

**Table 324. U.S. District Courts—Offenders Convicted and Sentenced to Prison and Length of Sentence: 2000 and 2005**

Selected most serious offense of conviction	Offenders convicted <sup>1</sup>		Offenders sentenced to prison <sup>1, 2</sup>		Mean length of sentence for incarceration (months) <sup>3</sup>	
	2000	2005	2000	2005	2000	2005
<b>Total</b> . . . . .	<b>68,156</b>	<b>78,042</b>	<b>50,451</b>	<b>61,151</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>61.1</b>
Violent offenses <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	2,557	2,500	2,360	2,329	86.5	100.8
Murder <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	283	137	249	132	94.2	136.8
Assault . . . . .	253	489	188	411	33.0	49.5
Robbery . . . . .	1,579	1,388	1,532	1,349	93.0	101.6
Property offenses . . . . .	12,454	11,259	7,462	6,609	24.2	26.8
Fraudulent . . . . .	10,396	9,837	6,272	5,823	22.5	25.8
Embezzlement . . . . .	917	548	506	272	14.8	16.5
Fraud <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	8,177	8,322	5,008	4,938	23.5	26.2
Forgery . . . . .	86	64	41	29	19.1	15.1
Counterfeiting . . . . .	1,216	903	717	584	20.8	27.4
Other <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	2,058	1,422	1,190	786	33.2	34.1
Larceny <sup>7</sup> . . . . .	1,394	970	689	427	27.3	21
Arson . . . . .	158	171	134	143	71.8	79.6
Transportation of stolen property . . . . .	272	159	200	123	33.4	36.1
Drug offenses <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	24,206	25,576	22,352	23,665	75.5	85.8
Public-order offenses <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	4,585	5,823	2,989	4,219	45.8	53.8
Regulatory . . . . .	1,376	754	647	346	28.4	33.1
Other . . . . .	3,209	5,069	2,342	3,873	46.5	55.7
Tax law violations <sup>8</sup> . . . . .	655	509	355	327	18.5	23.4
Escape . . . . .	487	940	447	641	19.2	21.5
Racketeering and extortion . . . . .	951	1,637	778	1,367	81.5	73.8
Nonviolent sex offenses . . . . .	475	1,157	429	1,090	47.1	68.5
Obscene material <sup>9</sup> . . . . .	28	11	7	8	(B)	(B)
Weapon offenses <sup>10</sup> . . . . .	4,196	8,834	3,834	8,183	91.4	83.1
Immigration offenses <sup>10</sup> . . . . .	11,125	16,872	10,073	14,922	29.5	25.7
Misdemeanors <sup>11</sup> . . . . .	8,961	7,178	1,356	1,224	10.4	5.4

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

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