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U.S. citizens and non-U.S. citizens sentenced in U.S. District Courts under the U.S. Sentencing Commission guidelines

By primary offense, fiscal year 2008

Primary offense	Total cases	U.S. citizen		Non-U.S. citizen	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	73,179	43,521	59.5%	29,658	40.5%
Murder	67	59	88.1	8	11.9
Manslaughter	54	54	100.0	0	X
Kidnaping, hostage-taking	55	30	54.5	25	45.5
Sexual abuse	484	446	92.1	38	7.9
Assault	615	537	87.3	78	12.7
Robbery	1,046	1,014	96.9	32	3.1
Arson	59	57	96.6	2	3.4
Drug offenses					
Trafficking	24,197	17,150	70.9	7,047	29.1
Communication facility ^a	349	264	75.6	85	24.4
Simple possession	340	329	96.8	11	3.2
Firearms	8,208	7,507	91.5	701	8.5
Burglary, breaking and entering	45	45	100.0	0	X
Motor vehicle theft	60	56	93.3	4	6.7
Larceny	1,430	1,326	92.7	104	7.3
Fraud	7,018	5,450	77.7	1,568	22.3
Embezzlement	470	459	97.7	11	2.3
Forgery, counterfeiting	1,006	901	89.6	105	10.4
Bribery	208	186	89.4	22	10.6
Tax	581	542	93.3	39	6.7
Money laundering	866	556	64.2	310	35.8
Racketeering, extortion	734	598	81.5	136	18.5
Gambling, lottery	127	120	94.5	7	5.5
Civil rights	68	61	89.7	7	10.3
Immigration	20,679	1,836	8.9	18,843	91.1
Pornography, prostitution	1,654	1,586	95.9	68	4.1
Prison offenses	341	313	91.8	28	8.2
Administration of justice offenses	955	769	80.5	186	19.5
Environmental, wildlife	146	133	91.1	13	8.9
National defense	53	30	56.6	23	43.4
Antitrust	20	17	85.0	3	15.0
Food and drug	68	58	85.3	10	14.7
Other	1,176	1,032	87.8	144	12.2

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, 3,299 cases were excluded due to one or both of the following conditions: missing primary offense category, 50; or missing citizenship information, 3,298.

^a Refers 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 9 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ussc.gov/ANNRPT/2008/table09.pdf> [Apr. 28, 2009].