

Table 5.17.2002

Disposition of cases terminated in U.S. District Courts

By offense, United States, fiscal year 2002

Most serious offense charged	Total defendants	Percent of all defendants convicted	Number of defendants in cases terminated during 2002 who were:								
			Convicted					Not convicted			
			Total	Guilty plea	Nolo contendere	Trial		Total	Dismissed	Trial	
					Jury	Non-jury			Jury <sup>a</sup>	Non-jury	
All offenses <sup>b</sup>	80,424	89.3%	71,798	68,722	350	2,292	434	8,626	7,852	444	330
Felonies	70,225	91.9	64,540	62,097	16	2,263	164	5,685	5,146	431	108
Violent offenses	2,927	92.1	2,696	2,519	3	163	11	231	197	30	4
Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	366	89.9	329	286	0	41	2	37	32	4	1
Negligent manslaughter	2	B	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Assault	333	87.1	290	267	0	21	2	43	33	8	2
Robbery	1,630	95.3	1,554	1,495	2	54	3	76	67	8	1
Sexual abuse <sup>c</sup>	421	87.9	370	343	0	23	4	51	42	9	0
Kidnaping	145	87.6	127	104	0	23	0	18	17	1	0
Threats against the President	30	83.3	25	23	1	1	0	5	5	0	0
Property offenses	14,767	90.8	13,405	12,901	2	476	26	1,362	1,235	97	30
Fraudulent offenses	12,324	90.9	11,205	10,779	2	404	20	1,119	1,018	78	23
Embezzlement	921	90.0	829	808	1	17	3	92	86	5	1
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	9,597	90.9	8,719	8,359	1	345	14	878	790	67	21
Forgery	110	89.1	98	97	0	1	0	12	12	0	0
Counterfeiting	1,696	91.9	1,559	1,515	0	41	3	137	130	6	1
Other offenses	2,443	90.1	2,200	2,122	0	72	6	243	217	19	7
Burglary	55	90.9	50	49	0	0	1	5	5	0	0
Larceny <sup>e</sup>	1,629	91.5	1,490	1,444	0	41	5	139	130	6	3
Motor vehicle theft	113	89.4	101	100	0	1	0	12	12	0	0
Arson and explosives	271	85.6	232	214	0	18	0	39	32	7	0
Transportation of stolen property	319	86.8	277	266	0	11	0	42	33	6	3
Other property offenses <sup>f</sup>	56	89.3	50	49	0	1	0	6	5	0	1
Drug offenses	29,300	92.4	27,065	26,082	4	932	47	2,235	2,050	150	35
Trafficking	27,254	92.4	25,174	24,249	3	879	43	2,080	1,909	138	33
Possession and other	2,046	92.4	1,891	1,833	1	53	4	155	141	12	2
Public-order offenses	4,645	87.7	4,073	3,843	2	210	18	572	507	54	11
Regulatory offenses	1,129	87.3	986	935	0	48	3	143	120	19	4
Agriculture	7	B	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Antitrust	39	89.7	35	31	0	4	0	4	0	4	0
Food and drug	44	93.2	41	40	0	1	0	3	3	0	0
Transportation	229	91.3	209	202	0	6	1	20	17	3	0
Civil rights	97	72.2	70	55	0	15	0	27	16	10	1
Communications	46	91.3	42	40	0	1	1	4	3	0	1
Customs laws	91	82.4	75	70	0	5	0	16	15	0	1
Postal laws	45	68.9	31	31	0	0	0	14	14	0	0
Other regulatory offenses	531	89.6	476	459	0	16	1	55	52	2	1
Other offenses	3,516	87.8	3,087	2,908	2	162	15	429	387	35	7
Tax law violations including tax fraud	507	95.9	486	453	0	31	2	21	18	2	1
Bribery	167	91.6	153	145	0	8	0	14	11	3	0
Perjury, contempt, intimidation	318	80.8	257	230	0	23	4	61	55	5	1
National defense	69	50.7	35	32	0	3	0	34	30	2	2
Escape	513	86.5	444	435	0	6	3	69	63	6	0
Racketeering and extortion	928	87.0	807	739	0	64	4	121	105	13	3
Gambling offenses	22	81.8	18	18	0	0	0	4	4	0	0
Liquor offenses	1	B	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonviolent sex offenses	576	91.1	525	508	1	15	1	51	50	1	0
Mail or transport of obscene material	19	100.0	19	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic offenses	16	93.8	15	14	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Wildlife	79	86.1	68	65	0	2	1	11	11	0	0
Environmental	30	90.0	27	27	0	0	0	3	3	0	0
Other felonies <sup>g</sup>	271	85.6	232	222	0	10	0	39	36	3	0
Weapons offenses	6,556	89.0	5,833	5,405	1	393	34	723	611	92	20
Immigration offenses	12,030	95.3	11,468	11,347	4	89	28	562	546	8	8
Misdemeanors <sup>h</sup>	10,131	71.0	7,196	6,566	334	26	270	2,935	2,701	13	221

Note: See Note, table 5.13.2002. These data are from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts' master data files. Only records with cases that terminated during fiscal year 2002 were selected. For methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 11.

<sup>e</sup>Excludes transportation of stolen property.

<sup>f</sup>Excludes fraudulent property offenses; includes destruction of property and trespass.

<sup>g</sup>Includes felonies with unclassifiable offense type.

<sup>h</sup>Includes misdemeanors, petty offenses, and unknown offense level.

<sup>a</sup>Includes mistrials.

<sup>b</sup>Includes 68 defendants for whom offense category could not be determined, 62 of whom were convicted, 6 of whom were not convicted.

<sup>c</sup>Includes only violent sex offenses.

<sup>d</sup>Excludes tax fraud.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Compendium of Federal Justice Statistics, 2002*, NCJ 205368 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2004), p. 58.