

**Table D-2. Cases
U.S. District Courts—Criminal Cases Commenced, by Major Offense (Excluding Transfers),
During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2000 Through 2004**

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Percent Change 2004 Over 2003 ¹
TOTAL	62,152	62,134	66,452	70,092	70,397	.4
PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED BY						
INDICTMENT	39,469	41,191	45,041	47,629	48,118	1.0
INFORMATION—INDICTMENT WAIVED	10,701	9,509	10,104	11,088	11,116	.3
INFORMATION—OTHER	8,160	8,058	7,975	7,653	8,473	10.7
REMANDED FROM APPELLATE COURT	83	64	123	96	47	-51.0
REMOVED FROM STATE COURT	30	36	24	30	26	-13.3
REOPENED/REINSTATED	66	38	61	69	78	13.0
APPEAL FROM U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE	83	113	105	81	59	-27.2
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS	239	171	160	185	150	-18.9
CONSENT BEFORE MAGISTRATE JUDGE	978	1,019	1,071	1,442	1,239	-14.1
RETRIAL ON MISTRIAL	76	60	69	55	39	-29.1
RETRIAL—REMAND FROM APPEALS COURT	95	74	71	84	84	-
VIOLATION NOTICE	2,172	1,801	1,648	1,680	968	-42.4
GENERAL OFFENSES						
HOMICIDE, TOTAL ²	370	329	370	311	200	-35.7
MURDER—FIRST DEGREE	334	292	313	261	151	-42.1
MURDER—SECOND DEGREE	7	9	15	13	11	-15.4
MANSLAUGHTER	29	28	42	37	38	2.7
ROBBERY, TOTAL	1,258	1,355	1,292	1,123	1,209	7.7
BANK	1,219	1,325	1,239	1,085	1,177	8.5
POSTAL	25	16	27	20	17	-15.0
OTHER	14	14	26	18	15	-16.7
ASSAULT ²	665	622	633	811	955	17.8
BURGLARY—BREAKING AND ENTERING, TOTAL	59	52	44	46	60	30.4
BANK	-	-	-	-	-	-
POSTAL	13	11	12	13	16	23.1
INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS	-	1	1	-	3	-
OTHER	46	40	31	33	41	24.2

Table D-2. Cases (September 30, 2004—Continued)

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Percent Change 2004 Over 2003 ¹
LARCENY AND THEFT, TOTAL	3,414	3,242	3,138	3,103	2,878	-7.3
BANK	276	244	173	179	102	-43.0
POSTAL	455	445	469	438	389	-11.2
INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS	164	160	184	177	147	-16.9
OTHER U.S. PROPERTY	1,828	1,798	1,798	1,762	1,771	.5
TRANSPORTATION, ETC., OF STOLEN PROPERTY	249	209	212	166	155	-6.6
OTHER	442	386	302	381	314	-17.6
EMBEZZLEMENT, TOTAL	1,200	1,072	1,075	962	841	-12.6
BANK	667	580	516	403	329	-18.4
POSTAL	242	226	274	282	242	-14.2
OTHER	291	266	285	277	270	-2.5
FRAUD, TOTAL	7,788	7,585	8,204	8,092	7,539	-6.8
INCOME TAX	581	457	447	433	496	14.5
LENDING INSTITUTION	1,303	1,194	1,095	956	898	-6.1
POSTAL	1,117	1,129	1,118	1,039	1,031	-.8
VETERANS AND ALLOTMENTS	5	1	8	8	1	-
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	94	88	120	109	90	-17.4
SOCIAL SECURITY	640	539	1,091	978	672	-31.3
FALSE PERSONATION	39	34	37	27	29	7.4
NATIONALITY LAWS	364	398	239	301	242	-19.6
PASSPORT FRAUD	281	253	261	411	449	9.2
FALSE CLAIMS AND STATEMENTS	1,258	1,394	1,645	1,661	1,646	-.9
OTHER	2,106	2,098	2,143	2,169	1,985	-8.5
AUTO THEFT	199	180	152	131	141	7.6
FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING, TOTAL	1,203	1,212	1,193	1,078	889	-17.5
TRANSPORTATION OF FORGED SECURITIES	-	-	-	-	-	-
POSTAL FORGERY	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORGERY	131	100	111	93	83	-10.8
COUNTERFEITING	1,072	1,112	1,082	985	806	-18.2
SEX OFFENSES, TOTAL	944	1,017	1,187	1,325	1,638	23.6
SEXUAL ABUSE	431	428	514	552	607	10.0
OTHER	513	589	673	773	1,031	33.4

Table D-2. Cases (September 30, 2004—Continued)

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Percent Change 2004 Over 2003 ¹
DRUGS	17,505	18,425	19,215	18,996	18,440	-2.9
MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL OFFENSES, TOTAL	12,544	13,190	14,987	16,432	16,300	-.8
BRIBERY	145	131	118	101	137	35.6
DRUNK DRIVING AND TRAFFIC	4,679	4,958	5,149	5,084	4,593	-9.7
ESCAPE ³	635	582	562	519	435	-16.2
EXTORTION, RACKETEERING, AND THREATS	557	466	594	479	495	3.3
GAMBLING AND LOTTERY	17	6	10	11	9	-18.2
KIDNAPPING	111	104	98	124	117	-5.6
PERJURY	113	137	114	84	80	-4.8
WEAPONS AND FIREARMS	5,387	5,845	7,382	9,075	9,352	3.1
OTHER	900	961	960	955	1,082	13.3
SPECIAL OFFENSES						
IMMIGRATION LAWS	12,150	11,277	12,576	15,400	17,021	10.5
LIQUOR, INTERNAL REVENUE	9	3	2	1	-	-
FEDERAL STATUTES, TOTAL	2,844	2,573	2,384	2,281	2,286	.2
AGRICULTURE/CONSERVATION LAWS	316	282	232	226	258	14.2
ANTITRUST VIOLATIONS	43	28	24	11	12	9.1
FOOD AND DRUG LAW	52	70	59	46	46	-
MIGRATORY BIRD LAWS	52	56	74	126	81	-35.7
MOTOR CARRIER LAW	5	3	2	3	5	-
NATIONAL DEFENSE LAWS	535	464	147	76	50	-34.2
CIVIL RIGHTS	82	77	63	51	69	35.3
CONTEMPT	109	158	107	73	84	15.1
CUSTOMS LAWS	97	79	78	72	75	4.2
POSTAL LAWS ⁴	112	135	129	122	117	-4.1
OTHER	1,441	1,221	1,469	1,475	1,489	.9

NOTE: THIS TABLE INCLUDES ALL FELONY AND CLASS A MISDEMEANOR CASES, BUT INCLUDES ONLY THOSE PETTY OFFENSE CASES THAT HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO DISTRICT JUDGES.

¹ PERCENT CHANGE IS COMPUTED ON 10 OR MORE CASES.

² IN 2003, A CHANGE IN CODING CAUSED SOME CASES THAT PREVIOUSLY WOULD HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS HOMICIDE CASES TO BE REPORTED AS AGGRAVATED ASSAULT CASES. THEREFORE, TOTALS FOR 2003 AND THEREAFTER ARE NOT COMPARABLE TO TOTALS FOR PREVIOUS YEARS.

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

⁴ OBSTRUCTING MAIL, MAILING NONMAILABLE MATERIAL, AND OTHER POSTAL REGULATIONS.