

Table 2.2. Disposition of suspects in matters concluded, by offense, October 1, 2007–September 30, 2008

Most serious offense investigated	Number	Percent of suspects in criminal matters concluded		
		Prosecuted in U.S. district court ^a	Disposed by U.S. magistrates	Declined
All offenses [*]	182,723	48.2 %	36.4 %	15.4 %
Violent offenses	5,371	59.5 %	8.3 %	32.2 %
Murder	870	49.3	15.1	35.6
Assault	1,253	51.2	11.8	37.0
Robbery	1,966	77.8	6.1	16.2
Sexual abuse	892	53.4	3.4	43.3
Kidnapping	208	45.7	7.7	46.6
Threats against the President	182	13.2	0.5	86.3
Property offenses	25,713	55.6 %	9.4 %	35.0 %
Fraudulent	23,321	55.6	9.4	35.1
Embezzlement	3,618	48.3	17.9	33.8
Fraud	18,390	56.1	8.0	35.9
Forgery	836	64.8	6.7	28.5
Counterfeiting	477	71.7	5.0	23.3
Other	2,392	56.2	9.1	34.7
Burglary	30	80	6.7	13.3
Larceny	1,050	58	12.0	30.0
Motor vehicle theft	411	64.5	4.9	30.7
Arson and explosives	567	44.1	3.4	52.6
Transportation of stolen property	53	52.8	5.7	41.5
Other property offenses	281	59.8	17.1	23.1
Drug offenses	36,715	77.3 %	7.7 %	15.0 %
Public-order offenses	21,967	44.3 %	20.7 %	34.9 %
Regulatory	4,779	36.6	12.2	51.2
Agriculture	66	86.4	1.5	12.1
Antitrust	32	18.8	0.0	81.3
Food and drug	176	38.1	15.3	46.6
Transportation	236	49.6	10.2	40.3
Civil rights	865	14.8	0.8	84.4
Communications	37	32.4	2.7	64.9
Custom laws	180	54.4	10.6	35.0
Postal laws	182	62.6	17.0	20.3
Other regulatory offenses	3,005	38.2	15.7	46.0
Other	17,188	46.5	23.1	30.4
Tax law violations	984	60.2	2.8	37.0
Bribery	300	45.7	4.7	49.7
Perjury, contempt, and intimidation	413	39.5	7.3	53.3
National defense	810	27.3	25.8	46.9
Escape	1,931	49.2	31.8	19.0
Racketeering and extortion	3,299	52.2	3.5	44.3
Nonviolent sex offenses	3,812	59.7	4.8	35.5
Gambling	134	60.4	4.5	35.1
Liquor offenses	42	14.3	76.2	9.5
Obscene material	60	53.3	0.0	46.7
Traffic	135	16.3	81.5	2.2
Wildlife	566	49.3	26.9	23.9
Environmental	16	43.8	0.0	56.3
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and jurisdictional offenses	3,838	32.7	61.9	5.4
All other offenses	848	29.8	11.1	59.1
Weapon offenses	11,744	69.8 %	3.2 %	27.0 %
Immigration offenses	80,615	29.8 %	69.2 %	0.9 %

Note: In this table "Murder" includes nonnegligent manslaughter; "Sexual abuse" includes only violent sex offenses; "Fraud" excludes tax fraud; "Larceny" excludes transportation of stolen property; "Other property offenses" excludes fraudulent property offenses and includes destruction of property and trespassing; "Tax law violations" includes tax fraud; "Obscene material" denotes the mail or transport thereof; and "All other offenses" includes offenses with unclassifiable offense type.

[^] Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.

^{*} Includes 598 suspects for whom an offense category could not be determined. These include 209 prosecuted in U.S. district court, 146 disposed by U.S. magistrates, and 243 that were declined.

Source: Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, National LIONS system file

