

Table D-2. Defendants

**U.S. District Courts—Criminal Defendants Commenced, by Major Offense (Excluding Transfers),
During the 12-Month Periods Ending December 31, 2004 Through 2008**

Major Offense	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Percent Change 2008 Over 2007 ¹
TOTAL	92,184	91,192	87,238	89,910	93,382	3.9
VIOLENT OFFENSES, TOTAL	3,226	3,073	2,888	2,958	2,903	-1.9
HOMICIDE	183	198	165	149	151	1.3
ROBBERY, TOTAL	1,335	1,196	1,191	1,128	1,091	-3.3
BANK	1,283	1,158	1,147	1,083	1,032	-4.7
OTHER ROBBERY OFFENSES	52	38	44	45	59	31.1
ASSAULT	1,023	954	895	904	810	-10.4
KIDNAPPING	186	131	135	133	156	17.3
RACKETEERING—VIOLENT	313	336	264	372	428	15.1
CARJACKING	123	142	133	173	165	-4.6
TERRORISM	12	55	45	55	23	-58.2
OTHER VIOLENT OFFENSES	51	61	60	44	79	79.5
PROPERTY OFFENSES, TOTAL	15,356	15,532	15,659	16,185	15,633	-3.4
BURGLARY	65	79	41	62	52	-16.1
LARCENY AND THEFT, TOTAL	3,061	2,981	3,294	3,365	2,866	-14.8
BANK	97	80	80	67	83	23.9
POSTAL SERVICE	453	398	428	420	303	-27.9
INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS	48	44	57	31	35	12.9
THEFT—U.S. PROPERTY	1,906	1,861	2,155	2,323	2,007	-13.6
THEFT—MARITIME JURISDICTION	227	210	213	168	139	-17.3
TRANSPORTATION, ETC., STOLEN PROPERTY	215	224	178	209	169	-19.1
OTHER LARCENY AND THEFT OFFENSES	115	164	183	147	130	-11.6
EMBEZZLEMENT, TOTAL	822	734	681	608	701	15.3
BANK	314	223	243	193	195	1.0
POSTAL SERVICE	263	220	184	198	237	19.7
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	33	32	21	24	41	70.8
OTHER EMBEZZLEMENT OFFENSES	212	259	233	193	228	18.1
FRAUD, TOTAL	10,012	10,025	10,090	10,673	10,785	1.0
TAX	591	659	567	606	608	0.3
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	1,159	1,014	1,021	796	670	-15.8
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	171	147	84	133	78	-41.4
MAIL	860	728	722	708	692	-2.3
WIRE, RADIO, OR TELEVISION	521	538	532	526	477	-9.3

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Major Offense	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Percent Change 2008 Over 2007 ¹
FRAUD (CONTINUED)						
BANKRUPTCY	98	87	114	53	65	22.6
SOCIAL SECURITY	823	696	700	791	921	16.4
FALSE PERSONATION	31	50	44	59	46	-22.0
CITIZENSHIP AND NATURALIZATION	276	273	201	181	249	37.6
PASSPORT	475	373	321	391	464	18.7
IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION	1,024	1,329	1,592	1,976	1,696	-14.2
FALSE CLAIMS AND SERVICES—GOVERNMENT	236	326	388	307	259	-15.6
FALSE STATEMENTS	1,032	904	782	751	943	25.6
CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD THE UNITED STATES	1,273	1,169	1,317	1,284	1,176	-8.4
UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS DEVICES	729	809	800	854	927	8.5
COMPUTER	94	108	132	109	116	6.4
HEALTH CARE	368	490	386	403	472	17.1
ATTEMPT AND CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD	99	190	253	585	850	45.3
OTHER FRAUD OFFENSES	152	135	134	160	76	-52.5
FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING	1,235	1,527	1,357	1,274	1,021	-19.9
AUTO THEFT	52	56	44	66	50	-24.2
OTHER PROPERTY OFFENSES	109	130	152	137	158	15.3
DRUG OFFENSES, TOTAL	31,780	32,543	30,378	29,952	28,703	-4.2
MARIJUANA, TOTAL	8,027	7,056	6,814	6,972	6,300	-9.6
SELL, DISTRIBUTE, OR DISPENSE	4,831	4,294	4,134	4,063	3,701	-8.9
IMPORT/EXPORT	1,467	1,267	1,321	1,649	1,405	-14.8
MANUFACTURE	242	215	215	403	380	-5.7
POSSESSION	1,487	1,280	1,144	857	814	-5.0
ALL OTHER DRUGS, TOTAL	23,539	25,354	23,454	22,899	22,315	-2.6
SELL, DISTRIBUTE, OR DISPENSE	20,420	22,594	21,061	20,846	20,246	-2.9
IMPORT/EXPORT	1,377	1,282	1,282	1,163	1,067	-8.3
MANUFACTURE	1,189	893	615	454	645	42.1
POSSESSION	553	585	496	436	357	-18.1
OTHER DRUG OFFENSES	214	133	110	81	88	8.6
FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES OFFENSES, TOTAL	10,773	10,231	9,687	9,448	9,022	-4.5

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Major Offense	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	PercentChange 2008 Over 2007 ¹
FIREARMS, TOTAL	10,491	9,977	9,405	9,230	8,812	-4.5
POSSESSION BY PROHIBITED PERSONS	6,149	5,854	5,570	5,400	5,225	-3.2
FURTHERANCE OF VIOLENT/DRUG-TRAFFICKING CRIMES	2,689	2,485	2,442	2,337	2,232	-4.5
OTHER FIREARMS OFFENSES	1,653	1,638	1,393	1,493	1,355	-9.2
EXPLOSIVES	282	254	282	218	210	-3.7
SEX OFFENSES, TOTAL	1,767	1,884	2,027	2,648	2,816	6.3
SEXUAL ABUSE OF ADULTS	125	99	103	130	80	-38.5
SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS	399	369	405	468	439	-6.2
SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL	998	1,152	1,236	1,570	1,778	13.2
TRANSPORTATION FOR ILLEGAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY	237	256	269	274	232	-15.3
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY	-	-	-	-	279	-
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	8	8	14	206	8	-96.1
JUSTICE SYSTEM OFFENSES, TOTAL	1,292	1,242	1,120	1,027	1,129	9.9
AIDING, ABETTING, ACCESSORY, ETC.	301	309	240	193	228	18.1
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE	306	349	331	272	284	4.4
ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY	262	260	239	252	303	20.2
FAILURE TO APPEAR	255	192	185	192	231	20.3
PERJURY	81	72	62	60	40	-33.3
CONTEMPT	87	60	63	58	43	-25.9
IMMIGRATION OFFENSES, TOTAL	18,546	18,059	17,274	18,856	24,384	29.3
ALIEN SMUGGLING	3,648	3,749	3,785	3,750	3,847	2.6
IMPROPER ENTRY BY ALIEN	2,608	1,843	1,070	1,420	2,098	47.7
IMPROPER REENTRY BY ALIEN	11,496	11,670	11,671	13,102	17,068	30.3
FRAUD AND MISUSE OF VISA/PERMIT	695	767	692	539	1,311	143.2
OTHER IMMIGRATION OFFENSES	99	30	56	45	60	33.3
GENERAL OFFENSES, TOTAL	2,944	2,749	2,521	2,402	2,526	5.2
BRIBERY	189	189	178	185	160	-13.5
MONEY LAUNDERING	1,420	1,391	1,268	1,121	1,075	-4.1
RICO ²	150	164	161	92	158	71.7
RACKETEERING—GENERAL	53	69	49	33	65	97.0
EXTORTION AND THREATS	193	211	153	162	159	-1.9
GAMBLING AND LOTTERY	167	101	58	95	78	-17.9
FAILURE TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT	104	91	73	72	97	34.7
OTHER GENERAL OFFENSES	668	533	581	642	734	14.3

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Major Offense	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Percent Change 2008 Over 2007 ¹
REGULATORY OFFENSES, TOTAL	1,980	1,914	1,994	2,029	2,106	3.8
CIVIL RIGHTS	104	129	111	119	115	-3.4
COPYRIGHT	50	67	83	42	63	50.0
FOOD AND DRUG	51	49	61	64	44	-31.3
HAZARDOUS WASTE TREATMENT, DISPOSAL, AND STORAGE	38	36	24	46	33	-28.3
TELEGRAPH, TELEPHONE, AND RADIOGRAPH	25	28	15	13	7	-46.2
NATIONAL DEFENSE	22	46	53	32	56	75.0
ANTITRUST	26	29	36	24	34	41.7
LABOR	81	77	88	73	84	15.1
GAME AND CONSERVATION	199	201	268	274	260	-5.1
NATIONAL PARKS	122	92	122	130	133	2.3
CUSTOMS	82	80	49	101	120	18.8
POSTAL SERVICE	109	112	105	98	107	9.2
REPORTING OF MONETARY TRANSACTIONS	324	263	256	254	229	-9.8
MIGRATORY BIRD	141	94	49	92	153	66.3
MARITIME AND SHIPPING	90	96	123	133	137	3.0
AIRCRAFT REGULATIONS	124	96	80	77	80	3.9
OTHER REGULATORY OFFENSES	392	419	471	457	451	-1.3
TRAFFIC OFFENSES, TOTAL	4,520	3,965	3,690	4,405	4,160	-5.6
DRUNK DRIVING	1,520	1,781	1,511	1,594	1,449	-9.1
OTHER TRAFFIC OFFENSES	3,000	2,184	2,179	2,811	2,711	-3.6

NOTE: BEGINNING IN 2005, CATEGORIES FOR CRIMINAL OFFENSES WERE MODIFIED. THEREFORE, DATA FOR 2005 AND THEREAFTER ARE NOT COMPARABLE TO DATA PUBLISHED IN PREVIOUS YEARS. THIS TABLE INCLUDES DEFENDANTS IN ALL FELONY AND CLASS A MISDEMEANOR CASES, BUT INCLUDES ONLY THOSE PETTY OFFENSE DEFENDANTS WHOSE CASES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO DISTRICT JUDGES.

¹ PERCENT CHANGE NOT COMPUTED WHEN FEWER THAN 10 DEFENDANTS REPORTED FOR THE PREVIOUS PERIOD.

² RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.