

**Table D-2. Defendants
U.S. District Courts—Criminal Defendants Commenced, by Major Offense (Excluding Transfers),
During the 12-Month Periods Ending December 31, 1998 Through 2002**

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Percent Change 2002 Over 2001 ¹
TOTAL	79,116	80,256	84,352	83,488	89,747	7.5
PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED BY						
INDICTMENT	55,251	56,471	60,467	61,847	66,479	7.5
INFORMATION—INDICTMENT WAIVED	10,727	11,300	11,331	10,056	11,348	12.8
INFORMATION—OTHER	8,200	7,589	8,677	8,118	8,216	1.2
REMANDED FROM APPELLATE COURT	104	141	82	79	141	78.5
REMOVED FROM STATE COURT	16	64	37	39	26	-33.3
REOPENED/REINSTATED	190	154	115	44	80	81.8
APPEAL FROM U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE	93	110	80	109	96	-11.9
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS	260	277	225	183	191	4.4
CONSENT BEFORE MAGISTRATE JUDGE	1,943	1,489	1,059	1,006	1,263	25.5
RETRIAL ON MISTRIAL	76	70	79	66	80	21.2
RETRIAL—REMAND FROM APPEALS COURT	119	131	93	111	91	-18.0
VIOLATION NOTICE	2,137	2,460	2,107	1,830	1,736	-5.1
GENERAL OFFENSES						
HOMICIDE, TOTAL	487	464	446	419	453	8.1
MURDER—FIRST DEGREE	426	403	412	371	400	7.8
MURDER—SECOND DEGREE	15	17	8	11	14	27.3
MANSLAUGHTER	46	44	26	37	39	5.4
ROBBERY, TOTAL	1,704	1,458	1,592	1,584	1,497	-5.5
BANK	1,624	1,397	1,548	1,525	1,439	-5.6
POSTAL	48	40	30	30	31	3.3
OTHER	32	21	14	29	27	-6.9
ASSAULT	664	641	725	618	723	17.0
BURGLARY—BREAKING AND ENTERING, TOTAL	127	86	70	68	76	11.8
BANK	-	-	-	-	-	-
POSTAL	34	17	15	15	22	46.7
INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS	1	2	-	3	1	-
OTHER	92	67	55	50	53	6.0

Table D-2. Defendants (December 31, 2002—Continued)

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Percent Change 2002 Over 2001 ¹
LARCENY AND THEFT, TOTAL	4,356	4,184	4,180	3,795	3,870	2.0
BANK	282	280	293	267	189	-29.2
POSTAL	612	606	623	640	641	.2
INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS	356	402	398	343	443	29.2
OTHER U.S. PROPERTY	2,147	1,977	1,972	1,893	1,863	-1.6
TRANSPORTATION, ETC., OF STOLEN PROPERTY	388	424	389	333	343	3.0
OTHER	571	495	505	319	391	22.6
EMBEZZLEMENT, TOTAL	1,564	1,313	1,234	1,192	1,169	-1.9
BANK	810	728	645	610	527	-13.6
POSTAL	331	248	237	238	301	26.5
OTHER	423	337	352	344	341	-.9
FRAUD, TOTAL	11,262	10,061	10,404	10,611	11,343	6.9
INCOME TAX	750	733	593	506	496	-2.0
LENDING INSTITUTION	1,725	1,792	1,672	1,637	1,512	-7.6
POSTAL	1,771	1,493	1,542	1,621	1,596	-1.5
VETERANS AND ALLOTMENTS	2	3	6	4	7	-
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	144	99	258	193	267	38.3
SOCIAL SECURITY	636	616	771	658	1,310	99.1
FALSE PERSONATION	35	25	41	38	32	-15.8
NATIONALITY LAWS	331	257	411	346	287	-17.1
PASSPORT FRAUD	315	305	291	279	286	2.5
FALSE CLAIMS AND STATEMENTS	2,161	1,726	1,510	1,722	2,024	17.5
OTHER	3,392	3,012	3,309	3,607	3,526	-2.2
AUTO THEFT	296	378	321	302	249	-17.5
FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING, TOTAL	1,884	1,762	1,665	1,991	1,634	-17.9
TRANSPORTATION OF FORGED SECURITIES	-	-	-	-	-	-
POSTAL FORGERY	1	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORGERY	221	164	153	135	127	-5.9
COUNTERFEITING	1,662	1,598	1,512	1,856	1,507	-18.8
SEX OFFENSES, TOTAL	814	1,014	971	1,112	1,337	20.2
SEXUAL ABUSE	307	518	430	452	611	35.2
OTHER	507	496	541	660	726	10.0

Table D-2. Defendants (December 31, 2002—Continued)

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Percent Change 2002 Over 2001 ¹
DRUGS	29,668	30,698	31,472	31,735	32,550	2.6
MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL OFFENSES, TOTAL	12,422	13,588	14,562	15,151	17,183	13.4
BRIBERY	217	229	304	164	158	-3.7
DRUNK DRIVING AND TRAFFIC	4,881	4,991	4,776	5,194	5,158	-.7
ESCAPE ²	632	697	675	617	568	-7.9
EXTORTION, RACKETEERING, AND THREATS	1,175	1,122	1,006	863	1,119	29.7
GAMBLING AND LOTTERY	26	33	42	20	27	35.0
KIDNAPPING	239	201	190	161	204	26.7
PERJURY	147	97	151	131	143	9.2
WEAPONS AND FIREARMS	4,466	5,345	6,414	6,986	8,811	26.1
OTHER	639	873	1,004	1,015	995	-2.0
SPECIAL OFFENSES						
IMMIGRATION LAWS	10,658	11,769	13,110	11,846	14,549	22.8
LIQUOR, INTERNAL REVENUE	1	9	15	5	1	-
FEDERAL STATUTES, TOTAL	3,209	2,831	3,585	3,059	3,113	1.8
AGRICULTURE/CONSERVATION LAWS	436	381	409	312	292	-6.4
ANTITRUST VIOLATIONS	25	52	68	40	31	-22.5
FOOD AND DRUG LAW	71	57	81	72	80	11.1
MIGRATORY BIRD LAWS	42	51	83	100	107	7.0
MOTOR CARRIER LAW	8	15	4	2	2	-
NATIONAL DEFENSE LAWS	98	78	622	418	258	-38.3
CIVIL RIGHTS	168	137	123	135	84	-37.8
CONTEMPT	91	102	126	140	111	-20.7
CUSTOMS LAWS	195	138	166	104	93	-10.6
POSTAL LAWS ³	147	124	106	147	123	-16.3
OTHER	1,928	1,696	1,797	1,589	1,932	21.6

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.

¹ PERCENT CHANGE IS COMPUTED ON 10 OR MORE CASES.

² INCLUDES ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY, AIDING OR ABETTING AN ESCAPE, FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT, AND BAIL JUMPING.

³ OBSTRUCTING MAIL, MAILING NONMAILABLE MATERIAL, AND OTHER POSTAL REGULATIONS.