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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 2008^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	22,223	87.7%	5,315	90.3%	5,601	90.8%	1,270	86.0%	5,517	87.1%	3,592	82.6%	928	82.9%
Female	3,109	12.3	573	9.7	567	9.2	206	14.0	817	12.9	755	17.4	191	17.1
Race, ethnicity														
White	6,395	25.3	973	16.6	637	10.4	236	16.0	1,731	27.4	2,271	52.4	547	49.1
Black	7,929	31.4	1,771	30.2	4,911	79.8	363	24.7	483	7.6	126	2.9	275	24.7
Hispanic ^c	10,163	40.2	3,068	52.3	542	8.8	851	57.8	3,889	61.4	1,704	39.3	109	9.8
Other ^d	786	3.1	59	1.0	64	1.0	22	1.5	226	3.6	231	5.3	184	16.5
Citizenship														
United States	18,154	71.7	3,750	63.7	5,955	96.5	873	59.2	3,553	56.1	3,105	71.5	918	82.1
Non-United States	7,162	28.3	2,133	36.3	213	3.5	601	40.8	2,776	43.9	1,239	28.5	200	17.9
Mode of conviction														
Guilty plea	23,369	96.1	5,428	95.3	5,554	95.1	1,366	96.7	5,970	97.3	4,030	96.4	1,021	96.6
Trial	952	3.9	268	4.7	287	4.9	46	3.3	166	2.7	149	3.6	36	3.4
Drug offenses														
Drug trafficking	24,605	97.1	5,769	98.0	5,913	95.9	1,436	97.3	6,196	97.8	4,238	97.5	1,053	94.0
Protected locations ^e	348	1.4	68	1.2	188	3.0	26	1.8	27	0.4	24	0.6	15	1.3
Continuing criminal enterprise	18	0.1	6	0.1	1	(f)	1	0.1	2	(f)	6	0.1	2	0.2
Communication facility ^g	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rent/manage drug establishment	88	0.3	14	0.2	38	0.6	1	0.1	13	0.2	18	0.4	4	0.4
Possession	278	1.1	32	0.5	28	0.5	12	0.8	99	1.6	61	1.4	46	4.1

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, 25,337 were sentenced under drug offense guidelines. Some cases are excluded from the table due to missing information.

^aPercents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

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

^cIncludes both black and white Hispanics.

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

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

^fLess than 0.05%.

^gRefers 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*, Tables 33-36 and Table 38 [Online]. Available:

<http://www.uscc.gov/ANNRPT/2008/table33.pdf>, <http://www.uscc.gov/ANNRPT/2008/table34.pdf>, <http://www.uscc.gov/ANNRPT/2008/table35.pdf>, <http://www.uscc.gov/ANNRPT/2008/table36.pdf>, <http://www.uscc.gov/ANNRPT/2008/table38.pdf> [Apr. 28, 2009]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.