

**Table D-2. Defendants  
U.S. District Courts—Criminal Defendants Commenced, by Major Offense (Excluding Transfers),  
During the 12-Month Periods Ending March 31, 1999 Through 2003**

| Nature of Proceedings and Offense            | 1999          | 2000          | 2001          | 2002          | 2003          | Percent Change<br>2003 Over 2002 <sup>1</sup> |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                 | <b>79,627</b> | <b>81,444</b> | <b>84,012</b> | <b>83,809</b> | <b>91,780</b> | <b>9.5</b>                                    |
| <b>PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED BY</b>              |               |               |               |               |               |   |
| INDICTMENT                                   | 55,918        | 57,376        | 60,613        | 62,157        | 68,012        | 9.4   |
| INFORMATION—INDICTMENT WAIVED                | 10,791        | 11,557        | 11,065        | 10,127        | 11,617        | 14.7  |
| INFORMATION—OTHER                            | 8,040         | 7,767         | 8,523         | 8,075         | 8,189         | 1.4   |
| REMANDED FROM APPELLATE COURT                | 128           | 124           | 80            | 97            | 133           | 37.1  |
| REMOVED FROM STATE COURT                     | 24            | 57            | 46            | 28            | 33            | 17.9  |
| REOPENED/REINSTATED                          | 219           | 146           | 90            | 60            | 84            | 40.0  |
| APPEAL FROM U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE            | 111           | 98            | 94            | 111           | 87            | -21.6   |
| JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS             | 259           | 268           | 212           | 183           | 212           | 15.8  |
| CONSENT BEFORE MAGISTRATE JUDGE              | 1,803         | 1,280         | 1,029         | 1,018         | 1,502         | 47.5  |
| RETRIAL ON MISTRIAL                          | 70            | 83            | 75            | 59            | 84            | 42.4  |
| RETRIAL—REMAND FROM APPEALS COURT            | 127           | 130           | 98            | 99            | 100           | 1.0   |
| VIOLATION NOTICE                             | 2,137         | 2,558         | 2,087         | 1,795         | 1,727         | -3.8  |
| <b>GENERAL OFFENSES</b>                      |               |               |               |               |               |   |
| <b>HOMICIDE, TOTAL <sup>2</sup></b>          | <b>492</b>    | <b>458</b>    | <b>452</b>    | <b>398</b>    | <b>335</b>    | <b>-15.8</b>                                  |
| MURDER—FIRST DEGREE                          | 431           | 399           | 415           | 348           | 286           | -17.8   |
| MURDER—SECOND DEGREE                         | 19            | 14            | 10            | 11            | 13            | 18.2  |
| MANSLAUGHTER                                 | 42            | 45            | 27            | 39            | 36            | -7.7  |
| <b>ROBBERY, TOTAL</b>                        | <b>1,630</b>  | <b>1,453</b>  | <b>1,617</b>  | <b>1,563</b>  | <b>1,422</b>  | <b>-9.0</b>                                   |
| BANK   | 1,555         | 1,399         | 1,575         | 1,499         | 1,371         | -8.5  |
| POSTAL                                       | 45            | 34            | 25            | 37            | 22            | -40.5   |
| OTHER  | 30            | 20            | 17            | 27            | 29            | 7.4   |
| <b>ASSAULT <sup>2</sup></b>                  | <b>643</b>    | <b>684</b>    | <b>674</b>    | <b>634</b>    | <b>881</b>    | <b>39.0</b>                                   |
| <b>BURGLARY—BREAKING AND ENTERING, TOTAL</b> | <b>122</b>    | <b>77</b>     | <b>78</b>     | <b>69</b>     | <b>72</b>     | <b>4.3</b>                                    |
| BANK   | -             | -             | -             | -             | -             | -   |
| POSTAL                                       | 28            | 16            | 20            | 14            | 17            | 21.4  |
| INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS                         | 3             | -             | -             | 3             | 1             | -   |
| OTHER  | 91            | 61            | 58            | 52            | 54            | 3.8   |

**Table D-2. Defendants (March 31, 2003—Continued)**

| Nature of Proceedings and Offense        | 1999          | 2000          | 2001          | 2002          | 2003          | Percent Change<br>2003 Over 2002 <sup>1</sup> |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|
| <b>LARCENY AND THEFT, TOTAL</b>          | <b>4,234</b>  | <b>4,221</b>  | <b>4,019</b>  | <b>3,864</b>  | <b>3,893</b>  | <b>.8</b>                                     |
| BANK                                     | 278           | 283           | 292           | 243           | 195           | -19.8   |
| POSTAL                                   | 590           | 627           | 612           | 634           | 641           | 1.1   |
| INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS                     | 381           | 409           | 377           | 382           | 483           | 26.4  |
| OTHER U.S. PROPERTY                      | 2,056         | 1,978         | 1,933         | 1,933         | 1,818         | -5.9  |
| TRANSPORTATION, ETC., OF STOLEN PROPERTY | 399           | 399           | 361           | 352           | 324           | -8.0  |
| OTHER                                    | 530           | 525           | 444           | 320           | 432           | 35.0  |
| <b>EMBEZZLEMENT, TOTAL</b>               | <b>1,497</b>  | <b>1,351</b>  | <b>1,173</b>  | <b>1,148</b>  | <b>1,187</b>  | <b>3.4</b>                                    |
| BANK                                     | 753           | 756           | 614           | 550           | 520           | -5.5  |
| POSTAL                                   | 314           | 269           | 216           | 252           | 311           | 23.4  |
| OTHER                                    | 430           | 326           | 343           | 346           | 356           | 2.9   |
| <b>FRAUD, TOTAL</b>                      | <b>11,015</b> | <b>10,122</b> | <b>10,438</b> | <b>10,250</b> | <b>11,812</b> | <b>15.2</b>                                   |
| INCOME TAX                               | 736           | 718           | 577           | 470           | 510           | 8.5   |
| LENDING INSTITUTION                      | 1,796         | 1,788         | 1,712         | 1,507         | 1,556         | 3.3   |
| POSTAL                                   | 1,674         | 1,530         | 1,587         | 1,564         | 1,605         | 2.6   |
| VETERANS AND ALLOTMENTS                  | 3             | 3             | 5             | 7             | 10            | 42.9  |
| SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE                  | 146           | 145           | 274           | 133           | 282           | 112.0   |
| SOCIAL SECURITY                          | 622           | 724           | 685           | 660           | 1,398         | 111.8   |
| FALSE PERSONATION                        | 30            | 32            | 38            | 45            | 24            | -46.7   |
| NATIONALITY LAWS                         | 334           | 277           | 441           | 284           | 301           | 6.0   |
| PASSPORT FRAUD                           | 347           | 304           | 278           | 247           | 349           | 41.3  |
| FALSE CLAIMS AND STATEMENTS              | 2,041         | 1,562         | 1,554         | 1,732         | 2,107         | 21.7  |
| OTHER                                    | 3,286         | 3,039         | 3,287         | 3,601         | 3,670         | 1.9   |
| <b>AUTO THEFT</b>                        | <b>328</b>    | <b>399</b>    | <b>315</b>    | <b>244</b>    | <b>283</b>    | <b>16.0</b>                                   |
| <b>FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING, TOTAL</b> | <b>1,907</b>  | <b>1,751</b>  | <b>1,678</b>  | <b>1,895</b>  | <b>1,704</b>  | <b>-10.1</b>                                  |
| TRANSPORTATION OF FORGED SECURITIES      | -             | -             | -             | -             | -             | -   |
| POSTAL FORGERY                           | -             | -             | -             | -             | -             | -   |
| OTHER FORGERY                            | 206           | 159           | 149           | 125           | 121           | -3.2  |
| COUNTERFEITING                           | 1,701         | 1,592         | 1,529         | 1,770         | 1,583         | -10.6   |
| <b>SEX OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>               | <b>866</b>    | <b>1,022</b>  | <b>1,013</b>  | <b>1,190</b>  | <b>1,312</b>  | <b>10.3</b>                                   |
| SEXUAL ABUSE                             | 329           | 565           | 433           | 484           | 600           | 24.0  |
| OTHER                                    | 537           | 457           | 580           | 706           | 712           | .8  |

**Table D-2. Defendants (March 31, 2003—Continued)**

| Nature of Proceedings and Offense            | 1999          | 2000          | 2001          | 2002          | 2003          | Percent Change<br>2003 Over 2002 <sup>1</sup> |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|
| <b>DRUGS</b>                                 | <b>30,151</b> | <b>30,568</b> | <b>31,638</b> | <b>32,148</b> | <b>32,167</b> | <b>.1</b>                                     |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL OFFENSES, TOTAL</b> | <b>12,707</b> | <b>13,882</b> | <b>14,810</b> | <b>15,264</b> | <b>17,902</b> | <b>17.3</b>                                   |
| BRIBERY                                      | 184           | 209           | 310           | 157           | 178           | 13.4  |
| DRUNK DRIVING AND TRAFFIC                    | 4,948         | 5,060         | 4,844         | 5,054         | 5,203         | 2.9   |
| ESCAPE <sup>3</sup>                          | 666           | 699           | 651           | 593           | 586           | -1.2  |
| EXTORTION, RACKETEERING, AND THREATS         | 1,165         | 1,090         | 954           | 947           | 1,162         | 22.7  |
| GAMBLING AND LOTTERY                         | 25            | 38            | 29            | 18            | 28            | 55.6  |
| KIDNAPPING                                   | 222           | 195           | 186           | 176           | 206           | 17.0  |
| PERJURY                                      | 140           | 100           | 154           | 128           | 136           | 6.3   |
| WEAPONS AND FIREARMS                         | 4,678         | 5,644         | 6,597         | 7,205         | 9,402         | 30.5  |
| OTHER  | 679           | 847           | 1,085         | 986           | 1,001         | 1.5   |
| <b>SPECIAL OFFENSES</b>                      |               |               |               |               |               |   |
| <b>IMMIGRATION LAWS</b>                      | <b>10,874</b> | <b>12,488</b> | <b>12,621</b> | <b>12,011</b> | <b>15,705</b> | <b>30.8</b>                                   |
| <b>LIQUOR, INTERNAL REVENUE</b>              | <b>4</b>      | <b>11</b>     | <b>12</b>     | <b>3</b>      | <b>2</b>      | <b>-</b>                                      |
| <b>FEDERAL STATUTES, TOTAL</b>               | <b>3,157</b>  | <b>2,957</b>  | <b>3,474</b>  | <b>3,128</b>  | <b>3,103</b>  | <b>-8</b>                                     |
| AGRICULTURE/CONSERVATION LAWS                | 437           | 332           | 432           | 287           | 322           | 12.2  |
| ANTITRUST VIOLATIONS                         | 31            | 49            | 80            | 27            | 28            | 3.7   |
| FOOD AND DRUG LAW                            | 66            | 57            | 82            | 80            | 75            | -6.2  |
| MIGRATORY BIRD LAWS                          | 41            | 82            | 63            | 110           | 109           | -9  |
| MOTOR CARRIER LAW                            | 8             | 15            | 4             | 3             | 1             | -   |
| NATIONAL DEFENSE LAWS                        | 96            | 93            | 603           | 420           | 278           | -33.8   |
| CIVIL RIGHTS                                 | 146           | 133           | 126           | 123           | 91            | -26.0   |
| CONTEMPT                                     | 91            | 107           | 146           | 148           | 72            | -51.4   |
| CUSTOMS LAWS                                 | 178           | 160           | 137           | 113           | 96            | -15.0   |
| POSTAL LAWS <sup>4</sup>                     | 146           | 113           | 129           | 128           | 121           | -5.5  |
| OTHER  | 1,917         | 1,816         | 1,672         | 1,689         | 1,910         | 13.1  |

NOTE: THIS TABLE INCLUDES DEFENDANTS IN ALL FELONY AND CLASS A MISDEMEANOR CASES, BUT INCLUDES ONLY THOSE PETTY OFFENSE DEFENDANTS WHOSE CASES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO DISTRICT JUDGES.

<sup>1</sup> PERCENT CHANGE IS COMPUTED ON 10 OR MORE CASES.

<sup>2</sup> IN 2003, A CHANGE IN CODING CAUSED SOME DEFENDANTS THAT PREVIOUSLY WOULD HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS HOMICIDE DEFENDANTS TO BE REPORTED AS AGGRAVATED ASSAULT DEFENDANTS. THEREFORE, TOTALS FOR 2003 AND THEREAFTER ARE NOT COMPARABLE TO TOTALS FOR PREVIOUS YEARS.

<sup>3</sup> INCLUDES ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY, AIDING OR ABETTING AN ESCAPE, FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT, AND BAIL JUMPING.

<sup>4</sup> OBSTRUCTING MAIL, MAILING NONMAILABLE MATERIAL, AND OTHER POSTAL REGULATIONS.