

Table 5.5

Arrests and convictions resulting from court-authorized orders for interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications

United States, 1987-2003

Year arrests and convictions reported	Year installed																
	1987 (N=634)	1988 (N=678)	1989 (N=720)	1990 (N=812)	1991 (N=802)	1992 (N=846)	1993 (N=938)	1994 (N=1,100)	1995 (N=1,024)	1996 (N=1,035)	1997 (N=1,094)	1998 (N=1,245)	1999 (N=1,277)	2000 (N=1,139)	2001 (N=1,405)	2002 (N=1,273)	2003 (N=1,367)
1987																	
Arrests	2,226	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	506	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1988																	
Arrests	716	2,486	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	936	543	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1989																	
Arrests	186	969	2,804	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	341	1,192	706	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1990																	
Arrests	54	251	986	2,057	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	141	400	823	420	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1991																	
Arrests	5	106	289	897	2,364	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	23	203	490	550	605	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1992																	
Arrests	38	18	120	213	801	2,685	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	9	66	186	357	827	607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1993																	
Arrests	19	29	23	83	270	983	2,428	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	16	57	111	142	210	895	413	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1994																	
Arrests	15	0	8	67	155	326	981	2,852	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	11	8	52	111	169	450	912	772	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1995																	
Arrests	15	6	8	26	111	67	390	1,165	2,577	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	12	6	7	81	148	164	538	965	494	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1996																	
Arrests	1	2	7	2	30	40	130	209	1,246	2,464	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	1	11	1	2	40	50	233	403	1,112	502	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1997																	
Arrests	0	0	0	0	35	22	109	79	448	1,069	3,086	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	0	0	2	62	64	1	179	191	740	1,110	542	X	X	X	X	X	X
1998																	
Arrests	0	0	9	9	4	35	70	86	425	402	1,406	3,450	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	0	0	10	9	8	45	81	163	502	423	1,220	911	X	X	X	X	X
1999																	
Arrests	0	0	1	0	0	20	1	60	40	194	493	1,266	4,372	X	X	X	X
Convictions	0	0	1	0	16	22	2	39	33	205	464	1,214	654	X	X	X	X
2000																	
Arrests	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	19	25	176	441	1,600	3,411	X	X	X
Convictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	29	62	169	596	1,323	736	X	X	X
2001																	
Arrests	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	14	37	110	337	428	1,741	3,683	X	X
Convictions	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	26	59	87	271	515	1,148	732	X	X
2002																	
Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	30	28	11	33	114	216	681	1,325	3,060	X
Convictions	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	32	23	9	62	139	235	793	1,316	493	X
2003																	
Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	19	30	38	142	316	1,067	3,674
Convictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	25	23	77	280	572	1,082	843

Note: See Note, table 5.2. Arrests, trials, and convictions resulting from the interceptions of wire, oral, and electronic communication do not always occur within the same year as the implementation of the court order. This table presents arrest and conviction data for the year court-authorized interception began and subsequent years. Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK.

Source: Administrative Office of the United States Courts, *Report on Applications for Orders Authorizing or Approving the Interception of Wire, Oral, or Electronic Communications for the Period January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992* (Washington, DC: USGPO, 1993), p. 29; and Administrative Office of the United States Courts, *2003 Wiretap Report* (Washington, DC: Administrative Office of the United States Courts, 2004), pp. 32, 38. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.