

Table 7
Authorized Intercepts Granted Pursuant to
18 U.S.C. 2519 as Reported in Wiretap Reports
for Calendar Years 1990 - 2000

Wiretap Report Date	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Intercept applications requested	872	856	919	976	1,154	1,058	1,150	1,186	1,331	1,350	1,190
Intercept applications authorized	872	856	919	976	1,154	1,058	1,149	1,186	1,329	1,350	1,190
Federal	324	356	340	450	554	532	581	569	566	601	479
State	548	500	579	526	600	526	568	617	763	749	711
Avg. days of original authorization	28	28	28	28	29	29	28	28	28	27	28
Number of extensions	581	601	646	825	861	834	887	1,028	1,164	1,367	924
Average length of extensions (days)	29	29	30	29	29	29	28	28	27	29	28
Location of authorized intercept*											
Personal Residence	493	439	441	410	451	428	434	382	436	341	244
Business	156	144	119	124	118	101	101	78	87	59	56
Portable device	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	719
Multiple locations	66	89	70	92	97	115	149	197	222	287	109
Not indicated or other	157	184	289	350	488	414	465	529	584	663	62
Major offense specified											
Arson, explosives, and weapons	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	3	3	8	5
Bribery	11	16	8	1	6	4	10	13	9	42	21
Extortion (includes usury and loan-sharking)	17	2	7	9	8	18	9	24	12	11	10
Gambling	116	98	66	96	86	95	114	98	93	60	49
Homicide and assault	21	21	35	28	19	30	41	31	55	62	72
Larceny and theft	51	17	16	13	18	12	7	22	19	9	15
Narcotics	520	536	634	679	876	732	821	870	955	978	894
Robbery and burglary	6	2	-	-	6	5	4	5	4	4	4
Other or unspecified	40	50	63	48	47	60	38	27	28	37	44
Racketeering	90	114	90	101	88	98	105	93	153	139	76
Intercept applications installed**	812	802	846	938	1,100	1,024	1,035	1,094	1,245	1,277	1,139
Federal	321	349	332	444	549	527	574	563	562	595	472
State	491	453	514	494	551	497	461	531	683	682	667
For intercepts installed											
Total days in operation	28,782	30,002	32,430	39,819	44,500	43,179	43,635	48,871	53,411	63,243	47,729
Avg. number of persons intercepted***	131	121	117	100	84	140	192	197	190	195	196
Average number of intercepted communications***	1,487	1,584	1,861	1,801	2,139	2,028	1,969	2,081	1,858	1,921	1,769
Average number of incriminating intercepted communications***	321	290	347	364	373	459	422	418	350	390	402
Authorizations for which costs reported	794	775	829	912	1,042	983	1,007	1,029	1,184	1,232	1,080
Average cost of intercepts for which costs reported (in dollars)	45,125	45,033	46,492	57,256	49,478	56,454	61,436	61,176	57,669	57,511	54,829
Intercept applications authorized, but reported after publication****	50	85	47	206	46	81	48	90	114	171	-
Total authorized, by year (reported through December 2000)	922	941	966	1,182	1,200	1,139	1,197	1,276	1,443	1,521	1,190

* Starting in 2000, location categories were revised to improve reporting and reduce the number of instances "other" location was reported.

** Installed intercepts include only those intercepts for which reports were received from prosecuting officials.

*** As of 1998, the average excludes those reports in which the number of persons intercepted, the number of intercepts, or the number of incriminating intercepts was not reported or could not be determined.

**** Some wiretaps terminated in a given year are not reported until a subsequent year because they are part of ongoing investigations.