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**Offenders sentenced in U.S. District Courts under the U.S. Sentencing Commission guidelines**

By primary offense, sex, race, and ethnicity, fiscal year 2003

Primary offense	Sex					Race, ethnicity								
	Total cases	Male		Female		Total cases	White		Black		Hispanic <sup>a</sup>		Other <sup>b</sup>	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	69,506	60,396	86.9%	9,110	13.1%	67,666	20,590	30.4%	15,713	23.2%	29,008	42.9%	2,355	3.5%
Murder	80	71	88.8	9	11.3	79	24	30.4	10	12.7	19	24.1	26	32.9
Manslaughter	48	35	72.9	13	27.1	48	5	10.4	4	8.3	5	10.4	34	70.8
Kidnaping, hostage-taking	59	54	91.5	5	8.5	59	16	27.1	13	22.0	21	35.6	9	15.3
Sexual abuse	272	263	96.7	9	3.3	269	95	35.3	15	5.6	21	7.8	138	51.3
Assault	543	479	88.2	64	11.8	500	162	32.4	90	18.0	97	19.4	151	30.2
Robbery	1,537	1,416	92.1	121	7.9	1,525	682	44.7	683	44.8	115	7.5	45	3.0
Arson	82	72	87.8	10	12.2	82	58	70.7	7	8.5	6	7.3	11	13.4
<b>Drug offenses</b>														
Trafficking	24,861	21,857	87.9	3,004	12.1	24,749	6,643	26.8	6,697	27.1	10,789	43.6	620	2.5
Communication facility	393	323	82.2	70	17.8	391	137	35.0	109	27.9	132	33.8	13	3.3
Simple possession	1,218	1,025	84.2	193	15.8	1,041	316	30.4	179	17.2	529	50.8	17	1.6
Firearms	6,792	6,518	96.0	274	4.0	6,734	2,608	38.7	3,068	45.6	875	13.0	183	2.7
Burglary, breaking and entering	51	49	96.1	2	3.9	51	14	27.5	12	23.5	4	7.8	21	41.2
Auto theft	142	135	95.1	7	4.9	142	62	43.7	51	35.9	23	16.2	6	4.2
Larceny	2,351	1,525	64.9	826	35.1	2,199	1,130	51.4	651	29.6	298	13.6	120	5.5
Fraud	7,441	5,572	74.9	1,869	25.1	7,311	3,447	47.1	2,116	28.9	1,403	19.2	345	4.7
Embezzlement	761	338	44.4	423	55.6	731	429	58.7	179	24.5	65	8.9	58	7.9
Forgery, counterfeiting	1,263	941	74.5	322	25.5	1,254	524	41.8	519	41.4	178	14.2	33	2.6
Bribery	169	151	89.3	18	10.7	169	75	44.4	32	18.9	34	20.1	28	16.6
Tax	490	394	80.4	96	19.6	475	362	76.2	44	9.3	43	9.1	26	5.5
Money laundering	828	662	80.0	166	20.0	819	387	47.3	106	12.9	294	35.9	32	3.9
Racketeering, extortion	821	749	91.2	72	8.8	815	408	50.1	174	21.3	187	22.9	46	5.6
Gambling, lottery	90	77	85.6	13	14.4	90	68	75.6	9	10.0	6	6.7	7	7.8
Civil rights	66	61	92.4	5	7.6	63	49	77.8	5	7.9	7	11.1	2	3.2
Immigration	15,018	14,194	94.5	824	5.5	14,770	880	6.0	461	3.1	13,210	89.4	219	1.5
Pornography, prostitution	801	783	97.8	18	2.2	796	690	86.7	23	2.9	53	6.7	30	3.8
Prison offenses	370	325	87.8	45	12.2	356	95	26.7	132	37.1	111	31.2	18	5.1
Administration of justice offenses	1,041	730	70.1	311	29.9	985	464	47.1	166	16.9	308	31.3	47	4.8
Environmental, wildlife	142	131	92.3	11	7.7	116	91	78.4	3	2.6	12	10.3	10	8.6
National defense	21	18	85.7	3	14.3	20	10	50.0	1	5.0	6	30.0	3	15.0
Antitrust	12	12	100.0	0	X	12	11	91.7	0	X	1	8.3	0	X
Food and drug	78	66	84.6	12	15.4	74	45	60.8	5	6.8	19	25.7	5	6.8
Other	1,665	1,370	82.3	295	17.7	941	603	64.1	149	15.8	137	14.6	52	5.5

Note: The sentencing reform provisions of the Comprehensive Crime Control Act, Public Law No. 98-473 (1984), created the U.S. Sentencing Commission. The Commission's primary function is to develop and monitor sentencing policies and practices for the Federal courts. On Apr. 13, 1987, the Commission submitted initial Sentencing Guidelines and Policy Statements to Congress. The guidelines became effective on Nov. 1, 1987, and apply to all offenses committed on or after that date. These data are derived from the U.S. Sentencing Commission's fiscal year 2003 Offender Dataset, which includes information on 70,258 cases sentenced under the Sentencing Reform Act (guideline cases) during fiscal year 2003 (Oct. 1, 2002 through Sept. 30, 2003) for which data were received by the Commission as of Mar. 23, 2005. Given the nature of the data file and reporting requirements, the following types of cases are not included in the data presented here: cases initiated but for which no convictions were obtained, defendants convicted for whom no sentences were yet issued, defendants sentenced but for whom no data were submitted to the Commission, and cases not sentenced under the Sentencing Reform Act (non-guideline cases).

A case or defendant is defined as a single sentencing event for a single defendant (even if multiple indictments or multiple convictions are consolidated for sentencing).

Multiple defendants in a single sentencing event are treated as separate cases. If an individual defendant is sentenced more than once during the fiscal year, each sentencing event is identified as a separate case. (Source, pp. iv, A-1.)

Of the 70,258 guideline cases, some were excluded due to missing information. For sex, 752 cases were excluded due to one or both of the following conditions: missing primary offense category, 578; and missing gender information, 551. For race and ethnicity, 2,592 cases were excluded due to one or both of the following conditions: missing primary offense category, 578; and missing race or ethnicity information, 2,527.

Under drug offenses, "communication facility" refers to the use of a device, such as a telephone, in a drug trafficking offense.

<sup>a</sup>Includes both black and white Hispanics.

<sup>b</sup>Includes Native Americans, Alaskan Natives, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.

Source: U.S. Sentencing Commission, *2003 Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics* (Washington, DC: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2005), pp. 16, 17. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.