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**Executive clemency applications for Federal offenses received, disposed of, and pending in the Office of the U.S. Pardon Attorney**

Fiscal years 1953-2003

Fiscal year	Pending		Granted		Denied
	from previous	Received	Pardons	Commutations	
1953	543 <sup>a</sup>	599	97	8	356
1954	681	461	55	7	348
1955	732	662	59	4	684
1956	647	585	192	9	568
1957	463	585	232	4	443
1958	369	406	98	6	302
1959	369	434	117	2	286
1960	398	437	149	5	244
1961	437 <sup>a</sup>	481	226	18	266
1962	408	595	166	16	315
1963	506	592	133	45	233
1964	687 <sup>a</sup>	921	315	73	437
1965	783	1,008	195	80	569
1966	947	865	364	81	726
1967	641	863	222	23	520
1968	739	749	13	3	415
1969	1,057 <sup>a</sup>	724	0	0	505
1970	1,276	459	82	14	698
1971	941	454	157	16	648
1972	574	516	235	20	410
1973	425	485	202	5	341
1974	362	426	187	8	337
1975	256	610	147	9	325
1976	385	742	106	11	442
1977	568 <sup>a</sup>	738	129	8	301
1978	868	641	162	3	836
1979	508	710	143	10	448
1980	617	523	155	11	498
1981	474 <sup>a</sup>	547	76	7	259
1982	679	462	83	3	547
1983	508	447	91	2	306
1984	556	447	37	5	326
1985	635	407	32	3	279
1986	728	362	55	0	290
1987	745	410	23	0	311
1988	824	384	38	0	497
1989	673 <sup>a</sup>	373	41	1	392
1990	616	354	0	0	289
1991	681	318	29	0	681
1992	289	379	0	0	192
1993	476 <sup>a</sup>	868	36	2	251
1994	1,048	808	0	0	785
1995	1,071	612	53	3	588
1996	1,039	512	0	0	371
1997	1,174	685	0	0	555
1998	1,304	608	21	0	378
1999	1,512	1,009	34	14	601
2000 <sup>b</sup>	1,872	1,388	70	6	1,027
2001 <sup>c</sup>	2,153 <sup>a</sup>	1,828	218	40	483
2002	3,310	1,248	0	0	2,278
2003	2,281	1,023	7	0	1,050

Note: Article II, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution authorizes the President to grant executive clemency for Federal criminal offenses. The U.S. Pardon Attorney, in consultation with the Attorney General's office, receives and reviews all petitions for executive clemency, initiates the necessary investigations, and prepares the recommendations of the Attorney General to the President. Clemency may be a reprieve, remission of fine or restitution, commutation, or pardon. A "pardon," which is generally considered only after sentence completion, restores basic civil rights and may aid in the reinstatement of professional or trade licenses that may have been lost as a result of the conviction. A "commutation" is a reduction of sentence. Commutations include remission of fines. Petitions denied also include those that are closed administratively. Cases in which multiple forms of relief were granted are counted in only one category. The figures presented in this table do not include clemency actions on draft resisters, or military deserters and absentees during the Vietnam war era. Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK.

<sup>a</sup>In inaugural years, these figures are for the outgoing Administration.

<sup>b</sup>In addition to the six commutations, President Clinton granted one reprieve of an execution date during fiscal year 2000.

<sup>c</sup>In addition to the 40 commutations, President Clinton granted 1 reprieve of an execution date during fiscal year 2001.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Pardon Attorney [Online]. Available: [http://www.usdoj.gov/pardon/actions\\_administration.htm](http://www.usdoj.gov/pardon/actions_administration.htm) [July 6, 2004]; and data provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Pardon Attorney. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.