

**Table 326. Authorized Intercepts of Communication—Summary: 1980 to 2008**

[As of December 31. Data for jurisdictions with statutes authorizing or approving interception of wire or oral communication]

Item	1980	1990	1995	2000	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Jurisdictions: <sup>1</sup>										
With wiretap statutes . . . . .	28	40	41	45	47	47	47	47	47	47
Reporting interceptions . . . . .	22	25	19	26	24	20	23	24	25	23
Intercept applications authorized . . . . .	564	872	1,156	1,266	1,442	1,710	1,773	1,839	2,208	1,891
Intercept installations <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	524	812	1,024	1,139	1,367	1,633	1,694	1,714	2,119	1,809
Federal . . . . .	79	321	527	472	576	723	624	461	454	384
State . . . . .	445	491	497	667	791	910	1,070	1,253	1,665	1,425
Intercepted communications, average <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	1,058	1,487	2,028	1,769	3,004	3,017	2,835	2,685	3,106	2,707
Incriminating average <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	315	321	459	402	993	619	629	547	920	514
Persons arrested <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	1,871	2,057	2,577	3,411	3,674	4,506	4,674	4,376	4,830	4,133
Convictions <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	259	420	494	736	844	634	776	711	984	810
Major offense specified:										
Gambling . . . . .	199	116	95	49	49	90	42	56	55	54
Drugs . . . . .	282	520	732	894	1,104	1,308	1,433	1,473	1,792	1,593
Homicide and assault . . . . .	13	21	30	72	80	48	82	119	132	92
Racketeering . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	98	76	96	138	94	90	98	58

NA Not available <sup>1</sup> Jurisdictions include federal government, 44 states and the Virgin Islands, and District of Columbia. <sup>2</sup> Based on the number of orders for which intercept devices were installed as reported by the prosecuting official. <sup>3</sup> Average per authorized installation. <sup>4</sup> 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/wiretap08/contents.html>>.