

Table 323. U.S. District Courts—Offenders Convicted and Sentenced to Prison and Length of Sentence: 2000 and 2004

Selected most serious offense of conviction	Offenders convicted ¹		Offenders sentenced to prison ^{1, 2}		Mean length of sentence for incarceration (months) ³	
	2000	2004	2000	2004	2000	2004
Total	68,156	74,782	50,451	58,106	56.7	59.7
Violent offenses ⁴	2,557	2,569	2,360	2,402	86.5	96.2
Murder ⁵	283	190	249	175	94.2	111.2
Negligent manslaughter	1	1	1	1	(B)	(B)
Assault	253	465	188	384	33.0	44.8
Property offenses	12,454	12,202	7,462	7,323	24.2	27.4
Fraudulent	10,396	10,403	6,272	6,267	22.5	25.8
Embezzlement	917	646	506	302	14.8	16.0
Fraud ⁶	8,177	8,677	5,008	5,278	23.5	26.6
Forgery	86	73	41	44	19.1	20.0
Counterfeiting	1,216	1,007	717	643	20.8	24.1
Other ⁴	2,058	1,799	1,190	1,056	33.2	36.7
Larceny ⁷	1,394	1,307	689	695	27.3	31.3
Arson	158	165	134	136	71.8	75.2
Transportation of stolen property	272	166	200	115	33.4	35.0
Drug offenses ⁴	24,206	24,472	22,352	22,744	75.5	83.6
Public-order offenses ⁴	4,585	4,398	2,989	3,135	45.8	43.6
Regulatory	1,376	1,106	647	580	28.4	32.3
Other	3,209	3,292	2,342	2,555	46.5	46.2
Tax law violations ⁸	655	425	355	265	18.5	26.5
Escape	487	415	447	380	19.2	18.7
Racketeering and extortion	951	844	778	651	81.5	70.9
Nonviolent sex offenses	475	724	429	692	47.1	57.0
Obscene material ⁹	28	32	7	25	(B)	32.7
Weapon offenses ¹⁰	4,196	8,082	3,834	7,518	91.4	84.3
Immigration offenses ¹⁰	11,125	14,819	10,073	13,387	29.5	26.9
Misdemeanors ¹¹	8,961	8,240	1,356	1,597	10.4	5.6

B Base figures too small to meet statistical standards for reliability of a derived figure. ¹ Total may not equal the sum of individual sanctions. ² All sentences to incarceration, including split, mixed, life, and indeterminate sentences. ³ Excludes sentences of life, death, and indeterminate sentences. ⁴ Includes offenses not shown separately. ⁵ Includes nonnegligent manslaughter. ⁶ Excludes tax fraud. ⁷ Excludes transportation of stolen property. ⁸ Includes tax fraud. ⁹ Denotes the mail or transport thereof. ¹⁰ Beginning in 2001, "Weapon and Immigration" offenses became major offense categories. Previously, these offenses were classified within "Public-order offenses." ¹¹ Includes misdemeanors, petty offenses, unknown offense levels, and drug possession.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Federal Criminal Justice Trends, 2003*, Series NCJ 205331, August 2006; <<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cfjs03.htm>>. *Compendium of Federal Justice Statistics, 2004*, Series NCJ 213476, December 2006; <<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cfjs04.htm>>.