

**Table D-2. Cases
U.S. District Courts—Criminal Cases Commenced, by Major Offense (Excluding Transfers),
During the 12-Month Periods Ending December 31, 1999 Through 2003**

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change 2003 Over 2002 ¹
TOTAL	59,325	63,020	62,691	68,096	69,903	2.7
PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED BY						
INDICTMENT	36,821	40,220	42,132	46,036	47,466	3.1
INFORMATION—INDICTMENT WAIVED	10,467	10,530	9,230	10,492	11,272	7.4
INFORMATION—OTHER	7,411	8,523	7,972	8,018	7,746	-3.4
REMANDED FROM APPELLATE COURT	113	79	74	117	87	-25.6
REMOVED FROM STATE COURT	42	32	34	26	26	-
REOPENED/REINSTATED	87	69	32	63	69	9.5
APPEAL FROM U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE	108	79	108	94	85	-9.6
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS	220	205	163	167	180	7.8
CONSENT BEFORE MAGISTRATE JUDGE	1,442	1,036	989	1,207	1,360	12.7
RETRIAL ON MISTRIAL	65	64	58	74	52	-29.7
RETRIAL—REMAND FROM APPEALS COURT	105	82	81	77	78	1.3
VIOLATION NOTICE	2,444	2,101	1,818	1,725	1,482	-14.1
GENERAL OFFENSES						
HOMICIDE, TOTAL ²	369	358	343	368	264	-28.3
MURDER—FIRST DEGREE	314	324	296	318	211	-33.6
MURDER—SECOND DEGREE	13	8	11	13	11	-15.4
MANSLAUGHTER	42	26	36	37	42	13.5
ROBBERY, TOTAL	1,241	1,315	1,320	1,248	1,136	-9.0
BANK	1,195	1,279	1,284	1,206	1,099	-8.9
POSTAL	30	24	18	21	19	-9.5
OTHER	16	12	18	21	18	-14.3
ASSAULT ²	581	665	581	663	887	33.8
BURGLARY—BREAKING AND ENTERING, TOTAL	63	53	46	57	55	-3.5
BANK	-	-	-	-	-	-
POSTAL	13	12	9	18	15	-16.7
INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS	2	-	1	1	1	-
OTHER	48	41	36	38	39	2.6

Table D-2. Cases (December 31, 2003—Continued)

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change 2003 Over 2002 ¹
LARCENY AND THEFT, TOTAL	3,459	3,486	3,176	3,157	3,036	-3.8
BANK	251	268	233	162	171	5.6
POSTAL	440	452	465	477	407	-14.7
INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS	177	164	169	166	187	12.7
OTHER U.S. PROPERTY	1,876	1,878	1,800	1,787	1,763	-1.3
TRANSPORTATION, ETC., OF STOLEN PROPERTY	261	236	206	210	170	-19.0
OTHER	454	488	303	355	338	-4.8
EMBEZZLEMENT, TOTAL	1,228	1,146	1,085	1,079	917	-15.0
BANK	699	623	581	510	388	-23.9
POSTAL	246	231	235	294	255	-13.3
OTHER	283	292	269	275	274	-.4
FRAUD, TOTAL	7,457	7,719	7,698	8,414	7,865	-6.5
INCOME TAX	658	542	462	452	429	-5.1
LENDING INSTITUTION	1,226	1,254	1,176	1,093	966	-11.6
POSTAL	1,031	1,079	1,135	1,118	1,062	-5.0
VETERANS AND ALLOTMENTS	3	6	4	6	7	-
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	57	98	85	124	105	-15.3
SOCIAL SECURITY	536	658	582	1,159	829	-28.5
FALSE PERSONATION	24	39	38	32	27	-15.6
NATIONALITY LAWS	256	405	345	261	290	11.1
PASSPORT FRAUD	295	278	254	268	429	60.1
FALSE CLAIMS AND STATEMENTS	1,499	1,269	1,443	1,750	1,551	-11.4
OTHER	1,872	2,091	2,174	2,151	2,170	.9
AUTO THEFT	198	195	180	148	134	-9.5
FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING, TOTAL	1,255	1,147	1,318	1,109	1,103	-.5
TRANSPORTATION OF FORGED SECURITIES	-	-	-	-	-	-
POSTAL FORGERY	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORGERY	137	126	106	111	91	-18.0
COUNTERFEITING	1,118	1,021	1,212	998	1,012	1.4
SEX OFFENSES, TOTAL	944	918	1,068	1,259	1,374	9.1
SEXUAL ABUSE	487	414	437	562	554	-1.4
OTHER	457	504	631	697	820	17.6

Table D-2. Cases (December 31, 2003—Continued)

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change 2003 Over 2002 ¹
DRUGS	17,392	18,008	18,673	19,159	18,932	-1.2
MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL OFFENSES, TOTAL	11,992	12,843	13,666	15,381	16,342	6.2
BRIBERY	185	122	129	126	107	-15.1
DRUNK DRIVING AND TRAFFIC	4,984	4,766	5,186	5,153	4,859	-5.7
ESCAPE ³	656	629	572	527	537	1.9
EXTORTION, RACKETEERING, AND THREATS	551	534	481	571	501	-12.3
GAMBLING AND LOTTERY	18	11	9	11	12	9.1
KIDNAPPING	102	124	87	104	98	-5.8
PERJURY	81	131	123	119	83	-30.3
WEAPONS AND FIREARMS	4,581	5,562	6,106	7,834	9,129	16.5
OTHER	834	964	973	936	1,016	8.5
SPECIAL OFFENSES						
IMMIGRATION LAWS	10,911	12,229	11,045	13,536	15,521	14.7
LIQUOR, INTERNAL REVENUE	6	8	4	1	1	-
FEDERAL STATUTES, TOTAL	2,229	2,930	2,488	2,517	2,336	-7.2
AGRICULTURE/CONSERVATION LAWS	290	323	259	248	229	-7.7
ANTITRUST VIOLATIONS	46	35	26	25	13	-48.0
FOOD AND DRUG LAW	45	64	60	63	40	-36.5
MIGRATORY BIRD LAWS	20	54	63	83	120	44.6
MOTOR CARRIER LAW	15	4	2	2	4	-
NATIONAL DEFENSE LAWS	58	601	394	230	115	-50.0
CIVIL RIGHTS	85	80	72	59	49	-16.9
CONTEMPT	97	120	135	104	75	-27.9
CUSTOMS LAWS	99	88	80	77	78	1.3
POSTAL LAWS ⁴	122	105	146	118	122	3.4
OTHER		1,352	1,456	1,251	1,508	1,491 -1.1

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.