

Table D-2.

**U.S. District Courts—Criminal Cases Commenced, by Major Offense (Excludes Transfers),
During the Twelve-Month Periods Ended September 30, 1993 Through 1997**

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	Percent Change 1997 Over 1996 ¹
TOTAL	45,902	44,678	45,053	47,146	49,655	5.3
PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED BY						
INDICTMENT	27,039	23,869	25,202	26,728	28,925	8.2
INFORMATION—INDICTMENT WAIVED	6,410	6,712	7,439	7,948	8,848	11.3
INFORMATION—OTHER	8,627	9,274	8,023	7,993	7,113	-11.0
REMANDED FROM APPELLATE COURT	78	126	173	169	129	-23.7
REMOVED FROM STATE COURT	30	20	37	34	11	-67.7
REOPENED/REINSTATED	41	51	41	56	60	7.1
APPEAL FROM U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE	78	136	124	111	108	-2.7
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS	63	60	88	150	171	14.0
CONSENT BEFORE MAGISTRATE JUDGE	2,124	1,661	1,680	1,709	1,880	10.0
RETRIAL ON MISTRIAL	28	27	49	57	77	35.1
RETRIAL—REMAND FROM APPEALS COURT	75	83	114	114	110	-3.5
VIOLATION NOTICE	1,306	2,415	2,070	2,076	2,223	7.1
OTHER ²	3	244	13	1	-	-
GENERAL OFFENSES	181	195	295	344	348	1.2
HOMICIDE, TOTAL	85	113	237	297	298	.3
MURDER—FIRST DEGREE	49	49	7	12	14	16.7
MURDER—SECOND DEGREE	47	33	51	35	36	2.9
MANSLAUGHTER						
ROBBERY, TOTAL	1,789	1,520	1,240	1,365	1,453	6.4
BANK	1,714	1,468	1,168	1,291	1,384	7.2
POSTAL	51	35	43	36	29	-19.5
OTHER	24	17	29	38	40	5.3
ASSAULT	523	563	561	540	527	-2.4
BURGLARY—BREAKING AND ENTERING, TOTAL	141	139	63	65	70	7.7
BANK	77	79	8	-	2	-
POSTAL	26	21	22	20	25	25.0
INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS	9	4	7	1	1	-
OTHER	29	35	26	44	42	-4.6

Table D-2. Cases (Continued)

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	Percent Change 1997 Over 1996 ¹
LARCENY AND THEFT, TOTAL	3,322	3,337	3,432	3,674	3,299	-10.2
BANK	331	360	221	231	233	.9
POSTAL	371	332	320	365	363	-.6
INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS	253	227	174	202	155	-23.3
OTHER U.S. PROPERTY	1,788	1,839	2,012	2,075	1,812	-12.7
TRANSPORTATION, ETC., OF STOLEN PROPERTY	236	210	308	329	265	-19.5
OTHER	343	369	397	472	471	-.2
EMBEZZLEMENT, TOTAL	1,857	1,575	1,368	1,284	1,172	-8.7
BANK	785	707	734	665	594	-10.7
POSTAL	332	248	243	268	261	-2.6
OTHER	740	620	391	351	317	-9.7
FRAUD, TOTAL	7,575	7,098	7,414	7,633	7,874	3.2
INCOME TAX	867	800	744	745	802	7.7
LENDING INSTITUTION	1,474	1,338	1,289	1,212	1,145	-5.5
POSTAL	1,317	1,222	1,409	1,176	1,125	-4.3
VETERANS AND ALLOTMENTS	10	5	-	-	3	-
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	40	42	30	31	46	48.4
SOCIAL SECURITY	205	213	242	286	335	17.1
FALSE PERSONATION	39	40	33	28	32	14.3
NATIONALITY LAWS	60	27	82	111	158	42.3
PASSPORT FRAUD	227	161	235	226	205	-9.3
FALSE CLAIMS AND STATEMENTS	1,600	1,468	1,477	1,692	2,031	20.0
OTHER	1,736	1,782	1,873	2,126	1,992	-6.3
AUTO THEFT	349	335	267	232	189	-18.5
FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING, TOTAL	1,059	1,093	1,001	987	1,156	17.1
TRANSPORTATION OF FORGED SECURITIES	29	60	12	-	1	-
POSTAL FORGERY	70	52	9	2	-	-
OTHER FORGERY	492	403	285	260	230	-11.5
COUNTERFEITING	468	578	695	725	925	27.6
SEX OFFENSES, TOTAL	337	359	412	623	690	10.8
SEXUAL ABUSE	233	259	261	285	305	7.0
OTHER	104	100	151	338	385	13.9

Table D-2. Cases (Continued)

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	Percent Change 1997 Over 1996 ¹
DRUGS	12,238	11,369	11,520	12,092	13,656	12.9
MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL OFFENSES, TOTAL	11,838	12,414	11,114	10,462	10,386	-.7
BRIBERY	205	283	190	152	168	10.5
DRUNK DRIVING AND TRAFFIC	6,228	7,080	5,214	5,045	4,974	-1.4
ESCAPE ³	725	739	697	723	587	-18.8
EXTORTION, RACKETEERING, AND THREATS	491	509	713	557	572	2.7
GAMBLING AND LOTTERY	75	80	26	16	24	50.0
KIDNAPPING	67	68	81	116	99	-14.7
PERJURY	111	93	85	99	87	-12.1
WEAPONS AND FIREARMS	3,637	3,112	3,621	3,162	3,184	.7
OTHER	299	450	487	592	691	16.7
SPECIAL OFFENSES						
IMMIGRATION LAWS	2,487	2,595	3,960	5,526	6,677	20.8
LIQUOR, INTERNAL REVENUE	6	2	3	2	2	-
FEDERAL STATUTES, TOTAL	2,200	2,084	2,403	2,317	2,156	-7.0
AGRICULTURE/CONSERVATION ACTS	254	247	401	313	267	-14.7
ANTITRUST VIOLATIONS	71	43	38	31	34	9.7
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	67	46	55	48	48	-
MIGRATORY BIRD LAWS	27	39	27	48	22	-54.2
MOTOR CARRIER ACT	20	11	12	7	8	-
NATIONAL DEFENSE LAWS	144	95	85	62	73	17.7
CIVIL RIGHTS ⁴	62	70	73	73	59	-19.2
CONTEMPT	56	74	69	81	77	-4.9
CUSTOMS LAWS	69	88	97	110	97	-11.8
POSTAL LAWS	212	182	202	152	165	8.6
OTHER	1,218	1,189	1,344	1,392	1,306	-6.2

¹ PERCENT CHANGE IS COMPUTED ON 10 OR MORE CASES.

² 1994 AND 1995 DATA INCLUDE FILINGS FOR WHICH FELONY WAIVERS HAVE NOT BEEN SIGNED.

³ INCLUDES ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY, AIDING OR ABETTING AN ESCAPE, FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT, AND BAIL JUMPING.

⁴ THESE INCLUDE CASES REMOVED FROM STATE COURTS UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, 28 U.S.C. 1443.

Table D-2.

**U.S. District Courts—Criminal Defendants Commenced, by Major Offense (Excludes Transfers),
During the Twelve-Month Periods Ended September 30, 1993 Through 1997**

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	Percent Change 1997 Over 1996 ¹
TOTAL	64,699	62,054	63,986	66,896	69,437	3.8
PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED BY						
INDICTMENT	44,480	40,238	42,866	45,267	47,461	4.8
INFORMATION—INDICTMENT WAIVED	7,046	7,270	8,222	8,712	9,571	9.9
INFORMATION—OTHER	8,947	9,528	8,307	8,276	7,463	-9.8
REMANDED FROM APPELLATE COURT	91	157	209	193	143	-25.9
REMOVED FROM STATE COURT	33	24	37	36	11	-69.5
REOPENED/REINSTATED	44	71	43	66	75	13.6
APPEAL FROM U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE	80	138	125	124	114	-8.1
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS	82	77	116	190	218	14.7
CONSENT BEFORE MAGISTRATE JUDGE	2,155	1,696	1,727	1,738	1,918	10.4
RETRIAL ON MISTRIAL	32	32	62	74	90	21.6
RETRIAL—REMAND FROM APPEALS COURT	113	117	173	137	142	3.6
VIOLATION NOTICE	1,593	2,433	2,083	2,082	2,231	7.2
OTHER ²	3	273	16	1	-	-
GENERAL OFFENSES						
HOMICIDE, TOTAL	283	330	389	446	432	-3.1
MURDER—FIRST DEGREE	162	225	322	395	379	-4.1
MURDER—SECOND DEGREE	71	64	7	14	16	14.3
MANSLAUGHTER	50	41	60	37	37	-
ROBBERY, TOTAL	2,265	1,826	1,436	1,635	1,745	6.7
BANK	2,155	1,748	1,339	1,539	1,653	7.4
POSTAL	74	54	57	50	39	-22.0
OTHER	36	24	40	46	53	15.2
ASSAULT	591	651	625	594	568	-4.4
BURGLARY—BREAKING AND ENTERING, TOTAL	180	178	86	91	93	2.2
BANK	91	101	8	-	2	-
POSTAL	31	24	31	21	29	38.1
INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS	18	9	12	1	2	-
OTHER	40	44	35	69	60	-13.1

Table D-2. Defendants (Continued)

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	Percent Change 1997 Over 1996 ¹
LARCENY AND THEFT, TOTAL	4,167	3,978	4,081	4,393	3,927	-10.6
BANK	377	414	245	287	293	2.1
POSTAL	521	459	424	516	460	-10.9
INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS	453	392	318	371	309	-16.7
OTHER U.S. PROPERTY	2,020	1,957	2,166	2,189	1,924	-12.1
TRANSPORTATION, ETC., OF STOLEN PROPERTY	417	357	512	523	440	-15.9
OTHER	379	399	416	507	501	-1.2
EMBEZZLEMENT, TOTAL	2,038	1,697	1,449	1,392	1,279	-8.1
BANK	828	734	759	706	621	-12.0
POSTAL	344	251	248	272	263	-3.3
OTHER	866	712	442	414	395	-4.6
FRAUD, TOTAL	10,189	9,340	10,173	10,628	10,410	-2.1
INCOME TAX	1,011	931	850	847	873	3.1
LENDING INSTITUTION	1,862	1,656	1,688	1,581	1,573	-.5
POSTAL	2,214	1,877	2,420	2,195	1,741	-20.7
VETERANS AND ALLOTMENTS	11	6	-	-	3	-
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	51	67	53	53	103	94.3
SOCIAL SECURITY	230	232	288	332	397	19.6
FALSE PERSONATION	45	44	33	28	33	17.9
NATIONALITY LAWS	60	28	85	115	161	40.0
PASSPORT FRAUD	240	167	245	234	221	-5.6
FALSE CLAIMS AND STATEMENTS	1,947	1,718	1,733	1,912	2,251	17.7
OTHER	2,518	2,614	2,778	3,331	3,054	-8.3
AUTO THEFT	547	514	452	360	382	6.1
FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING, TOTAL	1,485	1,561	1,388	1,436	1,711	19.2
TRANSPORTATION OF FORGED SECURITIES	44	96	18	-	1	-
POSTAL FORGERY	80	70	11	4	-	-
OTHER FORGERY	648	530	341	307	268	-12.7
COUNTERFEITING	713	865	1,018	1,125	1,442	28.2
SEX OFFENSES, TOTAL	352	385	436	673	720	7.0
SEXUAL ABUSE	239	271	274	295	309	4.7
OTHER	113	114	162	378	411	8.7

Table D-2. Defendants (Continued)

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	Percent Change 1997 Over 1996 ¹
DRUGS	23,114	21,922	22,929	23,861	25,885	8.5
MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL OFFENSES, TOTAL	13,481	13,898	12,852	12,208	11,981	-1.9
BRIBERY	259	394	262	222	238	7.2
DRUNK DRIVING AND TRAFFIC	6,366	7,094	5,216	5,055	4,977	-1.6
ESCAPE ³	770	842	760	795	638	-19.8
EXTORTION, RACKETEERING, AND THREATS	945	975	1,382	1,158	1,101	-4.9
GAMBLING AND LOTTERY	178	166	49	26	33	26.9
KIDNAPPING	112	139	137	220	195	-11.4
PERJURY	141	122	110	133	97	-27.1
WEAPONS AND FIREARMS	4,348	3,695	4,436	3,986	3,988	.1
OTHER	362	471	500	613	714	16.5
SPECIAL OFFENSES	2,900	2,953	4,471	6,105	7,328	20.0
IMMIGRATION LAWS	9	3	3	6	8	-
LIQUOR, INTERNAL REVENUE	3,098	2,818	3,216	3,068	2,968	-3.3
FEDERAL STATUTES, TOTAL	401	310	530	407	348	-14.5
AGRICULTURE/CONSERVATION ACTS	106	88	48	44	47	6.8
ANTITRUST VIOLATIONS	86	65	72	63	63	-
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	34	48	49	107	34	-68.2
MIGRATORY BIRD LAWS	32	13	12	12	10	-16.7
MOTOR CARRIER ACT	190	150	110	102	99	-3.0
NATIONAL DEFENSE LAWS	89	105	136	115	136	18.3
CIVIL RIGHTS ⁴	63	84	86	87	85	-2.3
CONTEMPT	106	154	161	197	172	-12.7
CUSTOMS LAWS	221	192	214	158	175	10.8
POSTAL LAWS	1,770	1,609	1,798	1,776	1,799	1.3
OTHER						

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