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

By primary offense and education level, fiscal year 2010

Primary offense	Total cases	Education level							
		Less than high school graduate		High school graduate		Some college		College graduate	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	72,812	37,433	51.4%	20,906	28.7%	10,557	14.5%	3,916	5.4%
Murder	66	25	37.9	31	47.0	10	15.2	0	X
Manslaughter	64	32	50.0	21	32.8	10	15.6	1	1.6
Kidnaping, hostage-taking	37	20	54.1	13	35.1	4	10.8	0	X
Sexual abuse	379	93	24.5	150	39.6	94	24.8	42	11.1
Assault	540	233	43.1	186	34.4	94	17.4	27	5.0
Robbery	1,072	292	27.2	476	44.4	272	25.4	32	3.0
Arson	75	21	28.0	32	42.7	19	25.3	3	4.0
Drug offenses									
Trafficking	23,158	11,174	48.3	7,945	34.3	3,395	14.7	644	2.8
Communication facility ^a	488	203	41.6	208	42.6	67	13.7	10	2.0
Simple possession	240	78	32.5	98	40.8	54	22.5	10	4.2
Firearms	7,860	3,459	44.0	3,333	42.4	962	12.2	106	1.3
Burglary, breaking and entering	35	20	57.1	11	31.4	4	11.4	0	X
Motor vehicle theft	91	23	25.3	40	44.0	26	28.6	2	2.2
Larceny	1,301	281	21.6	501	38.5	384	29.5	135	10.4
Fraud	6,734	1,223	18.2	2,032	30.2	2,050	30.4	1,429	21.2
Embezzlement	404	34	8.4	172	42.6	146	36.1	52	12.9
Forgery, counterfeiting	859	270	31.4	331	38.5	218	25.4	40	4.7
Bribery	219	26	11.9	60	27.4	62	28.3	71	32.4
Tax	648	90	13.9	148	22.8	198	30.6	212	32.7
Money laundering	778	214	27.5	222	28.5	201	25.8	141	18.1
Racketeering, extortion	656	272	41.5	233	35.5	114	17.4	37	5.6
Gambling, lottery	75	24	32.0	26	34.7	20	26.7	5	6.7
Civil rights	58	8	13.8	25	43.1	20	34.5	5	8.6
Immigration	22,153	18,222	82.3	2,899	13.1	797	3.6	235	1.1
Child pornography	1,862	194	10.4	690	37.1	653	35.1	325	17.5
Prison offenses	392	169	43.1	175	44.6	45	11.5	3	0.8
Administration of justice offenses	1,083	366	33.8	358	33.1	235	21.7	124	11.4
Environmental, wildlife	119	29	24.4	35	29.4	33	27.7	22	18.5
National defense	67	23	34.3	14	20.9	10	14.9	20	29.9
Antitrust	13	1	7.7	3	23.1	2	15.4	7	53.8
Food and drug	67	8	11.9	9	13.4	19	28.4	31	46.3
Other	1,219	306	25.1	429	35.2	339	27.8	145	11.9

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, 11,134 were excluded due to missing education information.

^aRefers 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 8 [Online].

Available: http://www.ussc.gov/Data_and_Statistics/Annual_Reports_and_Sourcebooks/2010/Table08.pdf [May 24, 2011].