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Offenders sentenced in U.S. District Courts under the U.S. Sentencing Commission guidelines

By primary offense and education level, fiscal year 2008

Primary offense	Total cases	Education level							
		Less than high school graduate		High school graduate		Some college		College graduate	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	67,557	33,356	49.4%	20,023	29.6%	10,504	15.5%	3,674	5.4%
Murder	65	30	46.2	16	24.6	17	26.2	2	3.1
Manslaughter	53	23	43.4	23	43.4	7	13.2	0	X
Kidnaping, hostage-taking	54	30	55.6	11	20.4	10	18.5	3	5.6
Sexual abuse	478	135	28.2	173	36.2	102	21.3	68	14.2
Assault	599	265	44.2	210	35.1	94	15.7	30	5.0
Robbery	1,037	284	27.4	486	46.9	243	23.4	24	2.3
Arson	58	20	34.5	25	43.1	12	20.7	1	1.7
Drug offenses									
Trafficking	23,928	11,700	48.9	8,067	33.7	3,511	14.7	650	2.7
Communication facility ^a	338	142	42.0	117	34.6	66	19.5	13	3.8
Simple possession	316	101	32.0	126	39.9	76	24.1	13	4.1
Firearms	8,124	3,723	45.8	3,230	39.8	1,046	12.9	125	1.5
Burglary, breaking and entering	43	15	34.9	19	44.2	7	16.3	2	4.7
Motor vehicle theft	60	26	43.3	21	35.0	11	18.3	2	3.3
Larceny	1,383	341	24.7	559	40.4	363	26.2	120	8.7
Fraud	6,573	1,446	22.0	1,902	28.9	2,018	30.7	1,207	18.4
Embezzlement	462	61	13.2	166	35.9	181	39.2	54	11.7
Forgery, counterfeiting	994	328	33.0	406	40.8	212	21.3	48	4.8
Bribery	204	23	11.3	63	30.9	68	33.3	50	24.5
Tax	574	66	11.5	129	22.5	153	26.7	226	39.4
Money laundering	852	198	23.2	246	28.9	233	27.3	175	20.5
Racketeering, extortion	716	290	40.5	271	37.8	107	14.9	48	6.7
Gambling, lottery	116	33	28.4	38	32.8	35	30.2	10	8.6
Civil rights	67	9	13.4	24	35.8	29	43.3	5	7.5
Immigration	16,210	13,106	80.9	2,155	13.3	738	4.6	211	1.3
Pornography, prostitution	1,629	180	11.0	607	37.3	546	33.5	296	18.2
Prison offenses	333	153	45.9	136	40.8	38	11.4	6	1.8
Administration of justice offenses	934	311	33.3	323	34.6	205	21.9	95	10.2
Environmental, wildlife	136	28	20.6	53	39.0	39	28.7	16	11.8
National defense	53	14	26.4	12	22.6	9	17.0	18	34.0
Antitrust	20	0	X	5	25.0	5	25.0	10	50.0
Food and drug	66	8	12.1	17	25.8	15	22.7	26	39.4
Other	1,082	267	24.7	387	35.8	308	28.5	120	11.1

Note: These data are from the U.S. Sentencing Commission's fiscal year 2008 Offender Dataset, which includes information on 76,478 cases sentenced under the Sentencing Reform Act (guideline cases) during fiscal year 2008 (Oct. 1, 2007 through Sept. 30, 2008) for which data were received by the Commission as of Feb. 10, 2009. Given the nature of the data file and reporting requirements, the following types of cases are not included in the data presented here: cases initiated but for which no convictions were obtained, defendants convicted for whom no sentences were yet issued, defendants sentenced but for whom no data were submitted to the Commission, and cases not sentenced under the Sentencing Reform Act (non-guideline cases).

A case or defendant is defined as a single sentencing event for an individual defendant (even if multiple indictments

or multiple convictions are consolidated for sentencing). Multiple defendants in a single sentencing event are treated as separate cases. If an individual defendant is sentenced more than once during the fiscal year, each sentencing event is identified as a separate case. (Source, Appendix A.)

Of the 76,478 guideline cases, 8,921 were excluded due to one or both of the following conditions: missing primary offense category, 50; or missing education information, 8,920.

^aRefers to the use of a device, such as a telephone, in a drug trafficking offense.

Source: U.S. Sentencing Commission, *2008 Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics*, Table 8 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ussc.gov/ANNRPT/2008/table08.pdf> [Apr. 28, 2009].