

Table 331. Suspects in Criminal Matters Investigated by U.S. Attorneys by Offense: 1994 to 2004

[The most serious offense investigated is based on the criminal lead charge as determined by the assistant U.S. attorney responsible for the criminal matter]

Most serious offense investigated	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999 ¹	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
All offenses²	99,251	102,220	97,776	110,034	115,692	117,994	123,559	121,818	124,335	130,078	141,212
Violent offenses ³	5,570	5,720	6,570	7,354	7,527	5,768	6,036	6,225	6,392	5,688	5,714
Property offenses	32,579	31,759	28,962	29,916	30,125	28,011	28,423	28,608	27,321	27,375	24,956
Fraudulent ⁴	28,491	27,836	25,245	25,854	26,328	24,200	24,679	25,275	24,019	24,261	22,182
Other ⁵	4,088	3,923	3,717	4,062	3,797	3,811	3,744	3,333	3,302	3,114	2,774
Drug offenses	29,311	31,686	30,227	34,027	36,355	37,313	38,959	37,944	38,150	37,416	37,501
Public-order offenses	19,143	19,036	18,918	22,857	21,244	22,816	24,180	23,980	23,472	23,717	21,277
Regulatory	5,059	5,371	5,154	5,423	6,541	6,332	5,737	5,411	4,738	5,366	4,959
Other	14,084	13,665	13,764	17,434	14,703	16,484	18,443	18,569	18,734	18,351	16,318
Weapon offenses ⁶	5,996	5,376	4,462	4,870	4,907	6,982	8,589	8,989	11,200	14,022	14,398
Immigration offenses ⁶	5,526	7,256	7,122	9,366	14,114	15,539	16,495	15,378	16,699	20,341	35,858
Unknown or indeterminable offenses	1,126	1,387	1,515	1,644	1,420	1,565	877	694	1,101	1,519	1,508

¹ Starting in 1999 and through the current year of data, nonviolent sex offenses were reclassified from "Violent offenses" to "Public-order offenses." ² Includes suspects whose offense category could not be determined. See Methodology for a listing of detailed offense categories within each major offense category. ³ In this table, "Violent offenses" may include nonnegligent manslaughter; "Fraudulent property" excludes tax fraud; and "Other nonfraudulent property" excludes fraudulent property and includes destruction of property and trespassing. ⁴ Fraudulent property excludes tax fraud. ⁵ Excludes fraudulent property and includes destruction of property and trespassing. ⁶ Beginning in 2001, "Weapon" and "Immigration" offenses became major offense categories. Previously, these offenses were classified within "Public-order offenses."

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Federal Criminal Justice Trends*, 2003. Series NCJ 205331, August 2006. See also, <<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/fcjt03.htm>>. *Compendium of Federal Justice Statistics, 2004*, Series NCJ 213476, December 2006; <<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cfjs04.htm>>.