

Table 5.3.2010

## Court-authorized orders for interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications

By most serious offense under investigation, United States, 2007-2010

Intercept applications authorized	Most serious offense								
	Narcotics	Racketeering	Gambling	Homicide, assault	Kidnaping	Conspiracy	Corruption	Larceny, theft, robbery	Other
<b>Total</b>									
2007	1,792	98	55	132	7	26	32	36	30
2008	1,593	58	54	92	1	10	16	43	24
2009	2,046	61	35	82	7	29	15	38	63
2010	2,675	117	31	174	2	4	53	63	75
<b>Federal</b>									
2007	427	11	0	0	0	2	3	0	14
2008	375	6	0	1	1	2	1	0	0
2009	621	6	2	1	0	7	4	0	22
2010	1,128	25	1	10	0	3	3	1	36
<b>State</b>									
2007	1,365	87	55	132	7	24	29	36	16
2008	1,218	52	54	91	0	8	15	43	24
2009	1,332	166	33	81	7	23	11	38	38
2010	1,547	92	30	164	2	1	50	62	39

Note: The Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts (AO) is required, in accordance with 18 U.S.C. 2519(1), to transmit to Congress a report regarding applications for orders authorizing or approving the interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications. Every State and Federal judge is required to file a report with the AO on each application made. Prosecuting officials who have applied for intercept orders are required to submit reports to the AO. Forty-seven jurisdictions (the Federal Government, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, and 44 States) had statutes authorizing the interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications during 2010; 26 of these jurisdictions had court-authorized orders for interception during 2010 (Source, [2010](#), p. 6). Interception orders may include more than one offense; this table shows only the most serious offense for each interception order. Therefore, detail may not add to totals.

Users interested in these data for earlier years, see [table 5.3.2006](#).

Source: Administrative Office of the United States Courts, [2007 Wiretap Report](#), pp. 19-21; [2008](#), pp. 18-21; [2009](#), pp. 17-20; [2010](#), pp. 16-19 (Washington, DC: Administrative Office of the United States Courts). Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.