

Table 5.39.2003

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

By offender characteristics, mode of conviction, and drug offense, fiscal year 2003^a

	Total cases		Drug type											
			Powder cocaine		Crack cocaine		Heroin		Marijuana		Methamphetamine ^b		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex														
Male	22,814	87.7%	5,298	88.5%	4,985	91.3%	1,532	83.6%	5,894	86.9%	3,826	85.9%	1,279	85.6%
Female	3,204	12.3	689	11.5	477	8.7	301	16.4	892	13.1	630	14.1	215	14.4
Race, ethnicity														
White	7,033	27.1	1,037	17.3	428	7.8	237	12.9	1,748	25.8	2,637	59.3	946	63.4
Black	7,066	27.2	1,470	24.6	4,408	80.8	380	20.8	545	8.0	75	1.7	188	12.6
Hispanic ^c	11,254	43.3	3,400	56.9	570	10.4	1,182	64.6	4,354	64.2	1,498	33.7	250	16.8
Other ^d	637	2.5	73	1.2	52	1.0	32	1.7	134	2.0	239	5.4	107	7.2
Citizenship														
United States	18,463	71.1	3,746	62.7	5,146	94.3	879	48.0	4,086	60.4	3,421	76.9	1,185	79.5
Non-United States	7,512	28.9	2,233	37.3	311	5.7	951	52.0	2,682	39.6	1,030	23.1	305	20.5
Mode of conviction														
Guilty plea	22,692	95.6	5,183	94.9	4,731	93.6	1,572	98.0	5,916	97.0	3,974	95.5	1,316	96.9
Trial	1,044	4.4	277	5.1	322	6.4	32	2.0	184	3.0	187	4.5	42	3.1
Drug offenses														
Drug trafficking	24,593	94.5	5,880	98.2	5,191	95.0	1,789	97.6	6,055	89.2	4,277	96.0	1,401	93.7
Protected locations ^e	359	1.4	42	0.7	188	3.4	17	0.9	11	0.2	80	1.8	21	1.4
Continuing criminal enterprise	26	0.1	11	0.2	4	0.1	0	X	8	0.1	3	0.1	0	X
Communication facility	22	0.1	6	0.1	3	0.1	3	0.2	0	X	8	0.2	2	0.1
Rent/manage drug establishment	82	0.3	10	0.2	25	0.5	4	0.2	16	0.2	25	0.6	2	0.1
Possession	941	3.6	40	0.7	51	0.9	20	1.1	698	10.3	63	1.4	69	4.6

Note: See Note, table 5.26.2003. Of the 70,258 guideline cases, 26,299 were sentenced under drug offense guidelines. Some cases are excluded from the table due to missing information.

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

^eOffenses occurring at designated protected locations such as near schools or playgrounds.

^aPercents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

^bIncludes methamphetamine mixture, methamphetamine actual, ICE, and methamphetamine precursors.

^cIncludes both black and white Hispanics.

Source: U.S. Sentencing Commission, *2003 Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics* (Washington, DC: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2005), pp. 78-81, 83. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.