

**Table 5.3**  
**U.S. District Courts—Criminal Defendants Filed, by Offense,**  
**During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 1995 Through 2019**

Nature of Offense	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2010	2005	2000
<b>Total</b>	<b>92,485</b>	<b>86,950</b>	<b>76,822</b>	<b>77,152</b>	<b>79,834</b>	<b>99,939</b>	<b>91,632</b>	<b>83,303</b>
<b>Violent Offenses, Total</b>	<b>3,104</b>	<b>3,101</b>	<b>2,858</b>	<b>2,897</b>	<b>2,765</b>	<b>2,810</b>	<b>3,093</b>	<b>3,277</b>
Homicide	146	167	133	138	139	149	196	174
<b>Robbery, Total</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>1,506</b>
Bank	531	618	653	649	618	879	1,139	1,460
Other Robbery Offenses	32	34	53	29	27	65	42	46
Assault	1,184	1,170	1,089	1,099	1,026	843	988	938
Kidnapping	196	148	132	134	93	124	137	128
Racketeering - General	509	534	438	472	464	429	364	329
Carjacking	317	272	219	229	205	140	134	158
Terrorism <sup>1</sup>	48	55	53	40	77	75	35	7
Other Violent Offenses	141	103	88	107	116	106	58	37
<b>Property Offenses, Total</b>	<b>9,948</b>	<b>10,208</b>	<b>10,115</b>	<b>10,712</b>	<b>12,308</b>	<b>17,417</b>	<b>15,269</b>	<b>17,126</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Larceny and Theft, Total</b>	<b>1,544</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>1,944</b>	<b>2,142</b>	<b>2,453</b>	<b>2,797</b>	<b>3,012</b>	<b>3,775</b>
Bank	20	26	30	27	22	53	96	290
Postal Service	256	339	308	252	220	262	387	603
Interstate Shipments	18	23	44	19	17	38	56	135
Theft of U.S. Property	1,096	1,204	1,379	1,619	1,954	1,983	1,859	1,925
Theft Within Maritime Jurisdiction	80	77	81	103	118	191	208	350
Transportation of Stolen Property	62	73	93	87	98	166	218	380
Other Larceny and Theft Offenses	12	13	9	35	24	104	188	92
<b>Embezzlement, Total</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>1,171</b>
Bank	38	45	60	64	82	136	225	674
Postal Service	173	145	167	155	166	238	232	249
Financial Institutions	9	12	17	13	9	22	26	54

Other Embezzlement Offenses	131	152	172	155	165	228	227	194
<b>Fraud, Total</b>	<b>7,513</b>	<b>7,520</b>	<b>7,165</b>	<b>7,557</b>	<b>8,700</b>	<b>12639</b>	<b>9,907</b>	<b>9,985</b>
Tax	367	378	377	396	470	596	644	654
Financial Institutions	250	270	266	258	267	812	1,016	1,661
Securities and Exchange	73	65	68	83	73	122	142	256
Mail	153	147	173	233	288	650	695	941
Wire, Radio, or Television	454	498	448	415	518	710	487	493
Bankruptcy	51	36	47	70	57	68	112	157
Social Security	396	285	308	273	346	544	699	687
False Personation	15	21	19	19	21	58	49	43
Citizenship and Naturalization	67	91	82	71	96	286	307	367
Passport	520	503	347	397	564	889	394	292
Identification Documents and Information	744	772	639	758	956	2,780	1,338	721
False Claims of Government Services	65	88	133	230	286	245	259	233
False Statements	566	403	329	385	433	682	960	658
Conspiracy to Defraud the United States	733	793	849	861	923	1,025	1,168	1,393
Unauthorized Access Devices	633	746	819	802	805	791	744	849
Computer	102	87	66	51	73	95	115	92
Health Care <sup>2</sup>	489	540	447	457	515	529	486	391
Attempt and Conspiracy to Defraud <sup>3</sup>	1,810	1,755	1,668	1,629	1,926	1,671	188	-
Other Fraud Offenses	25	42	80	169	83	86	104	97
<b>Forgery and Counterfeiting</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>1087</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>1,778</b>
<b>Auto Theft</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>164</b>
<b>Other Property Offenses</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>178</b>
<b>Drug Offenses, Total</b>	<b>26,021</b>	<b>24,740</b>	<b>24,356</b>	<b>24,638</b>	<b>25,493</b>	<b>29,410</b>	<b>32,637</b>	<b>30,412</b>
<b>Marijuana, Total</b>	<b>2,432</b>	<b>3,385</b>	<b>4,181</b>	<b>5,158</b>	<b>5,584</b>	<b>7368</b>	<b>7,349</b>	<b>8,492</b>
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	1,256	1,845	2,249	2,717	2,778	4,756	4,432	5,504
Import/Export	324	424	373	422	389	970	1,327	1,981
Manufacture	50	47	60	57	68	337	227	203
Possession	802	1,069	1,499	1,962	2,349	1,305	1,363	804
<b>All Other Drugs, Total</b>	<b>23,495</b>	<b>21,274</b>	<b>20,091</b>	<b>19,386</b>	<b>19,828</b>	<b>21918</b>	<b>25,121</b>	<b>21,731</b>
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	20,844	18,895	17,560	17,391	17,542	19,557	22,243	19,117
Import/Export	2,011	1,678	1,773	1,511	1,553	1,302	1,279	1,376
Manufacture	183	187	223	147	355	712	1,040	870

Possession	457	514	535	337	378	347	559	368
<b>Other Drug Offenses</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>189</b>
<b>Firearms and Explosives Offenses, Total</b>	<b>12,642</b>	<b>11,692</b>	<b>9,672</b>	<b>8,734</b>	<b>7,980</b>	<b>8,376</b>	<b>10,328</b>	<b>6,527</b>
<b>Firearms, Total</b>	<b>12,479</b>	<b>11,526</b>	<b>9,525</b>	<b>8,576</b>	<b>7,851</b>	<b>8,145</b>	<b>10,083</b>	<b>6,251</b>
Possession by Prohibited Persons	7,507	6,745	5,726	5,032	4,719	4,827	5,973	3,288
Furtherance of Violent/Drug-Trafficking Crimes	3,166	3,136	2,438	2,277	1,968	1,936	2,527	1,606
Other Firearms Offenses	1,806	1,645	1,361	1,267	1,164	1,382	1,583	1,357
<b>Explosives</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>276</b>
<b>Sex Offenses, Total</b>	<b>3,216</b>	<b>3,240</b>	<b>3,161</b>	<b>3,204</b>	<b>3,431</b>	<b>2,871</b>	<b>1,828</b>	<b>976</b>
Sexual Abuse of Adults	115	127	113	138	113	111	104	117
Sexual Abuse of Minors	931	938	892	903	876	573	353	247
Sexually Explicit Material	1,439	1,485	1,465	1,469	1,680	1,692	1,112	462
Transportation for Illegal Sexual Activity [4]	321	248	239	229	236	154	256	142
Sex Offender Registry [5]	403	435	442	462	509	334	-	-
Other Sex Offenses	7	7	10	3	17	7	3	8
<b>Justice System Offenses, Total</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>1,226</b>	<b>1,240</b>
Aiding, Abetting, or Accessory	113	111	129	117	127	159	307	205
Obstruction of Justice	252	261	237	231	237	324	336	246
Escape from Custody	362	317	348	333	318	285	257	243
Failure to Appear	72	71	85	79	91	162	184	300
Perjury	24	19	23	29	23	34	73	135
Contempt	42	42	37	33	35	26	69	111
<b>Immigration Offenses, Total</b>	<b>31,495</b>	<b>27,916</b>	<b>20,438</b>	<b>20,762</b>	<b>20,833</b>	<b>29,149</b>	<b>18,322</b>	<b>13,067</b>
Alien Smuggling	4,541	3,702	3,191	3,061	2,779	3,050	3,752	2,743
Improper Entry by Alien	461	254	172	196	279	1,308	2,067	2,588
Improper Reentry by Alien	25,667	23,250	16,554	16,982	17,176	23,211	11,653	7,196
Fraud and Misuse of Visa/Permits	772	671	455	467	559	1,503	782	406
Other Immigration Offenses	54	39	66	56	40	77	68	134
<b>General Offenses, Total</b>	<b>1,880</b>	<b>1,735</b>	<b>1,718</b>	<b>1,816</b>	<b>1,848</b>	<b>2,401</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>3,838</b>
Bribery	109	84	96	93	99	164	182	327
Money Laundering	825	841	706	781	942	995	1,303	1,443

RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act)	113	120	214	235	141	141	159	139
Racketeering - General	35	41	76	60	39	56	72	55
Extortion and Threats	149	110	103	110	96	140	222	236
Gambling and Lottery	26	19	27	69	40	69	159	213
Failure to Pay Child Support	5	6	10	16	48	75	92	292
Other General Offenses	618	514	486	452	443	761	611	1,133
<b>Regulatory Offenses, Total</b>	<b>1,415</b>	<b>1,298</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>1,588</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>1,987</b>	<b>2,149</b>
Civil Rights	179	167	183	192	170	130	116	126
Copyright	15	4	14	11	21	70	56	35
Food and Drug	56	55	42	66	91	58	44	64
Hazardous Waste Treatment, Disposal, and Storage	25	29	30	26	27	43	51	64
Telegraph, Telephone, and Radiograph	5	5	3	3	4	6	19	69
National Defense	52	42	48	22	51	85	41	25
Antitrust	16	19	37	40	37	36	37	75
Labor	42	36	35	49	41	84	78	139
Game and Conservation	115	130	173	136	164	228	202	192
National Parks/Recreation	51	66	53	70	102	161	110	183
Customs	315	226	154	112	105	142	79	164
Postal Service	80	67	85	77	117	120	110	112
Reporting of Monetary Transactions	115	111	145	154	207	347	292	318
Migratory Bird	34	45	48	38	86	115	107	80
Maritime and Shipping	115	58	52	86	103	127	96	94
Aircraft Regulations	52	63	39	58	60	60	96	64
Other Regulatory Offenses	148	175	212	177	202	325	453	345
<b>Traffic Offenses, Total</b>	<b>1,899</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>2,292</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>2,757</b>	<b>4,378</b>	<b>4,142</b>	<b>4,691</b>
Drunk Driving	746	778	760	725	951	1514	1,809	1,252
Other Traffic Offenses	1,153	1,421	1,532	1,525	1,806	2864	2,333	3,439

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Note: Due to a change in methodology, numbers for years prior to 2015 may not match numbers previously published in this table.

In 2005, the classification of criminal filings was amended to more accurately categorize the major offense charged. Data in this table reflect these revisions. Therefore, data published in the Annual Report of Judicial Business of the United States Courts in 2005 and thereafter do not match data published prior to 2005.

<sup>1</sup> Data collection for this category began in 1997.

<sup>2</sup> Data collection for this category began in 1998.

<sup>3</sup> Data collection for this category began in 2004.

[4] Data collection for this category began in 1996.

[5] Data collection for this category began in 2008.

Source: Table D-2 (Defendants), *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

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