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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 2010^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	21,350	87.6%	5,180	90.6%	4,478	91.4%	1,405	86.4%	5,578	88.0%	3,507	81.4%	1,202	81.4%
Female	3,016	12.4	540	9.4	419	8.6	222	13.6	758	12.0	802	18.6	275	18.6
Race, ethnicity														
White	6,194	25.5	959	16.8	359	7.3	262	16.1	1,552	24.5	2,243	52.1	819	55.8
Black	6,721	27.6	1,532	26.8	3,838	78.5	449	27.6	484	7.6	102	2.4	316	21.5
Hispanic ^c	10,648	43.8	3,124	54.7	638	13.1	898	55.3	4,078	64.4	1,784	41.5	126	8.6
Other ^d	756	3.1	93	1.6	52	1.1	16	1.0	214	3.4	174	4.0	207	14.1
Citizenship														
United States	17,083	70.2	3,583	62.7	4,757	97.2	1,084	66.7	3,411	53.9	2,968	68.9	1,280	87.1
Non-United States	7,266	29.8	2,133	37.3	139	2.8	542	33.3	2,921	46.1	1,341	31.1	190	12.9
Mode of conviction														
Guilty plea	23,492	96.4	5,471	95.6	4,659	95.1	1,571	96.6	6,167	97.3	4,177	96.9	1,447	98.0
Trial	874	3.6	249	4.4	238	4.9	56	3.4	169	2.7	132	3.1	30	2.0
Drug offenses														
Drug trafficking	23,479	96.4	5,589	97.7	4,475	91.4	1,548	95.1	6,202	97.9	4,243	98.5	1,422	96.3
Protected locations ^e	628	2.6	90	1.6	385	7.9	69	4.2	32	0.5	31	0.7	21	1.4
Continuing criminal enterprise	10	(f)	5	0.1	0	X	2	0.1	2	(f)	1	(f)	0	X
Communication facility ^g	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rent/manage drug establishment	34	0.1	2	(f)	15	0.3	1	0.1	7	0.1	8	0.2	1	0.1
Possession	215	0.9	34	0.6	22	0.4	7	0.4	93	1.5	26	0.6	33	2.2

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, 24,713 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, **2010 Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics**, Tables 33-36 and Table 38 [Online]. Available: http://www.ussc.gov/Data_and_Statistics/Annual_Reports_and_Sourcebooks/2010/SBTOC10.htm [May 26, 2011]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.