

Table 4.1. Defendants in criminal cases commenced, by offense, October 1, 2007–September 30, 2008

Most serious offense charged	Defendants in cases during 2007 commenced	
	Number	Percent
All offenses	91,835	100 %
Felonies	81,891	89.4 %
Violent offenses	2,781	3.0 %
Murder	150	0.2
Negligent manslaughter	1	--
Assault	661	0.7
Robbery	1,269	1.4
Sexual abuse	546	0.6
Kidnapping	139	0.2
Threats against the President	15	--
Property offenses	13,216	14.4 %
Fraudulent	11,429	12.5
Embezzlement	607	0.7
Fraud	9,766	10.7
Forgery	34	--
Counterfeiting	1,022	1.1
Other	1,787	2.0
Burglary	46	0.1
Larceny	1,234	1.3
Motor vehicle theft	40	--
Arson and explosives	210	0.2
Transportation of stolen property	177	0.2
Other property offenses	80	0.1
Drug offenses	27,943	30.5 %
Trafficking	27,846	30.4
Possession and other drug offenses	97	0.1
Public-order offenses	6,943	7.6 %
Regulatory	963	1.1
Agriculture	4	--
Antitrust	29	--
Food and drug	25	--
Transportation	180	0.2
Civil rights	110	0.1
Communications	79	0.1
Custom laws	62	0.1
Postal laws	55	0.1
Other regulatory offenses	419	0.5
Other	5,980	6.5
Tax law violations	556	0.6
Bribery	165	0.2
Perjury, contempt, and intimidation	342	0.4
National defense	68	0.1
Escape	720	0.8
Racketeering and extortion	1,767	1.9
Gambling	95	0.1
Liquor offenses	2	--
Nonviolent sex offenses	1,916	2.1
Obscene material	19	--
Traffic offenses	22	--
Wildlife	76	0.1
Environmental	44	--
All other felonies	188	0.2
Weapon offenses	8,553	9.3 %
Immigration offenses	22,455	24.5 %
Misdemeanors	9,675	10.6 %
Fraudulent property offenses	768	0.8
Larceny	1,499	1.6
Drug possession	1,181	1.3
Immigration	158	0.2
Traffic offenses	3,971	4.3
Other misdemeanors	2,098	2.3

Note: "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; "All other felonies" includes felonies with unclassifiable offense type; "Misdemeanors" includes misdemeanors, petty offenses, and unknown offense levels; and "Drug possession" also includes other drug misdemeanors.
 -- Less than 0.5%.

Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts criminal master file, fiscal year.

