

Table 315. Authorized Intercepts of Communication—Summary: 1980 to 2006

[Data for jurisdictions with statutes authorizing or approving interception of wire or oral communication]

Item	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Jurisdictions: ¹										
With wiretap statutes	28	32	40	41	45	47	47	47	47	47
Reporting interceptions	22	22	25	19	26	20	24	20	23	24
Intercept applications authorized	564	784	872	1,156	1,266	1,358	1,442	1,710	1,773	1,839
Intercept installations ²	524	722	812	1,024	1,139	1,273	1,367	1,633	1,694	1,714
Federal	79	235	321	527	472	490	576	723	624	461
State	445	487	491	497	667	783	791	910	1,070	1,253
Intercepted communications, average ³	1,058	1,320	1,487	2,028	1,769	1,708	3,004	3,017	2,835	2,685
Incriminating average ³	315	275	321	459	402	403	993	619	629	547
Persons arrested ⁴	1,871	2,469	2,057	2,577	3,411	3,060	3,674	4,506	4,674	4,376
Convictions ⁴	259	660	420	494	736	493	844	634	776	711
Major offense specified:										
Gambling	199	206	116	95	49	82	49	90	42	56
Drugs	282	434	520	732	894	1,052	1,104	1,308	1,433	1,473
Homicide and assault	13	25	21	30	72	58	80	48	82	119
Racketeering	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	98	76	72	96	138	94	90
Other	70	119	215	201	175	94	113	126	122	101

NA Not available ¹ Jurisdictions include federal government, 44 states and the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

² Based on the number of orders for which intercept devices were installed as reported by the prosecuting official. ³ Average per authorized installation. ⁴ Based on information received from intercepts installed in year shown; additional arrests/convictions will occur in subsequent years but are not shown here.

Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, *Report on Applications for Orders Authorizing or Approving the Interception of Wire, Oral, or Electronic Communications* (Wiretap Report), annual. See also <<http://www.uscourts.gov/wiretap06/contents.html>> (accessed April 2007).