

Table 5.3
U.S. District Courts—Criminal Defendants Filed, by Offense,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 1995 Through 2020

Nature of Offense	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2010	2005	2000	1995
Total	73,740	92,485	86,949	76,822	77,152	79,834	99,939	91,632	83,303	63,986
Violent Offenses, Total	2,507	3,104	3,101	2,858	2,897	2,765	2,810	3,093	3,277	3,050
Homicide	140	146	167	133	138	139	149	196	174	275
Robbery, Total	391	563	652	706	678	645	944	1,181	1,506	1,408
Bank	370	531	618	653	649	618	879	1,139	1,460	1,332
Other Robbery Offenses	21	32	34	53	29	27	65	42	46	76
Assault	910	1,184	1,170	1,089	1,099	1,026	843	988	938	698
Kidnapping	139	196	148	132	134	93	124	137	128	138
Racketeering - General	454	509	534	438	472	464	429	364	329	295
Carjacking	300	317	272	219	229	205	140	134	158	220
Terrorism ¹	42	48	55	53	40	77	75	35	7	-
Other Violent Offenses	131	141	103	88	107	116	106	58	37	16
Property Offenses, Total	7,132	9,948	10,207	10,115	10,712	12,308	17,417	15,269	17,126	17,023
Burglary	44	25	39	41	45	51	67	76	75	83
Larceny and Theft, Total	1,132	1,544	1,755	1,944	2,142	2,453	2,797	3,012	3,775	3,975
Bank	33	20	26	30	27	22	53	96	290	239
Postal Service	204	256	339	308	252	220	262	387	603	414
Interstate Shipments	15	18	23	44	19	17	38	56	135	193
Theft of U.S. Property	753	1,096	1,204	1,379	1,619	1,954	1,983	1,859	1,925	2,183
Theft Within Maritime Jurisdiction	44	80	77	81	103	118	191	208	350	348
Transportation of Stolen Property	78	62	73	93	87	98	166	218	380	520
Other Larceny and Theft Offenses	5	12	13	9	35	24	104	188	92	78
Embezzlement, Total	234	351	354	416	387	422	624	710	1,171	1,318
Bank	26	38	45	60	64	82	136	225	674	745
Postal Service	107	173	145	167	155	166	238	232	249	248
Financial Institutions	7	9	12	17	13	9	22	26	54	102
Other Embezzlement Offenses	94	131	152	172	155	165	228	227	194	223
Fraud, Total	5,454	7,513	7,520	7,165	7,557	8,700	12,639	9,907	9,985	9,850
Tax	337	367	378	377	396	470	596	644	654	905

Table 5.3 (September 30, 2020—Continued)

Nature of Offense	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2010	2005	2000	1995
Financial Institutions	172	250	270	266	258	267	812	1,016	1,661	1,559
Securities and Exchange	37	73	65	68	83	73	122	142	256	80
Mail	133	153	147	173	233	288	650	695	941	1,511
Wire, Radio, or Television	397	454	498	448	415	518	710	487	493	-
Bankruptcy	20	51	36	47	70	57	68	112	157	120
Social Security	213	396	285	308	273	346	544	699	687	289
False Personation	16	15	21	19	19	21	58	49	43	47
Citizenship and Naturalization	53	67	91	82	71	96	286	307	367	70
Passport	254	520	503	347	397	564	889	394	292	242
Identification Documents and Information	492	744	772	639	758	956	2,780	1,338	721	856
False Claims of Government Services	35	65	88	133	230	286	245	259	233	431
False Statements	442	566	403	329	385	433	682	960	658	682
Conspiracy to Defraud the United States	664	733	793	849	861	923	1,025	1,168	1,393	552
Unauthorized Access Devices	374	633	746	819	802	805	791	744	849	1,259
Computer	44	102	87	66	51	73	95	115	92	30
Health Care ²	323	489	540	447	457	515	529	486	391	-
Attempt and Conspiracy to Defraud ³	1,414	1,810	1,755	1,668	1,629	1,926	1,671	188	-	-
Other Fraud Offenses	34	25	42	80	169	83	86	104	97	640
Forgery and Counterfeiting	148	312	387	392	445	550	1,087	1,394	1,778	1,397
Auto Theft	25	29	13	17	18	13	47	57	164	225
Other Property Offenses	95	174	139	140	118	119	156	113	178	175

Table 5.3 (September 30, 2020—Continued)

Nature of Offense	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2010	2005	2000	1995
Drug Offenses, Total	21,677	26,021	24,740	24,356	24,638	25,493	29,410	32,637	30,412	22,789
Marijuana, Total	1,775	2,432	3,385	4,181	5,158	5,584	7,368	7,349	8,492	5,561
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	1,016	1,256	1,845	2,249	2,717	2,778	4,756	4,432	5,504	3,545
Import/Export	162	324	424	373	422	389	970	1,327	1,981	470
Manufacture	27	50	47	60	57	68	337	227	203	278
Possession	570	802	1,069	1,499	1,962	2,349	1,305	1,363	804	1,628
All Other Drugs, Total	19,825	23,495	21,274	20,091	19,386	19,828	21,918	25,121	21,731	16,948
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	16,728	20,844	18,895	17,560	17,391	17,542	19,557	22,243	19,117	14,451
Import/Export	2,564	2,011	1,678	1,773	1,511	1,553	1,302	1,279	1,376	1,211
Manufacture	218	183	187	223	147	355	712	1,040	870	403
Possession	315	457	514	535	337	378	347	559	368	883
Other Drug Offenses	77	94	81	84	94	81	124	167	189	-
Firearms and Explosives Offenses, Total	11,042	12,642	11,692	9,672	8,734	7,980	8,376	10,328	6,527	4,780
Firearms, Total	10,839	12,479	11,526	9,525	8,576	7,851	8,145	10,083	6,251	4,480
Possession by Prohibited Persons	6,653	7,507	6,745	5,726	5,032	4,719	4,827	5,973	3,288	1,554
Furtherance of Violent/Drug-Trafficking Crimes	2,604	3,166	3,136	2,438	2,277	1,968	1,936	2,527	1,606	-
Other Firearms Offenses	1,582	1,806	1,645	1,361	1,267	1,164	1,382	1,583	1,357	1,397
Explosives	203	163	166	147	158	129	231	245	276	300
Sex Offenses, Total	3,005	3,216	3,240	3,161	3,204	3,431	2,871	1,828	976	428
Sexual Abuse of Adults	98	115	127	113	138	113	111	104	117	118
Sexual Abuse of Minors	959	931	938	892	903	876	573	353	247	169
Sexually Explicit Material	1,334	1,439	1,485	1,465	1,469	1,680	1,692	1,112	462	86
Transportation for Illegal Sexual Activity [4]	304	321	248	239	229	236	154	256	142	-
Sex Offender Registry [5]	304	403	435	442	462	509	334	-	-	-
Other Sex Offenses	6	7	7	10	3	17	7	3	8	55

Table 5.3 (September 30, 2020—Continued)

Nature of Offense	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2010	2005	2000	1995
Justice System Offenses, Total	691	865	821	859	822	831	990	1,226	1,240	1,314
Aiding, Abetting, or Accessory	78	113	111	129	117	127	159	307	205	275
Obstruction of Justice	186	252	261	237	231	237	324	336	246	253
Escape from Custody	317	362	317	348	333	318	285	257	243	295
Failure to Appear	62	72	71	85	79	91	162	184	300	295
Perjury	19	24	19	23	29	23	34	73	135	110
Contempt	29	42	42	37	33	35	26	69	111	86
Immigration Offenses, Total	23,618	31,495	27,916	20,438	20,762	20,833	29,149	18,322	13,067	4,472
Alien Smuggling	3,761	4,541	3,702	3,191	3,061	2,779	3,050	3,752	2,743	1,044
Improper Entry by Alien	137	461	254	172	196	279	1,308	2,067	2,588	470
Improper Reentry by Alien	19,233	25,667	23,250	16,554	16,982	17,176	23,211	11,653	7,196	2,654
Fraud and Misuse of Visa/Permits	444	772	671	455	467	559	1,503	782	406	280
Other Immigration Offenses	43	54	39	66	56	40	77	68	134	24
General Offenses, Total	1,631	1,880	1,735	1,718	1,816	1,848	2,401	2,800	3,838	2,709
Bribery	92	109	84	96	93	99	164	182	327	288
Money Laundering	809	825	841	706	781	942	995	1,303	1,443	1,183
RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations /	87	113	120	214	235	141	141	159	139	193
Racketeering - General	29	35	41	76	60	39	56	72	55	295
Extortion and Threats	119	149	110	103	110	96	140	222	236	243
Gambling and Lottery	15	26	19	27	69	40	69	159	213	182
Failure to Pay Child Support	0	5	6	10	16	48	75	92	292	35
Other General Offenses	480	618	514	486	452	443	761	611	1,133	534

Table 5.3 (September 30, 2020—Continued)

Nature of Offense	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2010	2005	2000	1995
Regulatory Offenses, Total	1,087	1,415	1,298	1,353	1,317	1,588	2,137	1,987	2,149	2,205
Civil Rights	153	179	167	183	192	170	130	116	126	138
Copyright	1	15	4	14	11	21	70	56	35	11
Food and Drug	29	56	55	42	66	91	58	44	64	68
Hazardous Waste Treatment, Disposal, and Storage	22	25	29	30	26	27	43	51	64	64
Telegraph, Telephone, and Radiograph	5	5	5	3	3	4	6	19	69	19
National Defense	43	52	42	48	22	51	85	41	25	32
Antitrust	18	16	19	37	40	37	36	37	75	48
Labor	29	42	36	35	49	41	84	78	139	87
Game and Conservation	108	115	130	173	136	164	228	202	192	267
National Parks/Recreation	13	51	66	53	70	102	161	110	183	252
Customs	255	315	226	154	112	105	142	79	164	151
Postal Service	53	80	67	85	77	117	120	110	112	210
Reporting of Monetary Transactions	95	115	111	145	154	207	347	292	318	266
Migratory Bird	25	34	45	48	38	86	115	107	80	48
Maritime and Shipping	46	115	58	52	86	103	127	96	94	99
Aircraft Regulations	49	52	63	39	58	60	60	96	64	16
Other Regulatory Offenses	143	148	175	212	177	202	325	453	345	429
Traffic Offenses, Total	1,350	1,899	2,199	2,292	2,250	2,757	4,378	4,142	4,691	5,216
Drunk Driving	509	746	778	760	725	951	1,514	1,809	1,252	1,509
Other Traffic Offenses	841	1,153	1,421	1,532	1,525	1,806	2,864	2,333	3,439	3,707

Note: Due to a change in methodology, numbers for years prior to 2015 may not match numbers previously published in this table.

In 2005, the classification of criminal filings was amended to more accurately categorize the major offense charged. Data in this table reflect these revisions. Therefore, data published in the Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts in 2005 and thereafter do not match data published prior to 2005.

¹ Data collection for this category began in 1997.

² Data collection for this category began in 1998.

³ Data collection for this category began in 2004.

[4] Data collection for this category began in 1996.

[5] Data collection for this category began in 2008.

Source: Table D-2 (Defendants), *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.