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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 2008

Primary offense	Sex					Race, ethnicity								
	Total cases	Male		Female		Total cases	White		Black		Hispanic ^a		Other ^b	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	72,817	63,515	87.2%	9,302	12.8%	69,814	20,770	29.8%	16,767	24.0%	29,471	42.2%	2,806	4.0%
Murder	67	58	86.6	9	13.4	67	14	20.9	9	13.4	18	26.9	26	38.8
Manslaughter	54	45	83.3	9	16.7	54	4	7.4	3	5.6	1	1.9	46	85.2
Kidnaping, hostage-taking	56	52	92.9	4	7.1	55	13	23.6	16	29.1	21	38.2	5	9.1
Sexual abuse	485	468	96.5	17	3.5	481	254	52.8	40	8.3	43	8.9	144	29.9
Assault	641	575	89.7	66	10.3	608	171	28.1	92	15.1	103	16.9	242	39.8
Robbery	1,048	947	90.4	101	9.6	1,041	509	48.9	410	39.4	87	8.4	35	3.4
Arson	59	56	94.9	3	5.1	59	32	54.2	10	16.9	8	13.6	9	15.3
Drug offenses														
Trafficking	24,236	21,266	87.7	2,970	12.3	24,149	6,056	25.1	7,425	30.7	9,898	41.0	770	3.2
Communication facility ^c	352	279	79.3	73	20.7	348	110	31.6	105	30.2	120	34.5	13	3.7
Simple possession	389	300	77.1	89	22.9	325	197	60.6	89	27.4	30	9.2	9	2.8
Firearms	8,215	7,950	96.8	265	3.2	8,175	2,544	31.1	4,122	50.4	1,291	15.8	218	2.7
Burglary, breaking and entering	45	36	80.0	9	20.0	45	22	48.9	8	17.8	2	4.4	13	28.9
Motor vehicle theft	60	57	95.0	3	5.0	60	34	56.7	10	16.7	15	25.0	1	1.7
Larceny	1,503	903	60.1	600	39.9	1,399	690	49.3	445	31.8	189	13.5	75	5.4
Fraud	7,041	5,063	71.9	1,978	28.1	6,752	3,138	46.5	2,021	29.9	1,194	17.7	399	5.9
Embezzlement	480	222	46.3	258	53.8	464	274	59.1	108	23.3	37	8.0	45	9.7
Forgery, counterfeiting	1,009	763	75.6	246	24.4	1,001	458	45.8	376	37.6	132	13.2	35	3.5
Bribery	211	177	83.9	34	16.1	207	98	47.3	54	26.1	38	18.4	17	8.2
Tax	583	495	84.9	88	15.1	575	408	71.0	88	15.3	36	6.3	43	7.5
Money laundering	877	687	78.3	190	21.7	859	315	36.7	131	15.3	340	39.6	73	8.5
Racketeering, extortion	736	667	90.6	69	9.4	732	276	37.7	202	27.6	177	24.2	77	10.5
Gambling, lottery	127	110	86.6	17	13.4	127	110	86.6	2	1.6	2	1.6	13	10.2
Civil rights	70	58	82.9	12	17.1	67	34	50.7	17	25.4	11	16.4	5	7.5
Immigration	19,671	18,234	92.7	1,437	7.3	17,831	2,243	12.6	356	2.0	15,029	84.3	203	1.1
Pornography, prostitution	1,655	1,623	98.1	32	1.9	1,648	1,411	85.6	78	4.7	117	7.1	42	2.5
Prison offenses	356	321	90.2	35	9.8	339	92	27.1	130	38.3	89	26.3	28	8.3
Administration of justice offenses	973	658	67.6	315	32.4	944	423	44.8	190	20.1	262	27.8	69	7.3
Environmental, wildlife	160	146	91.3	14	8.8	141	107	75.9	6	4.3	8	5.7	20	14.2
National defense	53	45	84.9	8	15.1	53	20	37.7	6	11.3	17	32.1	10	18.9
Antitrust	23	23	100.0	0	X	20	18	90.0	1	5.0	0	X	1	5.0
Food and drug	70	52	74.3	18	25.7	67	49	73.1	1	1.5	7	10.4	10	14.9
Other	1,512	1,179	78.0	333	22.0	1,121	646	57.6	216	19.3	149	13.3	110	9.8

Note: These data are from the U.S. Sentencing Commission's fiscal year 2008 Offender Dataset, which includes information on 76,478 cases sentenced under the Sentencing Reform Act (guideline cases) during fiscal year 2008 (Oct. 1, 2007 through Sept. 30, 2008) for which data were received by the Commission as of Feb. 10, 2009. 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 an individual 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, Appendix A.)

Of the 76,478 guideline cases, some were excluded due to missing information. For sex, 3,661 cases were excluded due to one or both of the following conditions: missing primary offense category, 50; or missing gender information, 3,652. For race and ethnicity, 6,664 cases were excluded due to one or both of the following conditions: missing primary offense category, 50; or missing race or ethnicity information, 6,662.

^a Includes both black and white Hispanics.

^b Includes Native Americans, Alaskan Natives, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.

^c Refers to the use of a device, such as a telephone, in a drug trafficking offense.

Source: U.S. Sentencing Commission, *2008 Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics*, Table 4 and Table 5 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ussc.gov/ANNRPT/2008/table04.pdf> and <http://www.ussc.gov/ANNRPT/2008/table05.pdf> [Apr. 28, 2009]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.