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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 2010

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	81,605	70,860	86.8%	10,745	13.2%	75,378	20,796	27.6%	15,613	20.7%	36,293	48.1%	2,676	3.6%
Murder	66	59	89.4	7	10.6	65	18	27.7	8	12.3	7	10.8	32	49.2
Manslaughter	64	52	81.3	12	18.8	64	1	1.6	4	6.3	8	12.5	51	79.7
Kidnaping, hostage-taking	39	32	82.1	7	17.9	38	7	18.4	6	15.8	23	60.5	2	5.3
Sexual abuse	384	369	96.1	15	3.9	383	171	44.6	40	10.4	31	8.1	141	36.8
Assault	608	545	89.6	63	10.4	550	151	27.5	109	19.8	78	14.2	212	38.5
Robbery	1,078	969	89.9	109	10.1	1,075	479	44.6	428	39.8	130	12.1	38	3.5
Arson	75	71	94.7	4	5.3	75	44	58.7	10	13.3	6	8.0	15	20.0
Drug offenses														
Trafficking	23,491	20,542	87.4	2,949	12.6	23,382	6,087	26.0	6,169	26.4	10,378	44.4	748	3.2
Communication facility ^c	512	421	82.2	91	17.8	508	124	24.4	191	37.6	173	34.1	20	3.9
Simple possession	844	676	80.1	168	19.9	282	147	52.1	57	20.2	67	23.8	11	3.9
Firearms	7,975	7,715	96.7	260	3.3	7,917	2,293	29.0	3,961	50.0	1,449	18.3	214	2.7
Burglary, breaking and entering	36	35	97.2	1	2.8	34	4	11.8	4	11.8	2	5.9	24	70.6
Motor vehicle theft	91	83	91.2	8	8.8	91	46	50.5	17	18.7	26	28.6	2	2.2
Larceny	1,495	895	59.9	600	40.1	1,321	659	49.9	422	31.9	156	11.8	84	6.4
Fraud	8,032	5,465	68.0	2,567	32.0	6,820	3,200	46.9	2,074	30.4	1,190	17.4	356	5.2
Embezzlement	429	177	41.3	252	58.7	404	239	59.2	84	20.8	36	8.9	45	11.1
Forgery, counterfeiting	876	665	75.9	211	24.1	868	388	44.7	324	37.3	137	15.8	19	2.2
Bribery	224	179	79.9	45	20.1	220	107	48.6	56	25.5	38	17.3	19	8.6
Tax	663	532	80.2	131	19.8	655	435	66.4	95	14.5	72	11.0	53	8.1
Money laundering	804	619	77.0	185	23.0	779	283	36.3	114	14.6	307	39.4	75	9.6
Racketeering, extortion	674	616	91.4	58	8.6	664	220	33.1	198	29.8	207	31.2	39	5.9
Gambling, lottery	75	66	88.0	9	12.0	75	58	77.3	7	9.3	5	6.7	5	6.7
Civil rights	61	54	88.5	7	11.5	58	39	67.2	10	17.2	9	15.5	0	X
Immigration	26,929	24,870	92.4	2,059	7.6	24,124	2,500	10.4	463	1.9	21,009	87.1	152	0.6
Child pornography	1,886	1,872	99.3	14	0.7	1,878	1,665	88.7	59	3.1	118	6.3	36	1.9
Prison offenses	423	381	90.1	42	9.9	392	102	26.0	122	31.1	129	32.9	39	9.9
Administration of justice offenses	1,142	857	75.0	285	25.0	1,097	471	42.9	271	24.7	265	24.2	90	8.2
Environmental, wildlife	178	169	94.9	9	5.1	124	95	76.6	5	4.0	8	6.5	16	12.9
National defense	69	59	85.5	10	14.5	67	22	32.8	5	7.5	28	41.8	12	17.9
Antitrust	16	16	100.0	0	X	13	11	84.6	0	X	0	X	2	15.4
Food and drug	80	61	76.3	19	23.8	67	48	71.6	1	1.5	8	11.9	10	14.9
Other	2,286	1,738	76.0	548	24.0	1,288	682	53.0	299	23.2	193	15.0	114	8.9

Note: These data are from the U.S. Sentencing Commission's fiscal year 2010 Offender Dataset, which includes information on 83,946 cases sentenced under the Sentencing Reform Act (guideline cases) during fiscal year 2010 (Oct. 1, 2009 through Sept. 30, 2010) for which data were received by the Commission as of Feb. 14, 2011. 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 83,946 guideline cases, some were excluded due to missing information: 2,341 cases were excluded due to missing gender information; 8,568 cases were excluded due to missing race or ethnicity information.

^aIncludes both black and white Hispanics.

^bIncludes Native Americans, Alaskan Natives, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.

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

Source: U.S. Sentencing Commission, *2010 Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics*, Table 4 and Table 5 [Online]. Available: http://www.ussc.gov/Data_and_Statistics/Annual_Reports_and_Sourcebooks/2010/Table04.pdf and http://www.ussc.gov/Data_and_Statistics/Annual_Reports_and_Sourcebooks/2010/Table05.pdf [May 24, 2011]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.