

Sourcebook of criminal justice statistics Online

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Criminal cases filed and disposed of and number of defendants handled by U.S. attorneys

By offense type, United States, fiscal year 2008

Offense type	Cases		Defendants		Dispositions				
	Filed ^a	Terminated ^b	Filed ^c	Terminated ^d	Guilty	Not guilty ^e	Dismissed ^f	Rule 20 ^g	Other
Total	63,042	63,595	85,122	85,083	78,140	521	5,101	357	964
Assimilated crimes ^h	422	249	438	263	160	4	96	1	2
Civil rights prosecutions	100	106	159	191	166	7	12	1	5
Government regulatory offenses	1,343	1,502	2,028	2,296	2,021	14	215	19	27
Copyright violations	10	30	31	44	41	0	1	2	0
Counterfeiting	520	607	777	952	877	3	59	7	6
Customs violations:									
Duty	34	50	42	80	51	1	28	0	0
Currency	60	61	69	68	61	0	6	1	0
Energy pricing and related fraud	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Environmental offenses	264	313	446	476	407	4	50	8	7
Health and safety violations	16	13	22	26	23	0	3	0	0
Money laundering:									
Narcotics	83	64	116	102	90	0	9	0	3
Other	138	134	239	281	249	4	20	0	8
Trafficking in contraband cigarettes	32	22	71	48	42	0	4	0	2
Export enforcement, general	12	5	16	7	6	0	1	0	0
Other regulatory offenses	174	201	199	210	172	2	34	1	1
Immigration	23,061	22,319	24,814	23,930	22,799	21	949	11	150
Internal security offenses	25	23	37	35	34	0	1	0	0
Interstate theft	137	138	236	212	190	3	16	2	1
Labor management offenses	94	80	116	93	82	0	10	1	0
Corruption:									
Bribery	13	6	16	9	8	0	1	0	0
Pension benefit	13	19	13	20	19	0	1	0	0
Labor racketeering	6	5	21	12	11	0	1	0	0
Other labor offenses	62	50	66	52	44	0	7	1	0
Drug offenses	14,519	15,778	27,940	28,636	26,297	143	1,673	87	436
Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF)	2,491	2,748	8,118	8,583	7,623	67	646	18	229
Non-OCDETF	12,028	13,030	19,822	20,053	18,674	76	1,027	69	207
Dealing	11,813	12,873	19,561	19,859	18,512	74	1,000	67	206
Possession	215	157	261	194	162	2	27	2	1
Official corruption	539	468	802	775	695	29	33	0	18
Federal procurement	38	34	58	75	54	3	9	0	9
Federal program	37	42	58	57	50	0	4	0	3
Federal law enforcement	69	71	103	126	116	3	5	0	2
Other Federal	102	72	110	109	101	2	5	0	1
Local	178	159	248	229	206	15	6	0	2
State	62	47	129	78	75	2	1	0	0
Other official	53	43	96	101	93	4	3	0	1
Organized crime	254	204	543	579	521	3	21	0	34
Terrorism/National security	263	273	369	427	372	7	31	4	13
Theft	1,145	1,222	1,369	1,551	1,397	8	113	14	19
Check/postal	746	773	875	1,006	914	7	70	5	10
Motor vehicle theft	31	39	67	75	60	0	6	1	8
Theft of government property	368	410	427	470	423	1	37	8	1
Violent crime	11,896	12,045	13,852	13,967	12,635	176	943	106	107
Violent offenses in Indian country	661	702	722	765	662	26	72	1	4
Other	11,235	11,343	13,130	13,202	11,973	150	871	105	103
Other (non-violent) offenses in Indian country	85	80	107	108	93	1	10	4	0

See notes at end of table.

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White collar crime	6,117	5,944	8,684	8,395	7,569	83	572	68	103
Advance fee schemes ⁱ	33	32	54	55	50	0	4	1	0
Fraud against business institutions	461	472	639	738	691	7	31	3	6
Antitrust violations	27	8	29	8	8	0	0	0	0
Bank fraud and embezzlement	1,155	1,214	1,771	1,766	1,627	9	104	10	16
Bankruptcy fraud	76	95	88	114	90	7	14	1	2
Commodities fraud	6	11	10	21	21	0	0	0	0
Computer fraud	171	180	220	270	239	2	16	11	2
Consumer fraud	119	139	203	217	195	0	16	4	2
Corporate fraud	47	77	74	149	120	5	13	0	11
Federal procurement fraud	63	63	87	83	71	2	10	0	0
Federal program fraud	875	1,005	1,055	1,197	1,049	7	118	11	12
Health care fraud	502	417	797	679	588	9	69	5	8
Insurance fraud	48	49	74	86	78	2	1	1	4
Other investment fraud	79	79	114	111	105	1	4	0	1
Securities fraud	124	138	182	205	183	1	16	1	4
Tax fraud	629	613	810	785	714	16	39	5	11
Intellectual property violations	31	32	44	42	33	3	6	0	0
Identity theft	419	271	535	389	365	0	16	3	5
Aggravated identity theft	356	204	525	298	289	3	4	1	1
Mortgage fraud	88	16	216	78	71	1	3	0	3
Other fraud	808	829	1,157	1,104	982	8	88	11	15
All other	3,042	3,164	3,628	3,625	3,109	22	406	39	49

Note: The U.S. attorney is the highest ranking law enforcement official in each of the 94 Federal judicial districts. Each U.S. attorney, under the direction of the U.S. Attorney General, is responsible for establishing law enforcement priorities, and for carrying out the prosecution, litigation, and appellate responsibilities within their respective districts. Each U.S. attorney also is the chief litigator representing the United States in civil judicial proceedings in the district. U.S. attorneys direct and supervise the work of the assistant U.S. attorneys and staff of the district's offices. These data include cases filed and terminated by U.S. attorneys in U.S. District Courts and exclude filings and terminations in magistrate courts and appellate courts.

^aIncludes 404 cases initiated by transfer under Rule 20 (see footnote g).

^bIncludes 286 cases terminated by transfer under Rule 20 (see footnote g).

^cIncludes 419 defendants initiated by transfer under Rule 20 (see footnote g).

^dIncludes 357 defendants terminated by transfer under Rule 20 (see footnote g).

^eIncludes 26 verdicts of not guilty by reason of insanity involving 26 defendants.

^fIncludes transfers, dismissals other than by court, pretrial diversions, and proceedings suspended indefinitely by court.

^gRule 20 of the Federal Criminal Rules permits the transfer of a case from one district to another for plea and sentencing. That is, if an offender is arrested in one district on an indictment or information originating in another district, the offender may plead guilty and be sentenced in the arresting district.

^hLaws of States adopted for areas within a Federal jurisdiction (18 U.S.C. 13), e.g., driving while intoxicated on a military base.

ⁱFraud against businesses or individuals involving the payment of a fee in advance for goods, services, or other things of value.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, *United States Attorneys' Annual Statistical Report: Fiscal Year 2008* (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2009), Table 3. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.