

Table 5.10

Criminal cases filed in U.S. District Courts

By offense, fiscal years 1990, 1994-2003

Offense	1990	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total	47,962	44,678	45,053	47,146	49,655	57,023	59,251	62,152	62,134	66,452	70,092
Miscellaneous general offenses	13,265	12,414	11,114	10,462	10,386	10,856	11,747	12,544	13,190	14,987	16,432
Drunk driving and traffic	8,538	7,080	5,214	5,045	4,974	4,982	5,005	4,679	4,958	5,149	5,084
Weapons and firearms	2,713	3,112	3,621	3,162	3,184	3,641	4,367	5,387	5,845	7,382	9,075
Escape ^a	875	739	697	723	587	564	639	635	582	562	519
Kidnaping	65	68	81	116	99	150	101	111	104	98	124
Bribery	254	283	190	152	168	174	158	145	131	118	101
Extortion, racketeering, and threats	357	509	713	557	572	617	534	557	466	594	479
Gambling and lottery	109	80	26	16	24	22	16	17	6	10	11
Perjury	122	93	85	99	87	126	91	113	137	114	84
Other	232	450	487	592	691	580	836	900	961	960	955
Fraud	7,552	7,098	7,414	7,633	7,874	8,342	7,654	7,788	7,585	8,204	8,092
Drug laws	12,592	11,369	11,520	12,092	13,656	16,281	17,483	17,505	18,425	19,215	18,996
Larceny and theft	3,391	3,337	3,432	3,674	3,299	3,590	3,514	3,414	3,242	3,138	3,103
Forgery and counterfeiting	1,514	1,093	1,001	987	1,156	1,346	1,292	1,203	1,212	1,193	1,078
Embezzlement	2,027	1,575	1,368	1,284	1,172	1,397	1,315	1,200	1,072	1,075	962
Immigration laws	2,390	2,595	3,960	5,526	6,677	9,339	10,641	12,150	11,277	12,576	15,400
Federal statutes	2,325	2,084	2,403	2,317	2,156	2,363	2,241	2,844	2,573	2,384	2,281
Agricultural/conservation acts	276	247	401	313	267	333	277	316	282	232	226
Migratory bird laws	31	39	27	48	22	42	18	52	56	74	126
Civil rights ^b	64	70	73	73	59	77	81	80	76	62	48
Motor Carrier Act	40	11	12	7	8	6	16	5	3	2	3
Antitrust violations	70	43	38	31	34	25	39	43	28	24	11
Food and Drug Act	87	46	55	48	48	47	59	52	70	59	46
Contempt	178	74	69	81	77	80	78	109	158	107	73
National defense laws	106	95	85	62	73	55	68	533	462	147	74
Customs laws	148	88	97	110	97	125	96	97	79	78	72
Postal laws ^c	215	182	202	152	165	152	119	112	135	129	122
Other	1,110	1,189	1,344	1,392	1,306	1,421	1,390	1,445	1,224	1,470	1,480
Robbery	1,379	1,520	1,240	1,365	1,453	1,448	1,295	1,258	1,355	1,292	1,123
Bank	1,323	1,468	1,168	1,291	1,384	1,392	1,250	1,219	1,325	1,239	1,085
Postal	21	35	43	36	29	32	29	25	16	27	20
Other	35	17	29	38	40	24	16	14	14	26	18
Assault ^d	562	563	561	540	527	629	529	665	622	633	811
Motor vehicle theft	243	335	267	232	189	182	189	199	180	152	131
Burglary	104	139	63	65	70	89	72	59	52	44	46
Homicide ^d	176	195	295	344	348	384	383	370	329	370	311
Sex offenses	433	359	412	623	690	777	893	944	1,017	1,187	1,325
Liquor, Internal Revenue	9	2	3	2	2	0	3	9	3	2	1

Note: See Note, table 5.9. These data exclude transfers. Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK.

^aIncludes escape from custody, aiding or abetting an escape, failure to appear in court, and bail jumping.

^bThe data for years prior to 2001 include cases removed from State courts under provisions of the Civil Rights Act, 28 U.S.C. 1443.

^cIncludes obstructing mail, mailing nonmailable material, and other postal regulations.

^dIn 2003, a change in coding caused some cases that previously would have been classified as homicide cases to be reported as aggravated assault cases; therefore, the data for 2003 and thereafter are not comparable to previous years.

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