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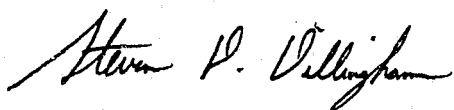
## Foreword

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This report presents detailed information on the processing of cases in the Federal criminal justice system for the years 1980, 1985-89, with preliminary data for 1990. The data describe initial prosecution decisions, referrals to magistrates, court dispositions, sentencing outcomes, and length of sentences imposed. Both the number of defendants and the percentage rates are presented for each stage of the process.

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

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Most serious offense investigated	Number of suspects in criminal matters concluded					
	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	69,344	78,407	86,995	91,310	94,548	104,248
<b>Violent offenses</b>	3,861	3,828	4,040	4,460	4,480	5,074
Murder	180	187	211	258	336	462
Assault	864	781	982	1,071	1,008	1,090
Robbery	2,426	2,150	2,120	2,257	2,257	2,636
Rape	30	75	83	161	247	222
Other sex offenses	63	246	338	456	355	374
Kidnapping	183	234	185	137	169	172
Threats against the President	115	155	121	120	108	118
<b>Property offenses</b>	21,429	23,508	26,081	28,900	27,468	31,844
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	16,594	19,554	22,076	24,765	23,675	28,384
Embezzlement	3,976	4,517	5,020	5,472	5,339	5,575
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	9,796	11,723	13,643	15,859	15,633	19,930
Forgery	2,797	3,257	3,372	3,392	2,631	2,742
Counterfeiting	25	57	41	42	72	137
<b>Other offenses</b>	4,835	3,954	4,005	4,135	3,793	3,460
Burglary	93	89	98	115	99	89
Larceny	2,680	2,187	2,349	2,575	2,442	2,240
Motor vehicle theft	817	714	783	938	810	684
Arson	19	23	14	25	16	18
Transportation of stolen property	114	188	98	118	71	147
Other	1,112	753	663	364	355	282
<b>Drug offenses</b>	9,546	15,669	18,633	22,729	25,801	31,954
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	32,622	33,845	36,099	33,606	35,783	34,068
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	6,218	6,505	7,039	7,488	7,824	8,073
Agriculture	302	418	411	497	615	588
Antitrust	182	71	73	144	122	97
Fair labor standards	41	57	41	41	40	34
Food and drug	472	372	554	630	624	531
Motor carrier	114	142	133	144	190	137
Other regulatory offenses	5,107	5,445	5,827	6,032	6,233	6,686
<b>Other offenses</b>	26,404	27,340	29,060	26,118	27,959	25,995
Weapons	1,796	2,702	3,086	3,190	3,627	4,455
Immigration offenses	8,186	6,933	8,416	6,888	7,058	7,779
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	1,312	1,858	2,052	2,256	2,098	1,882
Bribery	433	431	508	543	567	674
Perjury	219	283	295	266	255	303
National defense	465	746	640	576	620	700
Escape	3,156	2,693	2,814	2,873	3,466	3,858
Racketeering and extortion	1,705	1,805	1,745	1,971	1,896	2,041
Gambling offenses	254	108	338	299	330	282
Liquor offenses	68	24	13	5	34	15
Mail or transport of obscene materials	113	86	69	83	134	159
Migratory birds	1,134	1,083	670	775	950	909
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses	7,435	8,293	7,971	5,875	6,108	2,143
Other	128	295	443	518	816	795

<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, 1980, 1985-89**

Most serious offense investigated	Number of suspects prosecuted in U.S. district court					
	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	31,218	45,957	49,921	54,392	54,764	58,160
<b>Violent offenses</b>	2,382	2,612	2,821	3,107	3,064	3,358
Murder	140	139	138	196	213	250
Assault	432	437	581	634	600	595
Robbery	1,652	1,675	1,661	1,732	1,765	2,061
Rape	16	45	54	118	152	151
Other sex offenses	24	123	207	308	197	174
Kidnapping	84	126	120	67	91	76
Threats against the President	34	67	60	52	46	51
<b>Property offenses</b>	8,321	12,955	14,135	15,989	14,612	16,214
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	6,250	10,749	11,799	13,415	12,273	14,251
Embezzlement	1,712	2,693	2,919	3,357	3,191	2,813
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	3,206	5,960	6,758	7,976	7,481	9,745
Forgery	1,324	2,064	2,105	2,057	1,548	1,608
Counterfeiting	8	32	17	25	53	85
<b>Other offenses</b>	2,071	2,206	2,336	2,574	2,339	1,963
Burglary	74	79	71	90	71	62
Larceny	1,332	1,420	1,525	1,703	1,545	1,316
Motor vehicle theft	404	414	510	551	493	376
Arson	9	12	5	11	8	7
Transportation of stolen property	72	96	53	63	25	77
Other	180	185	172	156	197	125
<b>Drug offenses</b>	7,003	12,576	14,952	17,729	19,725	24,278
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	12,696	16,837	16,764	16,673	16,921	13,833
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	1,936	2,548	2,520	2,867	3,064	2,965
Agriculture	75	241	183	340	418	278
Antitrust	154	55	65	114	100	83
Fair labor standards	16	27	26	19	19	12
Food and drug	233	237	402	475	494	395
Motor carrier	61	85	76	75	86	45
Other regulatory offenses	1,397	1,903	1,768	1,844	1,947	2,152
<b>Other offenses</b>	10,760	14,289	14,244	13,806	13,857	10,868
Weapons	1,078	2,016	2,218	2,211	2,479	2,892
Immigration offenses	2,850	2,355	2,179	2,304	2,289	2,429
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	738	1,521	1,565	1,648	1,436	1,304
Bribery	162	166	185	265	209	265
Perjury	114	191	174	170	144	159
National defense	187	257	208	281	198	300
Escape	756	785	898	929	1,002	1,008
Racketeering and extortion	536	933	969	1,129	926	892
Gambling offenses	101	56	262	205	246	203
Liquor offenses	42	18	12	2	21	12
Mail or transport of obscene materials	71	54	35	53	78	79
Migratory birds	381	230	200	563	667	110
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses	3,736	5,613	5,148	3,797	3,746	777
Other	8	94	191	249	416	438

<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, 1980, 1985-89**

Most serious offense investigated	Percent of suspects prosecuted in U.S. district court					
	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	45.0%	58.6%	57.4%	59.6%	57.9%	55.8%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	61.7%	68.2%	69.8%	69.7%	68.4%	66.2%
Murder	77.8	74.3	65.4	76.0	63.4	54.1
Assault	50.0	56.0	59.2	59.2	59.5	54.6
Robbery	68.1	77.9	78.3	76.7	78.2	78.2
Rape	53.3	60.0	65.1	73.3	61.5	68.0
Other sex offenses	38.1	50.0	61.2	67.5	55.5	46.5
Kidnapping	45.9	53.8	64.9	48.9	53.8	44.2
Threats against the President	29.6	43.2	49.6	43.3	42.6	43.2
<b>Property offenses</b>	38.8%	55.1%	54.2%	55.3%	53.2%	50.9%
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	37.7%	55.0%	53.4%	54.2%	51.8%	50.2%
Embezzlement	43.1	59.6	58.1	61.3	59.8	50.5
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	32.7	50.8	49.5	50.3	47.9	48.9
Forgery	47.3	63.4	62.4	60.6	58.8	58.6
Counterfeiting	32.0	56.1	41.5	59.5	73.6	62.0
<b>Other offenses</b>	42.8%	55.8%	58.3%	62.2%	61.7%	56.7%
Burglary	79.6	88.8	72.4	78.3	71.7	69.7
Larceny	49.7	64.9	64.9	66.1	63.3	58.8
Motor vehicle theft	49.4	58.0	65.1	58.7	60.9	55.0
Arson	-	52.2	-	44.0	-	-
Transportation of stolen property	63.2	51.1	54.1	53.4	35.2	52.4
Other	16.2	24.6	25.9	42.9	55.5	44.3
<b>Drug offenses</b>	73.4%	80.3%	80.2%	78.0%	76.5%	76.0%
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	38.9%	49.7%	46.4%	49.6%	47.3%	40.6%
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	31.1%	39.2%	35.8%	38.3%	39.2%	36.7%
Agriculture	24.8	57.7	44.5	68.4	68.0	47.3
Antitrust	84.6	77.5	89.0	79.2	82.0	85.6
Fair labor standards	39.0	47.4	63.4	46.3	47.5	35.3
Food and drug	49.4	63.7	72.6	75.4	79.2	74.4
Motor carrier	53.5	59.9	57.1	52.1	45.3	32.8
Other regulatory offenses	27.4	34.9	30.3	30.6	31.2	32.2
<b>Other offenses</b>	40.8%	52.3%	49.0%	52.9%	49.6%	41.8%
Weapons	60.0	74.6	71.9	69.3	68.3	64.9
Immigration offenses	34.8	34.0	25.9	33.4	32.4	31.2
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	56.3	81.9	76.8	73.0	68.4	69.3
Bribery	37.4	38.5	36.4	48.8	36.9	39.3
Perjury	52.1	67.5	59.0	63.9	56.5	52.5
National defense	40.2	34.5	32.5	48.8	31.9	42.9
Escape	24.0	29.1	31.9	32.3	28.9	26.1
Racketeering and extortion	31.4	51.7	55.5	57.3	48.8	43.7
Gambling offenses	39.8	51.9	77.5	68.6	74.5	72.0
Liquor offenses	61.8	75.0	-	-	61.8	-
Mail or transport of obscene materials	62.8	62.8	50.7	63.9	58.2	49.7
Migratory birds	33.6	21.2	29.9	72.6	70.2	12.1
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses	50.2	67.7	64.6	64.6	61.3	36.3
Other	6.3	31.9	43.1	48.1	51.0	55.1

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<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, 1980, 1985-89**

Most serious offense investigated	Number of suspects whom U.S. Attorneys declined to prosecute					
	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	22,525	21,356	24,422	26,171	28,825	32,855
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,126	1,036	1,018	1,088	1,206	1,436
Murder	37	43	65	51	118	204
Assault	254	251	313	290	291	352
Robbery	636	437	391	455	433	484
Rape	14	30	26	38	94	64
Other sex offenses	36	123	127	142	151	191
Kidnapping	86	87	52	58	72	83
Threats against the President	63	65	44	54	47	58
<b>Property offenses</b>	10,428	9,007	10,333	10,963	11,277	13,875
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	8,855	7,880	9,194	9,760	10,090	12,674
Embezzlement	1,817	1,557	1,831	1,842	1,805	2,333
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	5,937	5,338	6,290	6,784	7,379	9,328
Forgery	1,091	964	1,054	1,117	896	971
Counterfeiting	10	21	19	17	10	42
<b>Other offenses</b>	1,573	1,127	1,139	1,203	1,187	1,201
Burglary	15	10	24	25	25	23
Larceny	1,007	632	684	685	724	747
Motor vehicle theft	378	289	256	360	309	285
Arson	7	10	9	13	8	10
Transportation of stolen property	31	83	38	50	45	67
Other	135	103	128	70	76	69
<b>Drug offenses</b>	1,827	2,557	3,050	3,752	4,705	5,974
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	8,539	8,304	9,351	9,768	11,146	10,870
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	2,879	3,391	3,935	4,207	4,301	4,419
Agriculture	101	70	92	144	167	200
Antitrust	28	14	8	29	22	14
Fair labor standards	20	28	14	22	21	22
Food and drug	181	88	103	115	59	110
Motor carrier	43	55	57	67	102	85
Other regulatory offenses	2,506	3,136	3,661	3,830	3,930	3,988
<b>Other offenses</b>	5,660	4,913	5,416	5,561	6,845	6,451
Weapons	601	612	805	894	1,069	1,427
Immigration offenses	202	189	179	211	240	286
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	484	312	447	581	649	543
Bribery	257	253	312	269	325	387
Perjury	100	92	116	90	110	140
National defense	122	371	332	198	307	214
Escape	1,039	852	796	898	1,160	1,254
Racketeering and extortion	1,117	818	742	817	941	1,123
Gambling offenses	153	51	75	92	82	79
Liquor offenses	22	4	0	1	13	2
Mail or transport of obscene materials	41	30	33	29	54	80
Migratory birds	68	69	49	60	67	85
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses	1,380	1,123	1,349	1,225	1,587	587
Other	74	137	181	196	241	244

<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, 1980, 1985-89**

Most serious offense investigated	Percent of suspects whom U.S. Attorneys declined to prosecute					
	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	32.5%	27.2%	28.1%	28.7%	30.5%	31.5%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	29.2%	27.1%	25.2%	24.4%	26.9%	28.3%
Murder	20.6	23.0	30.8	19.8	35.1	44.2
Assault	29.4	32.1	31.9	27.1	28.9	32.3
Robbery	26.2	20.3	18.4	20.2	19.2	18.4
Rape	46.7	40.0	31.3	23.6	38.1	28.8
Other sex offenses	57.1	50.0	37.6	31.1	42.5	51.1
Kidnapping	47.0	37.2	28.1	42.3	42.6	48.3
Threats against the President	54.8	41.9	36.4	45.0	43.5	49.2
<b>Property offenses</b>	48.7%	38.3%	39.6%	37.9%	41.1%	43.6%
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	53.4%	40.3%	41.6%	39.4%	42.6%	44.7%
Embezzlement	45.7	34.5	36.5	33.7	33.8	41.8
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	60.6	45.5	46.1	42.8	47.2	46.8
Forgery	39.0	29.6	31.3	32.9	34.1	35.4
Counterfeiting	40.0	36.8	46.3	40.5	13.9	30.7
<b>Other offenses</b>	32.5%	28.5%	28.4%	29.1%	31.3%	34.7%
Burglary	16.1	11.2	24.5	21.7	25.3	25.8
Larceny	37.6	28.9	29.1	26.6	29.6	33.3
Motor vehicle theft	46.3	40.5	32.7	38.4	38.1	41.7
Arson	-	43.5	-	52.0	-	-
Transportation of stolen property	27.2	44.1	38.8	42.4	63.4	45.6
Other	12.1	13.7	19.3	19.2	21.4	24.5
<b>Drug offenses</b>	19.1%	16.3%	16.4%	16.5%	18.2%	18.7%
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	26.2%	24.5%	25.9%	29.1%	31.1%	31.9%
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	46.3%	52.1%	55.9%	56.2%	55.0%	54.7%
Agriculture	33.4	16.7	22.4	29.0	27.2	34.0
Antitrust	15.4	19.7	11.0	20.1	18.0	14.4
Fair labor standards	48.8	49.1	34.1	53.7	52.5	64.7
Food and drug	38.3	23.7	18.6	18.3	9.5	20.7
Motor carrier	37.7	38.7	42.9	46.5	53.7	62.0
Other regulatory offenses	49.1	57.6	62.8	63.5	63.1	59.6
<b>Other offenses</b>	21.4%	18.0%	18.6%	21.3%	24.5%	24.8%
Weapons	33.5	22.6	26.1	28.0	29.5	32.0
Immigration offenses	2.5	2.7	2.1	3.1	3.4	3.7
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	36.9	16.8	21.8	25.8	30.9	28.9
Bribery	59.4	58.7	61.4	49.5	57.3	57.4
Perjury	45.7	32.5	39.3	33.8	43.1	46.2
National defense	26.2	49.7	51.9	34.4	49.5	30.6
Escape	32.9	31.6	28.3	31.3	33.5	32.5
Racketeering and extortion	65.5	45.3	42.5	41.5	49.6	55.0
Gambling offenses	60.2	47.2	22.2	30.8	24.8	28.0
Liquor offenses	32.4	16.7	-	-	38.2	-
Mail or transport of obscene materials	36.3	34.9	47.8	34.9	40.3	50.3
Migratory birds	6.0	6.4	7.3	7.7	7.1	9.4
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses	18.6	13.5	16.9	20.9	26.0	27.4
Other	57.8	46.4	40.9	37.8	29.5	30.7

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<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, 1980, 1985-89**

Most serious offense investigated	Number of suspects who were referred to U.S. magistrates					
	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	15,601	11,094	12,652	10,747	10,959	13,233
<b>Violent offenses</b>	353	180	201	265	210	280
Murder	3	5	8	11	5	8
Assault	178	93	88	147	117	143
Robbery	138	38	68	70	59	91
Rape	0	0	3	5	1	7
Other sex offenses	3	0	4	6	7	9
Kidnapping	13	21	13	12	6	13
Threats against the President	18	23	17	14	15	9
<b>Property offenses</b>	2,680	1,546	1,613	1,948	1,579	1,755
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	1,489	925	1,083	1,590	1,312	1,459
Embezzlement	447	267	270	273	343	429
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	653	425	595	1,099	773	857
Forgery	382	229	213	218	187	163
Counterfeiting	7	4	5	0	9	10
<b>Other offenses</b>	1,191	621	530	358	267	296
Burglary	4	0	3	0	3	4
Larceny	341	135	140	187	173	177
Motor vehicle theft	35	11	17	27	8	23
Arson	3	1	0	1	0	1
Transportation of stolen property	11	9	7	5	1	3
Other	797	465	363	138	82	88
<b>Drug offenses</b>	716	536	631	1,248	1,371	1,702
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	11,387	8,704	9,984	7,165	7,716	9,365
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	1,403	566	584	414	459	689
Agriculture	126	107	136	13	30	110
Antitrust	0	2	0	1	0	0
Fair labor standards	5	2	1	0	0	0
Food and drug	58	47	49	40	71	26
Motor carrier	10	2	0	2	2	7
Other regulatory offenses	1,204	406	398	358	356	546
<b>Other offenses</b>	9,984	8,138	9,400	6,751	7,257	8,676
Weapons	117	74	63	85	79	136
Immigration offenses	5,134	4,389	6,058	4,373	4,529	5,064
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	90	25	40	27	13	35
Bribery	14	12	11	9	33	22
Perjury	5	0	5	6	1	4
National defense	156	118	100	97	115	186
Escape	1,361	1,056	1,120	1,046	1,304	1,596
Racketeering and extortion	52	54	34	25	29	26
Gambling offenses	0	1	1	2	2	0
Liquor offenses	4	2	1	2	0	1
Mail or transport of obscene materials	1	2	1	1	2	0
Migratory birds	685	784	421	152	216	714
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses	2,319	1,557	1,474	853	775	779
Other	46	64	71	73	159	113

<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, 1980, 1985-89**

Most serious offense investigated	Percent of suspects who were referred to U.S. magistrates					
	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	22.5%	14.1%	14.5%	11.8%	11.6%	12.7%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	9.1%	4.7%	5.0%	5.9%	4.7%	5.5%
Murder	1.7	2.7	3.8	4.3	1.5	1.7
Assault	20.6	11.9	9.0	13.7	11.6	13.1
Robbery	5.7	1.8	3.2	3.1	2.6	3.5
Rape	0	0	3.6	3.1	.4	3.2
Other sex offenses	4.8	0	1.2	1.3	2.0	2.4
Kidnapping	7.1	9.0	7.0	8.8	3.6	7.6
Threats against the President	15.7	14.8	14.0	11.7	13.9	7.6
<b>Property offenses</b>	12.5%	6.6%	6.2%	6.7%	5.7%	5.5%
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	9.0%	4.7%	4.9%	6.4%	5.5%	5.1%
Embezzlement	11.2	5.9	5.4	5.0	6.4	7.7
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	6.7	3.6	4.4	6.9	4.9	4.3
Forgery	13.7	7.0	6.3	6.4	7.1	5.9
Counterfeiting	28.0	7.0	12.2	0	12.5	7.3
<b>Other offenses</b>	24.6%	15.7%	13.2%	8.7%	7.0%	8.6%
Burglary	4.3	0	3.1	0	3.0	4.5
Larceny	12.7	6.2	6.0	7.3	7.1	7.9
Motor vehicle theft	4.3	1.5	2.2	2.9	1.0	3.4
Arson	-	4.3	-	4.0	-	-
Transportation of stolen property	9.6	4.8	7.1	4.2	1.4	2.0
Other	71.7	61.8	54.8	37.9	23.1	31.2
<b>Drug offenses</b>	7.5%	3.4%	3.4%	5.5%	5.3%	5.3%
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	34.9%	25.7%	27.7%	21.3%	21.6%	27.5%
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	22.6%	8.7%	8.3%	5.5%	5.9%	8.5%
Agriculture	41.7	25.6	33.1	2.6	4.9	18.7
Antitrust	0	2.8	0	.7	0	0.0
Fair labor standards	12.2	3.5	2.4	0	0	0.0
Food and drug	12.3	12.6	8.8	6.3	11.4	4.9
Motor carrier	8.8	1.4	0	1.4	1.1	5.1
Other regulatory offenses	23.6	7.5	6.8	5.9	5.7	8.2
<b>Other offenses</b>	37.8%	29.8%	32.3%	25.8%	26.0%	33.4%
Weapons	6.5	2.7	2.0	2.7	2.2	3.1
Immigration offenses	62.7	63.3	72.0	63.5	64.2	65.1
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	6.9	1.3	1.9	1.2	.6	1.9
Bribery	3.2	2.8	2.2	1.7	5.8	3.3
Perjury	2.3	0	1.7	2.3	.4	1.3
National defense	33.5	15.8	15.6	16.8	18.5	26.6
Escape	43.1	39.2	39.8	36.4	37.6	41.4
Racketeering and extortion	3.0	3.0	1.9	1.3	1.5	1.3
Gambling offenses	0	.9	.3	.7	.6	0.0
Liquor offenses	5.9	8.3	-	-	0	-
Mail or transport of obscene materials	.9	2.3	1.4	1.2	1.5	0.0
Migratory birds	60.4	72.4	62.8	19.6	22.7	78.5
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses	31.2	18.8	18.5	14.5	12.7	36.4
Other	35.9	21.7	16.0	14.1	19.5	14.2

-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, 1980, 1985-89, preliminary 1990**

Most serious offense charged	Number of defendants in cases terminated in U.S. district court						Preliminary 1990
	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	39,172	51,243	54,152	54,625	54,198	57,672	60,499
<b>Violent offenses</b>	2,871	2,871	2,818	2,850	2,697	2,805	2,932
Murder	186	157	147	156	135	173	198
Negligent manslaughter	8	27	30	18	32	42	28
Assault	651	653	679	706	631	575	668
Robbery	1,701	1,561	1,505	1,450	1,326	1,489	1,513
Rape	118	119	108	143	163	181	201
Other sex offenses	47	165	205	252	299	198	210
Kidnapping	109	113	89	79	70	99	74
Threats against the President	51	76	55	46	41	48	40
<b>Property offenses</b>	13,544	16,250	17,286	17,175	16,261	16,188	16,571
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	8,684	10,765	12,322	12,379	11,553	11,489	11,894
Embezzlement	1,871	1,989	2,262	2,216	2,137	2,042	2,167
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	4,178	5,842	6,980	7,646	7,297	7,442	7,912
Forgery	1,851	2,356	2,486	1,789	1,316	1,300	1,180
Counterfeiting	784	578	594	728	803	705	635
<b>Other offenses</b>	4,860	5,485	4,964	4,796	4,708	4,699	4,677
Burglary	183	191	122	138	118	126	135
Larceny	3,408	4,012	3,621	3,645	3,488	3,580	3,647
Motor vehicle theft	632	445	476	378	521	405	330
Arson	19	16	13	34	9	15	5
Transportation of stolen property	423	495	488	366	347	343	322
Other	195	326	244	235	225	230	238
<b>Drug offenses</b>	7,119	12,984	14,746	16,443	16,710	19,750	21,027
Trafficking	6,640	11,126	12,994	14,282	14,775	17,737	19,373
Possession and other	479	1,858	1,752	2,161	1,935	2,013	1,654
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	15,638	19,009	19,202	18,153	18,524	18,916	19,953
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	2,082	2,392	2,188	2,062	2,254	2,287	2,367
Agriculture	326	425	218	220	332	337	308
Antitrust	161	139	117	131	210	154	102
Fair labor standards	36	40	36	49	30	23	29
Food and drug	149	107	94	87	61	86	103
Motor carrier	77	96	76	48	72	57	57
Other regulatory offenses	1,333	1,585	1,647	1,527	1,549	1,630	1,768
<b>Other offenses</b>	13,556	16,617	17,014	16,091	16,270	16,629	17,586
Weapons	1,336	1,884	2,163	2,027	2,127	2,434	2,815
Immigration offenses	2,913	2,636	2,710	2,267	2,077	2,622	2,925
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	1,601	1,329	1,541	1,471	1,467	1,164	1,215
Bribery	201	243	237	243	245	298	286
Perjury	126	182	182	161	122	141	134
National defense	250	163	176	129	163	197	153
Escape	877	722	789	934	769	814	825
Racketeering and extortion	632	755	848	673	648	604	538
Gambling offenses	173	106	237	193	214	229	261
Liquor offenses	73	22	19	11	10	16	28
Mail or transport of obscene materials	43	47	26	85	55	56	87
Traffic	4,983	8,207	7,758	7,609	8,176	7,765	8,063
Migratory Birds	150	59	53	65	52	101	88
Other	198	262	275	223	145	188	168

<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, 1980, 1985-89, preliminary 1990**

Most serious offense of conviction	Number of defendants convicted						Preliminary 1990
	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	29,943	40,924	43,920	44,518	43,550	46,805	48,730
<b>Violent offenses</b>	2,134	2,226	2,192	2,241	2,139	2,180	2,281
Murder	111	101	93	109	93	102	127
Negligent manslaughter	11	33	29	21	27	48	24
Assault	450	458	489	499	448	398	423
Robbery	1,371	1,308	1,258	1,233	1,127	1,266	1,336
Rape	49	75	80	95	116	130	139
Other sex offenses	43	140	167	213	252	145	159
Kidnapping	73	71	48	46	48	58	51
Threats against the President	26	40	28	25	28	33	22
<b>Property offenses</b>	10,780	13,274	14,546	14,349	13,436	13,552	13,396
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	6,733	8,958	10,520	10,443	9,583	9,918	9,979
Embezzlement	1,605	1,711	1,986	1,918	1,775	1,796	1,834
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	3,307	4,989	6,139	6,588	6,193	6,533	6,749
Forgery	1,180	1,774	1,906	1,348	1,007	1,019	895
Counterfeiting	641	484	489	589	608	570	501
<b>Other offenses</b>	4,047	4,316	4,026	3,906	3,853	3,634	3,417
Burglary	129	136	93	103	100	113	99
Larceny	3,026	3,260	3,023	3,057	2,964	2,810	2,676
Motor vehicle theft	458	361	425	323	409	335	266
Arson	10	12	10	21	7	14	2
Transportation of stolen property	260	347	324	246	213	232	230
Other	164	200	151	156	160	130	144
<b>Drug offenses</b>	5,135	10,289	11,984	13,423	13,376	15,799	16,077
Trafficking	4,633	8,517	10,336	11,224	11,561	14,023	14,631
Possession and other	502	1,772	1,648	2,199	1,815	1,776	1,446
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	11,893	15,132	15,193	14,500	14,593	15,246	14,891
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	1,828	2,167	2,010	1,847	1,965	2,024	1,977
Agriculture	308	369	174	167	261	244	255
Antitrust	125	118	74	110	178	112	86
Fair labor standards	30	38	42	60	34	29	31
Food and drug	105	86	85	72	50	120	99
Motor carrier	73	104	82	52	66	59	51
Other regulatory offenses	1,187	1,452	1,553	1,386	1,376	1,460	1,455
<b>Other offenses</b>	10,065	12,965	13,183	12,653	12,628	13,222	12,914
Weapons	980	1,552	1,802	1,730	1,803	2,151	2,332
Immigration offenses	2,200	2,417	2,464	2,138	1,851	2,446	2,622
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	1,407	1,253	1,459	1,374	1,429	1,160	1,147
Bribery	170	203	200	182	184	238	207
Perjury	70	145	132	116	104	108	85
National defense	193	340	339	243	203	204	130
Escape	609	609	622	670	651	648	612
Racketeering and extortion	418	560	591	495	561	588	437
Gambling offenses	129	80	204	150	164	171	208
Liquor offenses	60	18	14	8	10	13	18
Mail or transport of obscene materials	11	42	32	35	56	54	69
Traffic offenses	3,590	5,551	5,091	5,328	5,479	5,234	4,884
Migratory birds	101	34	40	36	33	70	60
Other	127	161	193	148	100	137	103

<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, 1980, 1985-89, preliminary 1990**

Most serious offense charged	Percent of defendants convicted						Preliminary 1990
	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	76.4%	79.9%	81.1%	81.5%	80.4%	81.2%	80.5%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	79.1%	82.9%	82.4%	83.4%	83.0%	82.4%	82.7%
Murder	71.0%	75.8%	76.9%	78.8%	76.3%	78.6%	78.3%
Negligent manslaughter	62.5	81.5	73.3	72.2	75.0	83.3	75.0
Assault	66.7	72.1	72.0	70.7	68.9	67.1	67.4
Robbery	86.9	89.8	89.3	91.2	90.0	90.2	92.3
Rape	64.4	70.6	78.7	77.6	77.9	76.2	74.1
Other sex offenses	72.3	87.9	84.4	85.3	90.6	85.9	82.4
Kidnapping	77.1	82.3	74.2	79.7	81.4	70.7	79.7
Threats against the President	51.0	56.6	54.5	65.2	65.9	68.8	55.0
<b>Property offenses</b>	80.9%	82.2%	84.5%	84.3%	83.7%	84.5%	84.2%
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	82.3%	84.5%	86.4%	85.9%	85.2%	86.8%	87.1%
Embezzlement	86.7	88.6	89.6	89.7	88.2	89.9	88.3
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	78.9	82.1	84.6	84.0	83.6	85.6	87.0
Forgery	84.6	86.3	88.0	89.0	89.4	89.5	86.7
Counterfeiting	83.8	87.4	88.2	86.7	84.4	85.4	84.6
<b>Other offenses</b>	78.4%	77.7%	79.7%	80.3%	80.0%	78.7%	76.7%
Burglary	73.2	75.9	71.3	78.3	91.5	87.3	89.6
Larceny	80.0	78.4	79.8	80.4	80.2	79.2	76.3
Motor vehicle theft	72.6	79.3	87.0	83.9	78.9	82.5	83.0
Arson	57.9	68.8	46.2	73.5	-	-	-
Transportation of stolen property	79.7	84.8	84.0	87.2	84.1	83.1	80.7
Other	73.3	57.7	61.1	64.3	66.2	51.7	62.6
<b>Drug offenses</b>	73.5%	81.6%	83.6%	84.5%	82.9%	83.1%	83.0%
Trafficking	74.3%	83.3%	85.4%	85.2%	83.8%	84.2%	83.6%
Possession and other	63.1	71.6	70.6	80.3	75.6	73.9	75.6
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	73.4%	76.2%	76.0%	75.8%	74.8%	76.1%	74.6%
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	73.8%	77.7%	75.6%	74.4%	74.1%	77.9%	80.3%
Agriculture	82.2	81.4	70.2	70.5	73.8	71.5	76.3
Antitrust	75.8	82.7	62.4	75.6	76.7	72.1	83.3
Fair labor standards	77.8	92.5	88.9	95.9	93.3	91.3	100.0
Food and drug	70.5	79.4	84.0	78.2	73.8	91.9	86.4
Motor carrier	92.2	96.9	97.4	89.6	86.1	89.5	87.7
Other regulatory offenses	70.7	74.6	75.5	73.5	73.0	78.4	79.9
<b>Other offenses</b>	73.4%	76.0%	76.1%	76.0%	74.9%	75.9%	73.9%
Weapons	73.5	81.3	82.8	83.4	81.5	81.1	83.8
Immigration offenses	74.5	89.0	88.1	87.6	84.5	89.8	89.4
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	85.4	91.0	89.4	88.1	90.9	90.8	90.5
Bribery	78.1	85.2	82.3	79.4	80.8	85.9	78.3
Perjury	57.1	68.7	69.8	68.3	77.0	67.4	64.9
National defense	66.8	58.3	71.0	79.1	71.2	70.1	70.6
Escape	68.5	81.4	77.7	67.8	82.3	76.9	75.5
Racketeering and extortion	65.8	78.1	81.6	78.9	78.4	81.1	80.9
Gambling offenses	78.0	80.2	90.3	76.7	82.2	74.7	82.4
Liquor offenses	84.9	77.3	78.9	54.5	-	-	71.4
Mail or transport of obscene materials	23.3	76.6	88.5	30.6	78.2	87.5	79.3
Traffic	72.0	68.4	66.8	70.4	67.0	67.3	61.8
Migratory Birds	67.3	59.3	75.5	56.9	63.5	65.3	67.0
Other	60.6	58.8	57.1	52.5	51.0	52.7	56.0

-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 11. Defendants in cases terminated in U.S. district court:  
Number whose cases were dismissed, 1980, 1985-89, preliminary 1990**

Most serious offense charged	Number of defendants whose cases were dismissed						Preliminary 1990
	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	7,713	8,767	8,562	8,510	8,733	8,911	9,904
<b>Violent offenses</b>	468	367	393	348	350	376	400
Murder	39	30	26	18	16	28	36
Negligent manslaughter	2	5	5	5	4	5	5
Assault	173	140	152	157	146	148	178
Robbery	172	117	133	92	111	114	88
Rape	25	27	11	24	28	26	40
Other sex offenses	12	17	27	31	22	27	30
Kidnapping	20	12	17	12	11	19	13
Threats against the President	25	19	22	9	12	9	10
<b>Property offenses</b>	2,117	2,507	2,292	2,337	2,201	2,152	2,292
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	1,254	1,445	1,421	1,506	1,403	1,272	1,315
Embezzlement	215	196	200	209	204	170	226
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	686	885	883	1,037	967	891	847
Forgery	253	298	279	180	126	123	155
Counterfeiting	100	66	59	80	106	88	87
<b>Other offenses</b>	863	1,062	871	831	798	880	977
Burglary	43	42	35	28	10	14	11
Larceny	567	762	628	624	584	660	799
Motor vehicle theft	151	69	53	52	98	61	49
Arson	5	4	4	5	0	2	2
Transportation of stolen property	56	52	61	42	40	50	43
Other	41	133	90	80	66	93	73
<b>Drug offenses</b>	1,581	1,977	1,945	2,082	2,360	2,752	2,983
Trafficking	1,413	1,499	1,500	1,704	1,914	2,240	2,598
Possession and other	168	478	445	378	446	512	385
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	3,547	3,888	3,904	3,743	3,822	3,628	4,226
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	406	402	421	398	411	360	350
Agriculture	42	72	53	57	60	76	55
Antitrust	11	11	28	6	5	10	4
Fair labor standards	2	2	2	2	1	2	0
Food and drug	43	20	13	19	13	3	12
Motor carrier	6	3	2	5	10	6	7
Other regulatory offenses	302	294	323	309	322	263	272
<b>Other offenses</b>	3,141	3,486	3,483	3,345	3,411	3,268	3,876
Weapons	282	292	312	272	322	360	379
Immigration offenses	713	263	289	260	291	249	300
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	154	91	118	117	99	72	76
Bribery	27	21	18	34	28	29	43
Perjury	41	35	40	32	19	32	29
National defense	76	56	39	20	36	45	40
Escape	263	122	163	292	124	178	182
Racketeering and extortion	147	87	88	86	90	65	82
Gambling offenses	31	17	15	41	31	52	39
Liquor offenses	11	4	3	5	4	2	7
Mail or transport of obscene materials	26	11	3	59	12	6	14
Traffic offenses	1,251	2,369	2,286	2,010	2,279	2,069	2,589
Migratory birds	46	21	13	27	15	27	27
Other	73	97	96	90	61	82	69

<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, 1980, 1985-89, preliminary 1990**

Most serious offense charged	Percent of defendants whose cases were dismissed						Preliminary 1990
	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	19.7%	17.1%	15.8%	15.6%	16.1%	15.5%	16.4%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	16.3%	12.8%	13.9%	12.2%	13.0%	13.4%	13.6%
Murder	21.0%	19.1%	17.7%	11.5%	11.9%	16.2%	18.2%
Negligent manslaughter	-	18.5	16.7	-	12.5	11.9	17.9
Assault	26.6	21.4	22.4	22.2	23.1	25.7	26.6
Robbery	10.1	7.5	8.8	6.3	8.4	7.7	5.8
Rape	21.2	22.7	10.2	16.8	17.2	14.4	19.9
Other sex offenses	25.5	10.3	13.2	12.3	7.4	13.6	14.3
Kidnapping	18.3	10.6	19.1	15.2	15.7	19.2	17.6
Threats against the President	49.0	25.0	40.0	19.6	29.3	18.8	25.0
<b>Property offenses</b>	15.6%	15.4%	13.3%	13.6%	13.5%	13.3%	13.8%
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	14.4%	13.4%	11.5%	12.2%	12.1%	11.1%	11.1%
Embezzlement	11.5	9.9	8.8	9.4	9.5	8.3	10.4
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	16.4	15.1	12.7	13.6	13.3	12.0	10.7
Forgery	13.7	12.6	11.2	10.1	9.6	9.5	13.1
Counterfeiting	12.8	11.4	9.9	11.0	13.2	12.5	13.7
<b>Other offenses</b>	17.8%	19.4%	17.5%	17.3%	16.9%	18.7%	20.9%
Burglary	23.5	22.0	28.7	20.3	8.5	11.1	8.1
Larceny	16.6	19.0	17.3	17.1	16.7	18.4	21.9
Motor vehicle theft	23.9	15.5	11.1	13.8	18.8	15.1	14.8
Arson	-	-	-	14.7	-	-	-
Transportation of stolen property	13.2	10.5	12.5	11.5	11.5	14.6	13.4
Other	21.0	40.8	36.9	34.0	29.3	40.4	30.7
<b>Drug offenses</b>	22.2%	15.2%	13.2%	12.7%	14.1%	13.9%	14.2%
Trafficking	21.3%	13.5%	11.5%	11.9%	13.0%	12.6%	13.4%
Possession and other	35.1	25.7	25.4	17.5	23.0	25.4	23.3
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	22.7%	20.5%	20.3%	20.6%	20.6%	19.2%	21.2%
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	19.5%	16.8%	19.2%	19.3%	18.2%	15.7%	14.8%
Agriculture	12.9	16.9	24.3	25.9	18.1	22.6	17.9
Antitrust	6.8	7.9	23.9	4.6	2.4	6.5	3.9
Fair labor standards	5.6	5.0	5.6	4.1	3.3	8.7	0.0
Food and drug	28.9	18.7	13.8	21.8	21.3	3.5	11.7
Motor carrier	7.8	3.1	2.6	10.4	13.9	10.5	12.3
Other regulatory offenses	22.7	18.5	19.6	20.2	20.8	16.1	15.4
<b>Other offenses</b>	23.2%	21.0%	20.5%	20.8%	21.0%	19.7%	22.0%
Weapons	21.1	15.5	14.4	13.4	15.1	14.8	13.5
Immigration offenses	24.5	10.0	10.7	11.5	14.0	9.5	10.3
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	9.6	6.8	7.7	8.0	6.7	6.2	6.3
Bribery	13.4	8.6	7.6	14.0	11.4	9.7	15.0
Perjury	32.5	19.2	22.0	19.9	15.6	22.7	21.6
National defense	30.4	34.4	22.2	15.5	22.1	22.8	26.1
Escape	30.0	16.9	20.7	31.3	16.1	21.9	22.1
Racketeering and extortion	23.3	11.5	10.4	12.8	13.9	10.8	15.2
Gambling offenses	17.9	16.0	6.3	21.2	14.5	22.7	14.9
Liquor offenses	15.1	18.2	-	-	-	-	25.0
Mail or transport of obscene materials	60.5	23.4	11.5	69.4	21.8	10.7	16.1
Traffic	25.1	28.9	29.5	26.4	27.9	26.6	32.1
Migratory Birds	30.7	35.6	24.5	41.5	28.8	26.7	30.7
Other	36.9	37.0	34.9	40.4	42.1	43.6	41.1

-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, 1980, 1985-89**

Most serious offense charged	Number of defendants convicted					
	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	9,243	7,304	8,777	6,993	6,994	8,354
<b>Violent offenses</b>	94	50	40	81	64	63
Murder	0	1	1	4	1	1
Assault	73	43	31	66	54	57
Robbery	20	4	7	8	5	5
Rape	0	0	0	2	1	0
Other sex offenses	0	0	1	1	1	0
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0	0	0
Threats against the President	1	2	0	0	2	0
<b>Property offenses</b>	1,255	718	887	1,119	975	922
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	542	330	606	987	848	797
Embezzlement	185	96	149	149	205	310
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	237	111	345	759	548	392
Forgery	115	120	108	79	93	89
Counterfeiting	5	3	4	0	2	6
<b>Other offenses</b>	713	388	281	132	127	125
Burglary	1	0	1	0	0	0
Larceny	113	42	35	60	75	64
Motor vehicle theft	1	0	1	1	0	1
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transportation of stolen property	0	1	0	0	0	0
Other	598	345	244	71	52	60
<b>Drug offenses</b>	111	132	91	525	387	477
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	7,487	6,333	7,613	5,209	5,524	6,809
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	465	231	291	197	223	425
Agriculture	99	89	108	11	22	97
Antitrust	0	0	0	1	0	0
Fair labor standards	1	2	1	0	0	0
Food and drug	6	0	0	3	4	4
Motor carrier	10	1	0	0	2	7
Other regulatory offenses	349	139	182	182	195	317
<b>Other offenses</b>	7,022	6,102	7,322	5,012	5,301	6,384
Weapons	9	6	8	6	5	16
Immigration offenses	4,573	4,119	5,714	4,186	4,304	4,827
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	27	13	25	16	9	32
Bribery	3	0	2	0	6	3
Perjury	0	0	4	3	0	1
National defense	102	78	76	73	91	147
Escape	15	10	15	11	17	16
Racketeering and extortion	3	1	0	1	1	1
Gambling offenses	0	0	1	0	2	0
Liquor offenses	1	2	1	2	0	1
Mail or transport of obscene materials	0	1	0	0	0	0
Migratory birds	562	688	381	119	194	676
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses	1,707	1,144	1,055	552	532	574
Other	20	40	40	43	140	90
<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 14. Defendants in matters disposed by U.S. magistrates: Percent convicted, 1980, 1985-89**

Most serious offense charged	Percent of defendants convicted					
	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	59.2%	65.8%	69.4%	65.1%	63.8%	63.1%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	26.6%	27.8%	19.9%	30.6%	30.5%	22.5%
Murder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault	41.0	46.2	35.2	44.9	46.2	39.9
Robbery	14.5	10.5	10.3	11.4	8.5	5.5
Rape	...	-	-	-	-	-
Other sex offenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kidnapping	-	0	-	-	-	-
Threats against the President	-	8.7	-	-	-	-
<b>Property offenses</b>	46.8%	46.4%	55.0%	57.4%	61.7%	52.5%
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	36.4%	35.7%	56.0%	62.1%	64.6%	54.6%
Embezzlement	41.4	36.0	55.2	54.6	59.8	72.3
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	36.3	26.1	58.0	69.1	70.9	45.7
Forgery	30.1	52.4	50.7	36.2	49.7	54.6
Counterfeiting	-	-	-	...	-	-
<b>Other offenses</b>	59.9%	62.5%	53.0%	36.9%	47.6%	42.2%
Burglary	-	-	-	...	-	-
Larceny	33.1	31.1	25.0	32.1	43.4	36.2
Motor vehicle theft	2.9	-	-	3.7	-	4.3
Arson	-	-	...	-	...	-
Transportation of stolen property	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	75.0	74.2	67.2	51.4	63.4	68.2
<b>Drug offenses</b>	15.5%	24.6%	14.4%	42.1%	28.2%	28.0%
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	65.8%	72.8%	76.3%	72.7%	71.6%	72.7%
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	33.1%	40.8%	49.8%	47.6%	48.6%	61.7%
Agriculture	78.6	83.2	79.4	-	73.3	88.2
Antitrust	...	-	...	-	...	...
Fair labor standards	-	-	-	...	...	...
Food and drug	10.3	0	0	7.5	5.6	15.4
Motor carrier	-	-	...	-	-	-
Other regulatory offenses	29.0	34.2	45.7	50.8	54.8	58.1
<b>Other offenses</b>	70.3%	75.0%	77.9%	74.2%	73.0%	73.6%
Weapons	7.7	8.1	12.7	7.1	6.3	11.8
Immigration offenses	89.1	93.8	94.3	95.7	95.0	95.3
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	30.0	52.0	62.5	59.3	-	91.4
Bribery	-	-	-	-	18.2	13.6
Perjury	-	-	-	-	-	-
National defense	65.4	66.1	76.0	75.3	79.1	79.0
Escape	1.1	.9	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.0
Racketeering and extortion	5.8	1.9	0	4.0	3.4	3.8
Gambling offenses	...	-	-	-	-	...
Liquor offenses	-	-	-	-	...	-
Mail or transport of obscene materials	-	-	-	-	-	...
Migratory birds	82.0	87.8	90.5	78.3	89.8	94.7
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses	73.6	73.5	71.6	64.7	68.6	73.7
Other	43.5	62.5	56.3	58.9	88.1	79.6

-Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.  
 ...No cases of this type occurred in the data.

<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 15. Offenders convicted in cases terminated in U.S. district court:  
Number sentenced to prison, 1980, 1985-89, preliminary 1990**

Most serious offense of conviction	Number of offenders sentenced to prison <sup>a</sup>						Preliminary 1990
	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	
<b>All offenses<sup>b</sup></b>	13,766	20,605	23,058	23,579	23,450	27,377	29,430
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,770	1,807	1,813	1,837	1,733	1,892	1,999
Murder	100	92	87	105	88	92	118
Negligent manslaughter	8	18	25	16	25	43	22
Assault	265	254	296	292	286	257	262
Robbery	1,252	1,210	1,186	1,164	1,059	1,237	1,317
Rape	29	60	65	83	97	101	108
Other sex offenses	31	85	88	113	112	75	107
Kidnapping	70	61	45	45	44	56	46
Threats against the President	15	27	21	19	22	31	19
<b>Property offenses</b>	4,630	5,612	6,291	6,234	5,723	5,974	5,775
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	2,825	3,696	4,416	4,610	4,182	4,400	4,391
Embezzlement	460	484	533	551	490	510	515
Fraud <sup>c</sup>	1,384	2,120	2,732	3,097	2,915	3,028	3,180
Forgery	610	803	872	606	459	518	387
Counterfeiting	371	289	279	356	318	344	309
<b>Other offenses</b>	1,805	1,916	1,875	1,624	1,541	1,574	1,384
Burglary	77	94	69	78	84	93	83
Larceny	1,180	1,252	1,196	1,125	978	1,036	914
Motor vehicle theft	321	263	325	220	293	239	193
Arson	6	5	8	19	2	11	2
Transportation of stolen property	178	250	229	148	132	161	170
Other	43	52	48	34	52	34	22
<b>Drug offenses</b>	3,675	7,774	9,272	10,196	10,599	13,306	13,754
Trafficking	3,560	7,012	8,588	9,584	10,197	12,832	13,297
Possession and other	115	762	684	612	402	474	457
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	3,690	5,410	5,682	5,312	5,395	6,194	6,427
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	484	661	688	601	640	746	757
Agriculture	54	51	24	16	52	37	45
Antitrust	32	6	7	11	43	22	21
Fair labor standards	11	4	2	3	6	2	2
Food and drug	5	10	13	19	8	24	16
Motor carrier	2	34	18	15	27	21	20
Other regulatory offenses	380	556	624	537	504	640	653
<b>Other offenses</b>	3,206	4,749	4,994	4,711	4,755	5,448	5,670
Weapons	578	1,003	1,174	1,188	1,262	1,647	1,802
Immigration offenses	1,017	1,412	1,443	1,355	1,287	1,658	1,903
Tax law violations <sup>d</sup>	487	603	637	640	629	543	498
Bribery	62	90	107	83	81	103	101
Perjury	48	99	74	80	73	65	59
National defense	49	60	61	55	49	88	52
Escape	533	499	532	582	566	580	547
Racketeering and extortion	315	441	462	372	418	459	332
Gambling offenses	39	38	86	39	67	69	110
Liquor offenses	33	3	5	3	3	3	9
Mail or transport of obscene materials	3	17	6	12	14	9	17
Traffic offenses	32	464	385	282	279	207	225
Migratory birds	1	2	1	1	8	9	2
Other	9	18	21	19	19	8	13

<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, 1980, 1985-89, preliminary 1990**

Most serious offense of conviction	Percent of convicted offenders sentenced to prison <sup>a</sup>						Preliminary 1990
	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	
<b>All offenses<sup>b</sup></b>	46.0%	50.3%	52.5%	53.0%	53.8%	58.5%	60.4%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	82.9%	81.2%	82.7%	82.0%	81.0%	86.8%	87.6%
Murder	90.1%	91.1%	93.5%	96.3%	94.6%	90.2%	92.9%
Negligent manslaughter	-	54.5	86.2	76.2	92.6	89.6	91.7
Assault	58.9	55.5	60.5	58.5	63.8	64.6	61.9
Robbery	91.3	92.5	94.3	94.4	94.0	97.7	98.6
Rape	59.2	80.0	81.3	87.4	83.6	77.7	77.7
Other sex offenses	72.1	60.7	52.7	53.1	44.4	51.7	67.3
Kidnapping	95.9	85.9	93.8	97.8	91.7	96.6	90.2
Threats against the President	57.7	67.5	75.0	76.0	78.6	93.9	86.4
<b>Property offenses</b>	42.9%	42.3%	43.2%	43.4%	42.6%	44.1%	43.1%
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	42.0%	41.3%	42.0%	44.1%	43.6%	44.4%	44.0%
Embezzlement	28.7	28.3	26.8	28.7	27.6	28.4	28.1
Fraud <sup>c</sup>	41.9	42.5	44.5	47.0	47.1	46.3	47.1
Forgery	51.7	45.3	45.8	45.0	45.6	50.8	43.2
Counterfeiting	57.9	59.7	57.1	60.4	52.3	60.4	61.7
<b>Other offenses</b>	44.6%	44.4%	46.6%	41.6%	40.0%	43.3%	40.5%
Burglary	59.7	69.1	74.2	75.7	84.0	82.3	83.8
Larceny	39.0	38.4	39.6	36.8	33.0	36.9	34.2
Motor vehicle theft	70.1	72.9	76.5	68.1	71.6	71.3	72.6
Arson	-	-	-	90.5	-	-	-
Transportation of stolen property	68.5	72.0	70.7	60.2	62.0	69.4	73.9
Other	26.2	26.0	31.8	21.8	32.5	26.2	15.3
<b>Drug offenses</b>	71.6%	75.6%	77.3%	75.9%	79.2%	84.2%	85.6%
Trafficking	76.8%	82.3%	83.1%	85.4%	88.2%	91.5%	90.9%
Possession and other	22.9	43.0	41.5	27.8	22.1	26.7	31.6
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	31.0%	35.8%	37.4%	36.6%	37.0%	40.6%	43.2%
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	26.5%	30.5%	34.2%	32.5%	32.6%	36.9%	38.3%
Agriculture	17.5	13.8	13.8	9.6	19.9	15.2	17.6
Antitrust	25.6	5.1	9.5	10.0	24.2	19.6	24.4
Fair labor standards	36.7	10.5	4.8	5.0	17.6	6.9	6.5
Food and drug	4.8	11.6	15.3	26.4	16.0	20.0	16.2
Motor carrier	2.7	32.7	22.0	28.8	40.9	35.6	39.2
Other regulatory offenses	32.0	38.3	40.2	38.7	36.6	43.8	44.9
<b>Other offenses</b>	31.9%	36.6%	37.9%	37.2%	37.7%	41.2%	43.9%
Weapons	59.0	64.6	65.1	68.7	70.0	76.6	77.3
Immigration offenses	46.2	58.4	58.6	63.4	69.5	67.8	72.6
Tax law violations <sup>d</sup>	34.6	48.1	43.7	46.6	44.0	46.8	43.4
Bribery	36.5	44.3	53.5	45.6	44.0	43.3	48.8
Perjury	68.6	68.3	56.1	69.0	70.2	60.2	69.4
National defense	25.4	17.6	18.0	22.6	24.1	43.1	40.0
Escape	87.5	81.9	85.5	86.9	86.9	89.5	89.4
Racketeering and extortion	75.4	78.8	78.2	75.2	74.5	78.1	76.0
Gambling offenses	30.2	47.5	42.2	26.0	40.9	40.4	52.9
Liquor offenses	55.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mail or transport of obscene materials	-	40.5	18.8	34.3	25.0	16.7	24.6
Traffic offenses	.9	8.4	7.6	5.3	5.1	4.0	4.6
Migratory birds	1.0	5.9	2.5	2.8	24.2	12.9	3.3
Other	7.1	11.2	10.9	12.8	19.0	5.8	12.6

-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, 1980, 1985-89, preliminary 1990**

Most serious offense of conviction	Average incarceration sentence length imposed						Preliminary 1990
	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	
<b>All offenses<sup>a</sup></b>	44.3 mos.	50.7 mos.	52.7 mos.	55.2 mos.	55.1 mos.	54.5 mos.	57.4 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	125.4 mos.	135.4 mos.	132.0 mos.	126.2 mos.	110.7 mos.	90.6 mos.	89.8 mos.
Murder	123.4 mos.	212.0 mos.	196.3 mos.	154.6 mos.	162.7 mos.	180.1 mos.	134.8 mos.
Negligent manslaughter	36.6	33.5	40.2	25.9	29.2	23.3	19.2
Assault	40.7	45.6	44.6	48.4	39.7	34.4	33.3
Robbery	141.5	151.1	153.2	148.1	131.4	100.4	101.3
Rape	85.7	123.3	143.8	114.4	95.8	90.1	85.8
Other sex offenses	39.7	81.0	68.2	59.5	75.1	44.7	33.0
Kidnapping	262.6	254.5	242.9	293.9	190.5	147.9	170.3
Threats against the President	39.4	48.2	26.2	45.0	44.1	35.9	25.0
<b>Property offenses</b>	29.4 mos.	33.0 mos.	34.3 mos.	32.5 mos.	31.5 mos.	26.0 mos.	22.3 mos.
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	27.1 mos.	31.1 mos.	32.8 mos.	31.1 mos.	31.0 mos.	26.1 mos.	22.3 mos.
Embezzlement	20.1	22.9	21.9	22.1	19.6	16.5	17.7
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	24.9	30.0	33.8	32.1	32.9	29.8	23.9
Forgery	32.5	36.5	32.8	30.6	32.1	18.3	17.1
Counterfeiting	35.0	38.2	43.3	37.2	29.1	20.1	19.5
<b>Other offenses</b>	32.9 mos.	36.6 mos.	37.9 mos.	36.5 mos.	32.7 mos.	25.7 mos.	22.5 mos.
Burglary	46.0	67.0	41.9	59.0	55.6	41.7	35.5
Larceny	29.2	31.7	33.6	33.8	27.5	22.7	18.7
Motor vehicle theft	38.1	42.8	42.4	44.3	38.0	28.6	28.2
Arson	34.3	34.8	24.8	51.7	19.0	45.3	25.5
Transportation of stolen property	47.7	48.0	56.0	37.3	51.1	33.3	31.2
Other	9.3	15.5	24.1	11.7	17.7	12.2	12.1
<b>Drug offenses</b>	47.1 mos.	58.2 mos.	62.2 mos.	67.8 mos.	71.3 mos.	74.9 mos.	81.2 mos.
Trafficking	48.1 mos.	60.8 mos.	63.9 mos.	69.1 mos.	73.6 mos.	77.3 mos.	83.5 mos.
Possession and other	14.7	34.5	41.0	48.0	13.6	8.1	13.1
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	24.5 mos.	32.7 mos.	36.9 mos.	35.5 mos.	30.7 mos.	27.6 mos.	27.7 mos.
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	25.3 mos.	37.7 mos.	47.2 mos.	42.1 mos.	30.4 mos.	24.0 mos.	26.3 mos.
Agriculture	12.4	16.3	6.2	11.7	7.4	7.9	9.2
Antitrust	3.2	5.3	10.7	3.6	8.3	13.5	13.5
Fair labor standards	53.0	10.2	36.0	2.0	8.7	5.0	12.0
Food and drug	4.4	9.5	24.9	17.1	12.6	11.3	20.7
Motor carrier	66.5	10.2	6.9	10.2	23.6	13.0	9.8
Other regulatory offenses	28.3	42.4	50.9	45.8	35.6	26.2	28.6
<b>Other offenses</b>	23.8 mos.	29.4 mos.	30.8 mos.	32.2 mos.	30.7 mos.	28.1 mos.	27.8 mos.
Weapons	37.6	41.5	45.4	53.3	52.3	47.1	47.5
Immigration offenses	13.0	14.4	15.1	15.2	11.7	9.3	10.5
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	13.1	22.4	20.6	21.1	22.8	25.2	25.1
Bribery	14.3	25.8	41.9	29.9	27.0	21.0	25.3
Perjury	24.9	44.8	20.2	31.8	18.9	17.2	22.0
National defense	19.6	63.0	42.9	26.3	14.3	13.8	16.9
Escape	20.8	26.2	23.3	22.7	23.9	23.6	22.0
Racketeering and extortion	62.6	84.8	89.6	84.4	72.3	57.4	60.8
Gambling offenses	12.7	17.5	18.5	20.3	12.6	12.0	12.0
Liquor offenses	16.2	20.0	16.0	12.0	4.7	3.7	4.4
Mail or transport of obscene materials	42.0	42.2	36.0	31.2	44.3	22.2	14.7
Traffic offenses	2.6	3.3	3.4	4.6	3.9	3.2	4.3
Migratory birds	6.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	5.1	11.3	4.5
Other	6.3	10.4	2.8	15.6	9.0	3.4	7.9

...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), 1985 - 1990**

Most serious offense of conviction <sup>a</sup>	Average time served until first release					
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
<b>All offenses</b>	14.9 mos.	14.9 mos.	16.3 mos.	18.7 mos.	18.7 mos.	19.2 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	49.9 mos.	49.6 mos.	48.8 mos.	54.2 mos.	52.6 mos.	54.2 mos.
Murder/manslaughter	71.7	51.4	49.0	65.5	53.3	64.9
Assault	40.4	43.8	43.9	43.8	41.9	45.0
Robbery	51.1	52.8	51.2	59.5	58.6	58.4
Rape	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sex offenses	29.8	27.2	26.0	32.4	36.2	34.0
Kidnapping	82.7	82.0	79.8	103.5	97.2	106.3
Threats against the President	-	-	-	30.3	-	25.8
<b>Property offenses</b>	14.3 mos.	15.6 mos.	15.1 mos.	16.7 mos.	16.4 mos.	16.3 mos.
<b>Fraudulent offenses</b>	12.3 mos.	13.5 mos.	13.3 mos.	14.8 mos.	15.5 mos.	15.1 mos.
Embezzlement	9.6	10.0	10.5	10.8	10.3	11.6
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	11.4	13.3	12.9	14.5	15.6	15.2
Forgery	15.6	15.2	15.2	16.9	16.5	14.6
Counterfeiting	15.9	17.4	18.0	19.8	19.8	19.0
<b>Other offenses</b>	17.3 mos.	19.3 mos.	18.8 mos.	21.0 mos.	18.4 mos.	19.6 mos.
Burglary	21.9	18.4	20.4	24.9	26.0	27.2
Larceny	15.1	17.7	15.9	17.6	16.3	16.8
Motor vehicle theft	23.1	23.3	23.8	28.2	21.3	22.6
Arson	23.3	27.5	30.2	28.2	35.3	38.8
Transportation of stolen property	22.8	23.3	26.8	28.6	24.8	28.3
Other	6.4	9.9	9.1	9.6	6.5	8.5
<b>Drug offenses</b>	21.2 mos.	22.1 mos.	23.0 mos.	25.2 mos.	27.7 mos.	29.7 mos.
Trafficking	21.9 mos.	22.7 mos.	23.6 mos.	26.0 mos.	28.9 mos.	30.7 mos.
Possession and other	9.3	8.5	9.1	10.4	9.8	10.3
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	6.7 mos.	6.5 mos.	7.5 mos.	9.1 mos.	8.5 mos.	8.6 mos.
<b>Regulatory offenses</b>	14.9 mos.	15.9 mos.	16.3 mos.	18.3 mos.	17.7 mos.	18.2 mos.
<b>Other offenses</b>	6.4 mos.	6.0 mos.	7.1 mos.	8.5 mos.	8.0 mos.	8.1 mos.
Weapons	19.3	19.1	19.7	20.6	20.8	20.9
Immigration offenses	4.0	3.6	4.1	4.9	4.4	4.1
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	8.0	9.6	10.3	11.0	11.0	12.0
Bribery	10.7	11.6	14.4	12.6	13.9	11.5
Perjury	11.0	10.9	13.1	11.5	16.6	13.2
National defense	-	-	-	16.6	-	20.7
Escape	16.5	19.2	15.3	16.0	17.0	18.4
Racketeering and extortion	23.1	23.3	23.6	28.3	30.3	31.2
Gambling offenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liquor offenses	...	-	...	-	-	-
Mail or transport of obscene materials	-	-	10.0	13.2	19.6	24.8
Traffic offenses	1.5	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.7	2.0
Migratory birds	2.8	5.4	-	4.7	6.0	7.3
Other	14.1	15.7	17.8	17.2	12.5	13.9

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.

...No cases of this type occurred in the data.  
 - Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.  
<sup>a</sup>Offense categories may not be directly comparable to other tables. Excludes 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 Pretrial Services Agency, the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, and the U.S. Parole Commission. Federal law prohibits the use of the BJS database for any purpose other than research or statistics.

The source for 1980-88 data in tables 1-17 is *Federal Criminal Case Processing, 1980-87: Addendum for 1988 and Preliminary 1989*. Data for 1989 supersede that publication. Comparable data for 1981-84 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*. The data shown in tables 8-12 and 15-17 for 1990 are preliminary since they reflect only those transactions recorded prior to April 1, 1991. It is estimated that the final figures, reflecting all transactions through December 31, 1990, will include approximately 600 to 800 additional transactions.

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.

The glossary defines all offense categories used, citing the U.S. Code. "Murder" includes nonnegligent homicide but excludes negligent homicide. "Other sex offenses" for the most part refer to violent offenses but may also include some nonviolent offenses. "Other property offenses" include destruction of property and trespassing. 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 each table, data describe the calendar year indicated.

## Explanatory notes

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

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.

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. Other BJS Federal Justice Statistics Program publications may present conviction data according to the most serious offense charged at the time of case filing.

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

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

These figures differ from statistics published by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts for

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

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 excluded from the table. 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. 81).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Escape** — departing or attempting to depart from the custody of a correctional institution; a judicial, correctional, or law enforcement officer; or a hospital where one is committed for drug abuse and drug dependency problems. Knowingly advising, aiding, assisting, or procuring the escape or attempted escape of any person from a correctional facility, an officer, or the above-mentioned hospital as well as concealing an escapee. Forcibly rescuing any person in an attempt to prevent execution or forcibly removing or attempting to remove the dead body of an executed offender in order to prevent an autopsy. Aiding or enticing any person belonging to the Armed Forces of a belligerent nation or fraction, who is interned in the United States in accordance with the law of nations, to escape or attempt to escape. Providing or attempting to provide to an inmate in prison a prohibited object or making, possessing, obtaining, or attempting to make or obtain a prohibited object (as defined in section 1791C of title

18). Instigating, assisting, attempting to cause, or causing any mutiny or riot at any Federal penal, detention, or correctional facility or conveying into any of these institutions any dangerous instrumentalities (18 U.S.C. 751, 752(A)(B), 753-57, 1071-74, 1791-92, 3150, and 4082(D); 42 U.S.C. 261(B)(C) and 3425-26; and 50 U.S.C. 822-23).

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

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

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

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

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

**Forgery** — falsely and with intent to defraud, making, counterfeiting, altering, or possessing with intent to pass off as genuine any U.S. Postal Service money order; post-marking 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. Gov-

ernment; 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, inter-State wire, radio, television, veterans benefits, allotments, bankruptcy, marketing agreements, commodity credit, the Securities and Exchange Commission, railroad retirement, unemployment, Social Security, false personation, citizenship, passports, conspiracy, and claims and statements, excluding tax fraud. The category excludes fraud involving tax violations that are shown in a separate category under "Public-order, other offenses." (See specific offenses in this glossary for citations.)

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

**Gambling** — transporting, manufacturing, selling, possessing, or using any gambling device in the District of Columbia or any possession of the United States or within Indian country or the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States as defined in section 7 of title 18. Also transporting gambling devices in the jurisdiction of the United States, except under authority of the Federal Trade Commission or any State that has a law providing for their ex-

emption from these provisions, transmitting wagering information in inter-State or foreign commerce, inter-State transporting of wagering paraphernalia, importing or transporting lottery tickets, or mailing lottery tickets or related matter. An employee of the Postal Service acting as a lottery agent is considered guilty of this offense (15 U.S.C. 1172-76; and 18 U.S.C. 1082(A)(B), 1084, 1301-3, 1953, and 1955).

**Guilty plea** — a plea in response to formal charges admitting that the defendant committed offenses as charged. This category also includes 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 territo-

rial jurisdiction of the United States as defined by section 7 of title 18, for ransom or reward, except in the case of a minor by a parent. Also receiving, possessing, or disposing of any money or other property that has been delivered as ransom or reward in connection with a kidnaping as well as conspiring to kidnap. This offense includes kidnaping or attempting to kidnap any Government official, the President of the United States, the President-elect, the Vice President, any foreign official, any official guest, or any internationally protected person (18 U.S.C. 351(B)-(D), 1201-2, and 1751(B)-(C)).

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

**Larceny** — taking and carrying away with intent to steal any personal property of another, within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 7. Stealing, possessing, converting to one's own use, or illegally selling or disposing of anything of value to the United States or any of its departments or agencies or any property made or being made under contract for the United States or any of its departments or agencies. Stealing anything of value (in excess of \$100) from a bank, the Postal Service, or any inter-State or foreign shipments by carrier. Receiving or possessing stolen property or pirate property. Stealing or obtaining by fraud any funds, assets, or property that are the subject of a grant, contract, or other form of assistance, whether received directly or indirectly, from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration or that belong to or are entrusted to the custody of an Indian tribal organization. This offense category excludes the transportation of stolen property (18 U.S.C. 641, 659, 661-62, 1024, 1163, 1660, 1702, 1704, 1707-8, and 2113(B)(C); 42 U.S.C. 3791; and 49 U.S.C. 1472(K.1)).

**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 inter-State or foreign commerce (18 U.S.C. 1461-63, 1465, and 1718).

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

**Mandatory release** — the release of an inmate from prison after confinement for a time period equal to his or her full sentence minus statutory good-time, if any. Federal prisoners released on mandatory release may still be subject to a period of 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 in Utah and Ouchita National Forest sanctuary and refuge in (16 U.S.C. 690(D)(G), 693A, 701, 703-6, 707(A)(B), 708-11, and 718(A)(E)(G)).

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Murder** — committing or attempting to commit murder (first or second degree) or voluntary manslaughter within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States (18 U.S.C. 7). Killing or attempting to kill any Government official, the President of the United States, the President-elect, the Vice President, any officers and employees of the United States, any foreign officials, any official guests, or any internationally protected persons. As applied to the owner or charterer of any steamboat or 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 inter-State or foreign commerce in the possession of a common or contract carrier. The malicious destruction of Government property, or injury to U.S. postal property such as mailboxes or mailbags. Trespassing on timber and Government lands is also included in this category of offenses (15 U.S.C. 1281; 16 U.S.C. 3, 9A, 45A, 45C-E, 114, 121-24, 146, 152, 163, 171, 403H-4, 413, 430H, 430Q, 430V, 460K-3, 460N-3, 460N-5, 460N-7, 471, 476-78, 478A, 479, 481-82, 551, and 604-6; 18 U.S.C. 1164, 1361-64, 1705-6, 1851-63, 2071(A)(B), and 2072; 24 U.S.C. 286; 40 U.S.C. 53, 101, 193(E)(O)(P)-(R), and 318(C); and 43 U.S.C. 316K).

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

**Other regulatory offenses** — violations of civil rights, election laws, the Communication Act (including wire tapping and wire interception), contempt, laws regarding congressional contempt, custom laws (except narcotics and liquor), importation of injurious animals and birds, inter-State commerce (the Connally Act, Hot Oil Act, transportation or importation of prison-made goods, and the Railroad and Transportation Act), maritime and shipping laws, laws regarding stowaways, the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, U.S. postal laws (excluding injury to postal property), intimidation of witness

laws, aircraft regulations, explosives (except in vessels), the Gold Acts, train wrecking, and any other regulatory offenses not listed above. (For citations refer to the *United States Title and Code Criminal Offense Citations*, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, September 1982.)

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

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

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

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

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

**Possession** — acquiring a controlled substance by misrepresentation or fraud, attempting or conspiring to possess, or simple possession of a controlled substance in schedules I-V (as defined by 21 U.S.C. 812). Also possession of a controlled substance in

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

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

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

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

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

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

offenses are termed "non-regulatory" only for the purpose of distinguishing them from the category "public-order, regulatory offenses," below.

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

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

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**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 jeop-

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**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

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**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.

**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

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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 non-



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violent), 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)).

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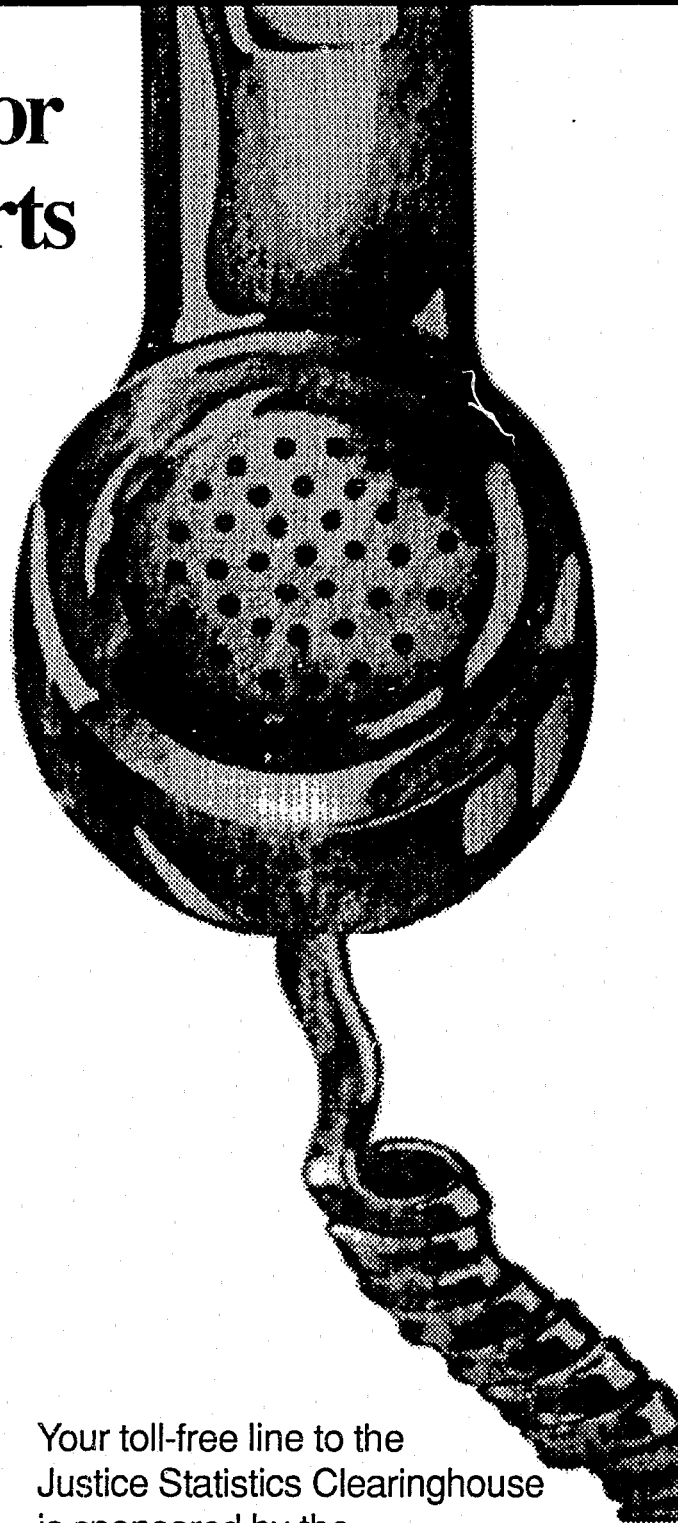
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