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Table 5.5.2010

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

United States, 1991-2010

Year arrests and convictions reported	Year installed																			
	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)	2009 (N=1,764)	2010 (N=2,311)
1991																				
Arrests	2,364	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	605	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1992																				
Arrests	801	2,685	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	827	607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1993																				
Arrests	270	983	2,428	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	210	895	413	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1994																				
Arrests	155	326	981	2,852	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	169	450	912	772	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1995																				
Arrests	111	67	390	1,165	2,577	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	148	164	538	965	494	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1996																				
Arrests	30	40	130	209	1,246	2,464	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	40	50	233	403	1,112	502	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1997																				
Arrests	35	22	109	79	448	1,069	3,086	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	64	1	179	191	740	1,110	542	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1998																				
Arrests	4	35	70	86	425	402	1,406	3,450	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	8	45	81	163	502	423	1,220	911	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1999																				
Arrests	0	20	1	60	40	194	493	1,266	4,372	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	16	22	2	39	33	205	464	1,214	654	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2000																				
Arrests	0	0	0	1	19	25	176	441	1,600	3,411	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	0	0	0	2	29	62	169	596	1,323	736	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2001																				
Arrests	1	0	1	1	14	37	110	337	428	1,741	3,683	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	1	0	0	5	26	59	87	271	515	1,148	732	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2002																				
Arrests	NA	20	0	30	28	11	33	114	216	681	1,325	3,060	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	NA	7	0	32	23	9	62	139	235	793	1,316	493	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2003																				
Arrests	NA	NA	0	1	3	1	19	30	38	142	316	1,067	3,674	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	NA	NA	0	1	4	2	25	23	77	280	572	1,082	844	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2004																				
Arrests	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	0	7	7	17	109	362	1,651	4,056	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	5	14	35	30	121	489	989	634	X	X	X	X	X	X
2005																				
Arrests	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	10	2	9	6	5	90	105	257	967	4,674	X	X	X	X	X
Convictions	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	6	2	10	1	56	105	164	399	895	776	X	X	X	X	X
2006																				
Arrests	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	16	21	2	72	52	82	538	1,493	4,376	X	X	X	X
Convictions	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	2	1	21	12	63	64	203	565	1,417	711	X	X	X	X
2007																				
Arrests	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	2	5	5	10	65	233	1,526	4,830	X	X	X
Convictions	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	1	27	17	42	124	496	1,306	984	X	X	X
2008																				
Arrests	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	6	6	0	29	334	544	656	1,736	4,133	X	X
Convictions	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	0	5	5	3	39	342	485	633	1,180	810	X	X
2009																				
Arrests	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	2	0	0	0	174	265	187	1,074	2,566	4,537	X
Convictions	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	1	0	0	2	122	275	145	831	1,452	678	X
2010																				
Arrests	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	1	0	0	99	172	94	245	354	1,887	4,711
Convictions	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	6	0	2	99	193	153	275	554	1,222	800

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

United States, 1991-2010--Continued

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 2010; 26 of these jurisdictions had court-authorized orders for interception during 2010 (Source, 2010, p. 6).

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; *2010*, pp. 27, 37 (Washington, DC: Administrative Office of the United States Courts). Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.