

**Table D-2. Cases
U.S. District Courts—Criminal Cases Commenced, by Major Offense (Excluding Transfers),
During the 12-Month Periods Ending March 31, 2000 Through 2004**

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Percent Change 2004 Over 2003 ¹
TOTAL	60,614	62,870	62,957	69,806	70,132	.5
PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED BY						
INDICTMENT	37,844	40,545	42,331	47,349	47,603	.5
INFORMATION—INDICTMENT WAIVED	10,693	10,244	9,378	10,740	11,285	5.1
INFORMATION—OTHER	7,594	8,388	7,919	7,975	8,151	2.2
REMANDED FROM APPELLATE COURT	96	78	82	116	69	-40.5
REMOVED FROM STATE COURT	35	39	25	33	25	-24.2
REOPENED/REINSTATED	77	60	45	67	65	-3.0
APPEAL FROM U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE	97	93	109	87	75	-13.8
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS	222	192	158	192	172	-10.4
CONSENT BEFORE MAGISTRATE JUDGE	1,234	1,007	1,002	1,366	1,222	-10.5
RETRIAL ON MISTRIAL	73	63	51	76	44	-42.1
RETRIAL—REMAND FROM APPEALS COURT	108	84	74	86	77	-10.5
VIOLATION NOTICE	2,541	2,077	1,783	1,719	1,344	-21.8
GENERAL OFFENSES						
HOMICIDE, TOTAL ²	370	355	326	265	236	-10.9
MURDER—FIRST DEGREE	318	318	278	218	187	-14.2
MURDER—SECOND DEGREE	10	10	11	12	12	-
MANSLAUGHTER	42	27	37	35	37	5.7
ROBBERY, TOTAL	1,236	1,332	1,308	1,191	1,159	-2.7
BANK	1,195	1,298	1,268	1,151	1,128	-2.0
POSTAL	26	21	22	18	17	-5.6
OTHER	15	13	18	22	14	-36.4
ASSAULT ²	617	629	596	801	900	12.4
BURGLARY—BREAKING AND ENTERING, TOTAL	60	61	47	51	58	13.7
BANK	-	-	-	-	-	-
POSTAL	13	15	11	13	15	15.4
INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS	-	-	1	1	1	-
OTHER	47	46	35	37	42	13.5

Table D-2. Cases (March 31, 2004—Continued)

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Percent Change 2004 Over 2003 ¹
LARCENY AND THEFT, TOTAL	3,508	3,357	3,214	3,149	2,981	-5.3
BANK	250	267	213	166	156	-6.0
POSTAL	471	437	467	469	408	-13.0
INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS	167	169	171	167	174	4.2
OTHER U.S. PROPERTY	1,882	1,844	1,848	1,746	1,727	-1.1
TRANSPORTATION, ETC., OF STOLEN PROPERTY	249	219	211	201	170	-15.4
OTHER	489	421	304	400	346	-13.5
EMBEZZLEMENT, TOTAL	1,270	1,092	1,031	1,098	862	-21.5
BANK	725	599	524	502	357	-28.9
POSTAL	266	211	246	307	233	-24.1
OTHER	279	282	261	289	272	-5.9
FRAUD, TOTAL	7,510	7,677	7,439	8,761	7,700	-12.1
INCOME TAX	651	528	432	466	434	-6.9
LENDING INSTITUTION	1,257	1,249	1,094	1,109	929	-16.2
POSTAL	1,075	1,104	1,074	1,101	1,081	-1.8
VETERANS AND ALLOTMENTS	3	5	6	10	1	-90.0
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	67	99	84	127	97	-23.6
SOCIAL SECURITY	621	590	587	1,254	774	-38.3
FALSE PERSONATION	30	37	45	24	32	33.3
NATIONALITY LAWS	274	437	284	277	278	.4
PASSPORT FRAUD	291	265	223	335	425	26.9
FALSE CLAIMS AND STATEMENTS	1,341	1,284	1,453	1,840	1,492	-18.9
OTHER	1,900	2,079	2,157	2,218	2,157	-2.8
AUTO THEFT	219	179	161	157	123	-21.7
FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING, TOTAL	1,272	1,148	1,235	1,179	1,006	-14.7
TRANSPORTATION OF FORGED SECURITIES	-	-	-	-	-	-
POSTAL FORGERY	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORGERY	138	115	103	107	85	-20.6
COUNTERFEITING	1,134	1,033	1,132	1,072	921	-14.1
SEX OFFENSES, TOTAL	950	949	1,146	1,236	1,470	18.9
SEXUAL ABUSE	529	422	464	547	581	6.2
OTHER	421	527	682	689	889	29.0

Table D-2. Cases (March 31, 2004—Continued)

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Percent Change 2004 Over 2003 ¹
DRUGS	17,316	18,336	18,971	18,931	18,926	-
MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL OFFENSES, TOTAL	12,351	13,089	13,700	15,884	16,512	4.0
BRIBERY	171	128	128	112	133	18.8
DRUNK DRIVING AND TRAFFIC	5,050	4,838	5,046	5,198	4,853	-6.6
ESCAPE ³	666	599	555	544	543	-2
EXTORTION, RACKETEERING, AND THREATS	565	492	515	541	500	-7.6
GAMBLING AND LOTTERY	20	10	6	11	10	-9.1
KIDNAPPING	102	125	90	104	103	-1.0
PERJURY	84	136	118	111	76	-31.5
WEAPONS AND FIREARMS	4,890	5,714	6,303	8,325	9,246	11.1
OTHER	803	1,047	939	938	1,048	11.7
SPECIAL OFFENSES						
IMMIGRATION LAWS	11,615	11,798	11,247	14,600	15,890	8.8
LIQUOR, INTERNAL REVENUE	7	6	3	2	-	-
FEDERAL STATUTES, TOTAL	2,313	2,862	2,533	2,501	2,309	-7.7
AGRICULTURE/CONSERVATION LAWS	263	338	235	270	263	-2.6
ANTITRUST VIOLATIONS	43	43	17	23	15	-34.8
FOOD AND DRUG LAW	46	65	68	55	40	-27.3
MIGRATORY BIRD LAWS	37	46	69	75	124	65.3
MOTOR CARRIER LAW	15	4	3	1	7	-
NATIONAL DEFENSE LAWS	72	588	397	249	103	-58.6
CIVIL RIGHTS	84	84	70	64	41	-35.9
CONTEMPT	101	140	143	66	85	28.8
CUSTOMS LAWS	106	81	86	77	66	-14.3
POSTAL LAWS ⁴	111	127	128	116	126	8.6
OTHER	1,435	1,346	1,317	1,505	1,439	-4.4

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.