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Table 5.5.2008

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

United States, 1989-2008

Year arrests and convictions reported	Year installed																			
	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)	2004 (N=1,633)	2005 (N=1,694)	2006 (N=1,714)	2007 (N=2,119)	2008 (N=1,809)
1989																				
Arrests	2,804	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	706	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1990																				
Arrests	986	2,057	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	823	420	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1991																				
Arrests	289	897	2,364	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	490	550	605	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1992																				
Arrests	120	213	801	2,685	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	186	357	827	607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1993																				
Arrests	23	83	270	983	2,428	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	111	142	210	895	413	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1994																				
Arrests	8	67	155	326	981	2,852	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	52	111	169	450	912	772	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1995																				
Arrests	8	26	111	67	390	1,165	2,577	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	7	81	148	164	538	965	494	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1996																				
Arrests	7	2	30	40	130	209	1,246	2,464	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	1	2	40	50	233	403	1,112	502	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1997																				
Arrests	0	0	35	22	109	79	448	1,069	3,086	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	2	62	64	1	179	191	740	1,110	542	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1998																				
Arrests	9	9	4	35	70	86	425	402	1,406	3,450	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	10	9	8	45	81	163	502	423	1,220	911	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1999																				
Arrests	1	0	0	20	1	60	40	194	493	1,266	4,372	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	1	0	16	22	2	39	33	205	464	1,214	654	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2000																				
Arrests	NA	1	0	0	0	1	19	25	176	441	1,600	3,411	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	NA	0	0	0	0	2	29	62	169	596	1,323	736	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2001																				
Arrests	NA	NA	1	0	1	1	14	37	110	337	428	1,741	3,683	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	NA	NA	1	0	0	5	26	59	87	271	515	1,148	732	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2002																				
Arrests	NA	NA	NA	20	0	30	28	11	33	114	216	681	1,325	3,060	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	NA	NA	NA	7	0	32	23	9	62	139	235	793	1,316	493	X	X	X	X	X	X
2003																				
Arrests	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	1	3	1	19	30	38	142	316	1,067	3,674	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	1	4	2	25	23	77	280	572	1,082	844	X	X	X	X	X
2004																				
Arrests	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	0	7	7	17	109	362	1,651	4,056	X	X	X	X
Convictions	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	0	5	14	35	121	489	989	634	X	X	X	X
2005																				
Arrests	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	10	2	9	6	5	90	105	257	967	4,674	X	X	X
Convictions	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	6	2	10	1	56	105	164	399	895	776	X	X	X
2006																				
Arrests	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	16	21	2	72	52	82	538	1,493	4,376	X	X
Convictions	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	2	1	21	12	63	64	203	565	1,417	711	X	X
2007																				
Arrests	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	2	5	5	10	65	233	1,526	4,830	X
Convictions	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	1	27	17	42	124	496	1,306	984	X
2008																				
Arrests	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	6	6	0	29	334	544	656	1,736	4,133
Convictions	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	0	5	5	3	39	342	485	633	1,180	810

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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 2008; 23 of these jurisdictions had court-authorized orders for interception during 2008 (Source, **2008**, pp. 6, 7).

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*, pp. 32, 38; **2008**, pp. 28, 38 (Washington, DC: Administrative Office of the United States Courts). Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.