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

By offender characteristics, mode of conviction, and drug offense, fiscal year 2009^a

	Total cases		Drug type											
			Powder cocaine		Crack cocaine		Heroin		Marijuana		Methamphetamine ^b		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex														
Male	21,911	87.9%	5,444	90.2%	5,176	91.1%	1,386	85.2%	5,415	87.8%	3,428	83.0%	1,062	82.9%
Female	3,007	12.1	589	9.8	508	8.9	240	14.8	751	12.2	700	17.0	219	17.1
Race, ethnicity														
White	6,492	26.1	1,031	17.1	558	9.8	281	17.4	1,784	29.0	2,158	52.4	680	53.3
Black	7,611	30.6	1,684	28.0	4,476	79.0	450	27.8	579	9.4	118	2.9	304	23.8
Hispanic ^c	9,877	39.7	3,202	53.2	584	10.3	875	54.0	3,520	57.2	1,577	38.3	119	9.3
Other ^d	872	3.5	103	1.7	51	0.9	13	0.8	268	4.4	265	6.4	172	13.5
Citizenship														
United States	17,994	72.3	3,912	64.9	5,516	97.1	1,003	61.8	3,508	56.9	2,946	71.4	1,109	86.6
Non-United States	6,907	27.7	2,117	35.1	167	2.9	621	38.2	2,652	43.1	1,179	28.6	171	13.4
Mode of conviction														
Guilty plea	23,898	95.9	5,775	95.7	5,335	93.9	1,579	97.1	6,018	97.6	3,956	95.8	1,235	96.4
Trial	1,020	4.1	258	4.3	349	6.1	47	2.9	148	2.4	172	4.2	46	3.6
Drug offenses														
Drug trafficking	24,091	96.7	5,866	97.2	5,403	95.1	1,576	96.9	6,014	97.5	4,009	97.1	1,223	95.5
Protected locations ^e	474	1.9	94	1.6	228	4.0	32	2.0	39	0.6	65	1.6	16	1.2
Continuing criminal enterprise	22	0.1	11	0.2	1	(f)	1	0.1	3	(f)	4	0.1	2	0.2
Communication facility ^g	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rent/manage drug establishment	52	0.2	17	0.3	20	0.4	1	0.1	5	0.1	8	0.2	1	0.1
Possession	279	1.1	45	0.7	32	0.6	16	1.0	105	1.7	42	1.0	39	3.0

Note: These data are from the U.S. Sentencing Commission's fiscal year 2009 Offender Dataset, which includes information on 81,372 cases sentenced under the Sentencing Reform Act (guideline cases) during fiscal year 2009 (Oct. 1, 2008 through Sept. 30, 2009) for which data were received by the Commission as of Feb. 3, 2010. 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 81,372 guideline cases, 25,164 were sentenced under drug offense guidelines. Some cases are excluded from the table due to missing information.

^aPercents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

^bIncludes methamphetamine mixture, methamphetamine actual, ICE, and methamphetamine precursors.

^cIncludes both black and white Hispanics.

^dIncludes Native Americans, Alaskan Natives, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.

^eOffenses occurring at designated protected locations such as near schools or playgrounds.

^fLess than 0.05%.

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

Source: U.S. Sentencing Commission, **2009 Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics**, Tables 33-36 and Table 38 [Online]. Available:

<http://www.uscc.gov/ANNRPT/2009/table33.pdf>, <http://www.uscc.gov/ANNRPT/2009/table34.pdf>, <http://www.uscc.gov/ANNRPT/2009/table35.pdf>, <http://www.uscc.gov/ANNRPT/2009/table36.pdf>, <http://www.uscc.gov/ANNRPT/2009/table38.pdf> [May 28, 2010]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.