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**Executive clemency applications for Federal offenses handled by the Office of the U.S. Pardon Attorney**

By Presidential Administration, fiscal years 1945-69

Fiscal year/ Administration	Pending from previous fiscal year <sup>a</sup>	Received	Granted			Denied or closed without Presidential action
			Total	Pardon	Commutation	
<b>Harry S. Truman</b>						
1945	479	201	109	98	11	133
1946	438	977	310	279	31	570
1947	535	779	323	308	15	483
1948	508	657	193	178	15	411
1949	561	638	196	178	18	313
1950	690	504	417	400	17	338
1951	439	467	200	189	11	228
1952	478	477	198	192	6	214
1953	543	330	98	91	7	197
<b>Dwight D. Eisenhower</b>						
1953	578	269	7	6	1	159
1954	681	461	62	55	7	348
1955	732	662	63	59	4	684
1956	647	585	201	192	9	568
1957	463	585	236	232	4	443
1958	369	406	104	98	6	302
1959	369	434	119	117	2	286
1960	398	437	154	149	5	244
1961	437	261	211	202	9	145
<b>John F. Kennedy</b>						
1961	342	220	33	24	9	121
1962	408	595	182	166	16	315
1963	506	592	178	133	45	233
1964	687	342	182	149	33	162
<b>Lyndon B. Johnson</b>						
1964	685	579	206	166	40	275
1965	783	1,008	275	195	80	569
1966	947	865	445	364	81	726
1967	641	863	245	222	23	520
1968	739	749	16	13	3	415
1969	1,057	473	0	X	X	325

Note: Article II, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution authorizes the President to grant executive clemency for Federal criminal convictions. The U.S. Pardon Attorney, in consultation with the U.S. Attorney General's office, receives and reviews all petitions for executive clemency, initiates the necessary investigations, and prepares a report and recommendation for 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. 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, the pending applications are transferred from the outgoing to the incoming Administration.

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