

Table 6.68

**Offenders returning to Federal prison within 3 years of release**

United States, 1986-97

Year of release	Number of first releases	First returns to prison within 3 years of release	
		Number	Percent of releases
Total	215,263	33,855	15.7%
1986	21,493	2,440	11.4
1987	22,889	2,942	12.9
1988	22,237	2,995	13.5
1989	22,221	3,225	14.5
1990	25,389	3,948	15.6
1991	24,685	4,291	17.4
1992	24,280	4,429	18.2
1993	25,224	4,593	18.2
1994	26,845	4,992	18.6

Note: These data are from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics' Federal Justice Statistics Program, which is a database constructed from source files provided by the Executive Office for United States Attorneys, the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, the United States Sentencing Commission, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. This study counts the number of Federal prisoners who returned to Federal prison after first release from a U.S. district court commitment. "First returns to prison" include all first releases who were returned for any reason, including those who entered Federal prison as the result of a supervision violation or conviction for a new offense. Federal prisoners who, after first release from a Federal prison, subsequently entered a State prison or local jail were not included in this analysis. Federal offenders released during 1994 represent the final cohort included in the above data. By ending with the 1994 cohort, offenders could be tracked for at least 3 years following release.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Offenders Returning to Federal Prison, 1986-97*, Special Report NCJ 182991 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, September 2000), p. 2.