388	4.8
Prosecuted on other charges	941	3.2
Prosecuted by other authorities	3,680	12.6
Alternative resolution	865	3.0 %
Restitution	71	0.2
Civil or administrative alternative	363	1.2
Pretrial diversion	431	1.5
Suspect-related reasons	848	2.9 %
Suspect serving sentence	93	0.3
No known suspect	378	1.3
Suspect a fugitive	69	0.2
Suspect deceased	234	0.8
Suspect deported	74	0.3
Case-related reasons	8,553	29.3 %
Stale case	536	1.8
Weak evidence	7,291	25.0
Statute of limitations exceeded	200	0.7
Jurisdiction or venue problems	262	0.9
Witness problems	264	0.9
All other reasons	6,094	20.9 %
Minimal federal interest	895	3.1
Petite policy	179	0.6
Lack of resources	1,048	3.6
DOJ policy	367	1.3
U.S. attorney policy	790	2.7
Agency request	2,520	8.6
Juvenile suspect	37	0.1
Offender's health, age, prior record, or other personal circumstances	102	0.3
Suspect's cooperation	156	0.5

^aPercent based on suspects for whom a basis for declination could be determined.

^bIncludes 471 suspects for whom basis for declination could not be determined.