

Table 5.18

Defendants prosecuted in U.S. District Courts

By offense, 1982, 1988-93

Most serious offense investigated	1982		1988		1989		1990		1991 ^a		1992		1993	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All offenses ^b	44,144	56.7%	54,764	57.9%	58,160	55.8%	60,521	55.0%	62,112	54.5%	66,502	60.5%	63,869	58.7%
Violent offenses	3,356	71.8	3,064	68.4	3,358	66.2	3,425	67.5	3,761	66.1	4,242	70.5	4,154	67.1
Murder/manslaughter	242	82.3	213	63.4	250	54.1	166	65.4	200	62.7	288	71.6	237	64.8
Assault	540	57.4	600	59.5	595	54.6	573	56.0	554	49.8	590	51.8	595	50.0
Robbery	2,331	78.6	1,765	78.2	2,061	78.2	2,134	78.4	2,460	79.3	2,810	83.3	2,828	82.8
Rape	22	78.6	152	61.5	151	68.0	216	58.9	226	55.5	248	53.8	239	42.2
Other sex offenses	26	39.4	197	55.5	174	46.5	192	49.0	171	43.4	143	42.4	111	35.6
Kidnaping	113	59.2	91	53.8	76	44.2	105	48.6	111	49.1	130	61.0	115	49.4
Threats against the President	82	43.6	46	42.6	51	43.2	39	38.2	39	30.0	33	37.5	29	26.9
Property offenses	14,628	53.9	14,612	53.2	16,214	50.9	16,289	50.2	15,953	47.0	17,585	52.5	17,707	51.4
Fraudulent offenses	11,912	53.9	12,273	51.8	14,251	50.2	14,266	49.6	14,096	46.3	15,066	51.7	15,225	50.6
Embezzlement	2,976	57.3	3,191	59.8	2,813	50.5	2,714	49.2	2,840	49.8	2,810	53.5	2,646	50.6
Fraud ^c	6,458	49.8	7,481	47.9	9,745	48.9	10,230	49.1	9,867	44.5	11,087	50.6	11,350	50.0
Forgery	2,467	63.4	1,548	58.8	1,608	58.6	1,242	55.1	1,280	53.5	1,047	58.3	1,074	56.3
Counterfeiting	11	45.8	53	73.6	85	62.0	80	55.2	109	58.6	122	65.6	155	71.1
Other offenses	2,716	53.7	2,339	61.7	1,963	56.7	2,023	55.0	1,857	53.0	2,519	57.9	2,482	57.0
Burglary	85	75.9	71	71.7	62	69.7	53	65.4	51	68.0	54	58.1	35	56.5
Larceny	1,780	62.9	1,545	63.3	1,316	58.8	1,398	58.1	1,225	56.9	1,273	59.6	1,247	58.4
Motor vehicle theft	564	59.2	493	60.9	376	55.0	343	50.5	341	48.0	429	59.2	559	61.2
Arson and explosives	13	54.2	8	B	7	B	12	41.4	7	33.3	502	61.7	396	54.5
Transportation of stolen property	89	58.9	25	35.2	77	52.4	83	54.2	86	53.8	116	55.8	98	57.6
Other	185	18.6	197	55.5	125	44.3	134	41.0	147	38.3	145	38.5	147	42.6
Drug offenses	9,906	81.3	19,725	76.5	24,278	76.0	25,094	75.4	25,663	73.1	28,479	78.1	25,661	74.6
Public-order offenses	15,167	47.7	16,921	47.3	13,833	40.6	14,936	39.9	15,872	42.8	16,196	47.8	15,965	48.2
Regulatory offenses	2,417	41.0	3,064	39.2	2,965	36.7	2,768	32.4	2,733	33.4	1,853	30.6	1,626	29.3
Agriculture	233	50.8	418	68.0	278	47.3	233	38.1	275	57.5	254	59.3	210	48.2
Antitrust	121	91.0	100	82.0	83	85.6	50	48.5	73	67.6	60	54.1	62	76.5
Fair labor standards	14	51.9	19	47.5	12	35.3	21	53.8	19	47.5	22	52.4	26	52.0
Food and drug	293	66.4	494	79.2	395	74.4	172	56.8	125	55.3	213	71.0	154	67.5
Motor carrier	70	51.5	86	45.3	45	32.8	54	55.1	43	42.2	98	39.4	121	41.2
Other regulatory offenses	1,686	35.9	1,947	31.2	2,152	32.2	2,238	30.2	2,198	30.4	1,066	21.6	1,053	23.6
Other offenses	12,750	49.2	13,857	49.6	10,868	41.8	12,168	42.2	13,139	45.4	14,343	51.6	14,339	52.0
Weapons offenses	1,970	72.2	2,479	68.3	2,892	64.9	3,627	66.6	4,838	69.9	5,613	72.3	5,365	70.0
Immigration offenses	2,184	36.7	2,289	32.4	2,429	31.2	2,676	31.1	2,436	34.8	2,611	42.3	2,822	50.2
Tax law violations including tax fraud	1,338	73.6	1,436	68.4	1,304	69.3	1,248	65.6	1,139	61.1	1,150	69.9	1,182	70.8
Bribery	184	41.5	209	36.9	265	39.3	290	40.7	323	41.5	272	48.4	274	49.9
Perjury, contempt, and intimidation	141	59.7	144	56.5	159	52.5	158	56.0	155	48.1	325	51.5	385	52.8
National defense	245	42.3	198	31.9	300	42.9	281	39.0	211	38.9	207	43.6	241	53.0
Escape	919	28.1	1,002	28.9	1,008	26.1	894	23.7	807	20.5	769	20.8	843	21.6
Racketeering and extortion	786	48.2	926	48.8	892	43.7	1,232	44.5	1,237	40.5	1,626	49.4	1,820	52.9
Gambling offenses	83	55.7	246	74.5	203	72.0	291	62.9	201	53.0	269	68.3	151	45.6
Liquor offenses	25	62.5	21	61.8	12	B	16	64.0	14	56.0	9	34.6	6	26.1
Mail or transport of obscene material	14	31.8	78	58.2	79	49.7	65	47.1	53	39.6	33	42.9	24	30.4
Migratory birds	137	12.1	667	70.2	110	12.1	55	7.3	43	9.3	29	8.0	43	18.6
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, traffic, and jurisdictional offenses	4,709	60.9	3,746	61.3	777	36.3	860	35.0	1,086	42.1	1,361	52.3	1,110	40.6
Other	15	9.3	416	51.0	438	55.1	475	58.9	596	63.9	69	53.9	73	53.3

Note: See Note, table 5.15. Percent figures are percent of the total criminal matters concluded for the year indicated. For methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 13.

^bTotals may include suspects for which offense category could not be determined.

^cExcludes tax fraud.

^aData for 1991 are incomplete due to changes in the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys' reporting system.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Federal Criminal Case Processing, 1982-93, With Preliminary Data for 1994*, NCJ-160088 (Washington, DC: USGPO, 1996), pp. 2, 3. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.