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Mode of conviction in U.S. District Courts for U.S. Sentencing Commission guideline cases

By primary offense, fiscal year 2005

Primary offense	Total cases	Mode of conviction			
		Plea of guilty		Trial	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	53,624	50,649	94.5%	2,975	5.5%
Murder	63	42	66.7	21	33.3
Manslaughter	42	37	88.1	5	11.9
Kidnaping, hostage-taking	24	13	54.2	11	45.8
Sexual abuse	237	209	88.2	28	11.8
Assault	456	405	88.8	51	11.2
Robbery	1,021	955	93.5	66	6.5
Arson	40	31	77.5	9	22.5
Drug offenses					
Trafficking	18,356	17,230	93.9	1,126	6.1
Communication facility	309	306	99.0	3	1.0
Simple possession	721	704	97.6	17	2.4
Firearms	6,384	5,801	90.9	583	9.1
Burglary, breaking and entering	29	27	93.1	2	6.9
Auto theft	47	42	89.4	5	10.6
Larceny	1,424	1,378	96.8	46	3.2
Fraud	5,075	4,734	93.3	341	6.7
Embezzlement	413	402	97.3	11	2.7
Forgery, counterfeiting	795	773	97.2	22	2.8
Bribery	157	147	93.6	10	6.4
Tax	461	412	89.4	49	10.6
Money laundering	717	626	87.3	91	12.7
Racketeering, extortion	523	458	87.6	65	12.4
Gambling, lottery	82	81	98.8	1	1.2
Civil rights	46	34	73.9	12	26.1
Immigration	12,862	12,627	98.2	235	1.8
Pornography, prostitution	900	860	95.6	40	4.4
Prison offenses	278	271	97.5	7	2.5
Administration of justice offenses	779	724	92.9	55	7.1
Environmental, wildlife	133	131	98.5	2	1.5
National defense	19	17	89.5	2	10.5
Antitrust	12	11	91.7	1	8.3
Food and drug	57	54	94.7	3	5.3
Other	1,162	1,107	95.3	55	4.7

Note: See Note, [table 5.26.2005](#). Of the 53,674 guideline cases, 50 cases were excluded due to one or both of the following conditions: missing primary offense category, 24; and missing information on mode of conviction, 44.

Source: U.S. Sentencing Commission, *2005 Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics* (Washington, DC: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2006), p. 252.