

**Table D-2. Cases
U.S. District Courts—Criminal Cases Commenced, by Major Offense (Excluding Transfers),
During the 12-Month Periods Ending December 31, 2004 Through 2008**

Major Offense	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Percent Change 2008 Over 2007 ¹
TOTAL	70,279	68,488	66,094	68,565	72,164	5.2
VIOLENT OFFENSES, TOTAL	2,626	2,480	2,375	2,341	2,231	-4.7
HOMICIDE	152	160	148	131	122	-6.9
ROBBERY, TOTAL	1,144	1,034	1,015	952	901	-5.4
BANK	1,109	1,003	984	919	850	-7.5
OTHER ROBBERY OFFENSES	35	31	31	33	51	54.5
ASSAULT	940	885	836	834	750	-10.1
KIDNAPPING	91	73	71	63	79	25.4
RACKETEERING—VIOLENT	171	158	141	187	182	-2.7
CARJACKING	80	91	82	107	111	3.7
TERRORISM	10	29	31	28	23	-17.9
OTHER VIOLENT OFFENSES	38	50	51	39	63	61.5
PROPERTY OFFENSES, TOTAL	11,767	11,950	12,035	12,446	12,038	-3.3
BURGLARY	46	55	32	42	38	-9.5
LARCENY AND THEFT, TOTAL	2,743	2,624	2,962	2,966	2,618	-11.7
BANK	90	68	69	57	66	15.8
POSTAL SERVICE	356	278	332	290	240	-17.2
INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS	29	27	37	25	17	-32.0
THEFT—U.S. PROPERTY	1,808	1,750	2,035	2,175	1,911	-12.1
THEFT—MARITIME JURISDICTION	215	202	195	154	131	-14.9
TRANSPORTATION, ETC., STOLEN PROPERTY	131	139	126	129	125	-3.1
OTHER LARCENY AND THEFT OFFENSES	114	160	168	136	128	-5.9
EMBEZZLEMENT, TOTAL	750	662	617	551	642	16.5
BANK	298	215	238	188	193	2.7
POSTAL SERVICE	259	218	181	193	235	21.8
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	33	32	19	22	41	86.4
OTHER EMBEZZLEMENT OFFENSES	160	197	179	148	173	16.9
FRAUD, TOTAL	7,301	7,470	7,392	7,907	7,894	-0.2
TAX	545	560	514	534	555	3.9
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	774	713	736	551	496	-10.0
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	100	98	55	84	57	-32.1
MAIL	543	521	513	457	492	7.7
WIRE, RADIO, OR TELEVISION	360	380	369	323	298	-7.7
BANKRUPTCY	83	68	97	43	56	30.2

Table D-2. Cases (December 31, 2008—Continued)

Major Offense	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Percent Change 2008 Over 2007 ¹
FRAUD (CONTINUED)						
SOCIAL SECURITY	676	626	636	744	717	-3.6
FALSE PERSONATION	31	48	40	58	46	-20.7
CITIZENSHIP AND NATURALIZATION	261	269	189	171	245	43.3
PASSPORT	458	361	314	384	456	18.8
IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION	822	1,076	1,294	1,744	1,454	-16.6
FALSE CLAIMS AND SERVICES—GOVERNMENT	164	262	298	261	183	-29.9
FALSE STATEMENTS	908	793	649	656	836	27.4
CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD THE UNITED STATES	632	637	586	639	591	-7.5
UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS DEVICES	497	563	555	585	621	6.2
COMPUTER	76	103	112	98	99	1.0
HEALTH CARE	212	258	250	249	318	27.7
ATTEMPT AND CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD	29	63	86	197	319	61.9
OTHER FRAUD OFFENSES	130	71	99	129	55	-57.4
FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING	784	999	882	824	688	-16.5
AUTO THEFT	44	24	26	33	27	-18.2
OTHER PROPERTY OFFENSES	99	116	124	123	131	6.5
DRUG OFFENSES, TOTAL	18,329	18,056	17,325	16,835	15,721	-6.6
MARIJUANA, TOTAL	5,617	4,856	4,891	5,018	4,440	-11.5
SELL, DISTRIBUTE, OR DISPENSE	3,021	2,487	2,496	2,570	2,237	-13.0
IMPORT/EXPORT	1,210	1,087	1,167	1,422	1,244	-12.5
MANUFACTURE	137	122	117	190	162	-14.7
POSSESSION	1,249	1,160	1,111	836	797	-4.7
ALL OTHER DRUGS, TOTAL	12,579	13,113	12,360	11,760	11,221	-4.6
SELL, DISTRIBUTE, OR DISPENSE	10,548	11,169	10,598	10,313	9,854	-4.5
IMPORT/EXPORT	943	924	994	825	796	-3.5
MANUFACTURE	554	457	300	207	231	11.6
POSSESSION	534	563	468	415	340	-18.1
OTHER DRUG OFFENSES	133	87	74	57	60	5.3
FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES OFFENSES, TOTAL	9,588	9,121	8,570	8,297	7,981	-3.8
FIREARMS, TOTAL	9,375	8,916	8,370	8,127	7,826	-3.7
POSSESSION BY PROHIBITED PERSONS	5,854	5,578	5,282	5,128	4,960	-3.3
FURTHERANCE OF VIOLENT/DRUG-TRAFFICKING CRIMES	2,110	1,991	1,948	1,769	1,721	-2.7
OTHER FIREARMS OFFENSES	1,411	1,347	1,140	1,230	1,145	-6.9
EXPLOSIVES	213	205	200	170	155	-8.8

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Major Offense	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Percent Change 2008 Over 2007 ¹
SEX OFFENSES, TOTAL	1,705	1,805	1,951	2,541	2,712	6.7
SEXUAL ABUSE OF ADULTS	117	97	99	124	78	-37.1
SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS	371	334	371	419	393	-6.2
SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL	986	1,139	1,222	1,558	1,749	12.3
TRANSPORTATION FOR ILLEGAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY	223	229	246	235	205	-12.8
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY	-	-	-	-	279	-
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	8	6	13	205	8	-96.1
JUSTICE SYSTEM OFFENSES, TOTAL	1,059	995	947	884	944	6.8
AIDING, ABETTING, ACCESSORY, ETC.	203	217	194	155	180	16.1
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE	203	223	222	185	172	-7.0
ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY	249	250	237	251	295	17.5
FAILURE TO APPEAR	254	187	181	188	225	19.7
PERJURY	70	63	56	55	31	-43.6
CONTEMPT	80	55	57	50	41	-18.0
IMMIGRATION OFFENSES, TOTAL	17,358	16,910	16,014	17,605	23,011	30.7
ALIEN SMUGGLING	2,575	2,730	2,692	2,708	2,788	3.0
IMPROPER ENTRY BY ALIEN	2,569	1,749	994	1,287	1,891	46.9
IMPROPER REENTRY BY ALIEN	11,491	11,704	11,654	13,069	17,019	30.2
FRAUD AND MISUSE OF VISA/PERMIT	637	702	640	511	1,263	147.2
OTHER IMMIGRATION OFFENSES	86	25	34	30	50	66.7
GENERAL OFFENSES, TOTAL	1,753	1,623	1,511	1,570	1,669	6.3
BRIBERY	128	127	131	113	113	0.0
MONEY LAUNDERING	612	621	549	562	528	-6.0
RICO ²	27	33	23	17	25	47.1
RACKETEERING—GENERAL	35	37	35	24	45	87.5
EXTORTION AND THREATS	155	168	126	134	127	-5.2
GAMBLING AND LOTTERY	50	41	23	25	16	-36.0
FAILURE TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT	104	91	73	72	97	34.7
OTHER GENERAL OFFENSES	642	505	551	623	718	15.2

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Major Offense	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Percent Change 2008 Over 2007 ¹
REGULATORY OFFENSES, TOTAL	1,577	1,584	1,677	1,644	1,702	3.5
CIVIL RIGHTS	66	81	78	78	80	2.6
COPYRIGHT	43	51	49	39	53	35.9
FOOD AND DRUG	42	47	49	54	35	-35.2
HAZARDOUS WASTE TREATMENT, DISPOSAL, AND STORAGE	21	28	18	33	27	-18.2
TELEGRAPH, TELEPHONE, AND RADIOGRAPH	22	18	14	13	7	-46.2
NATIONAL DEFENSE	18	36	34	27	35	29.6
ANTITRUST	15	19	21	16	27	68.8
LABOR	76	75	83	65	77	18.5
GAME AND CONSERVATION	131	146	225	220	219	-0.5
NATIONAL PARKS	115	87	109	112	124	10.7
CUSTOMS	59	53	42	53	82	54.7
POSTAL SERVICE	107	104	104	97	105	8.2
REPORTING OF MONETARY TRANSACTIONS	227	220	203	204	189	-7.4
MIGRATORY BIRD	81	63	39	64	54	-15.6
MARITIME AND SHIPPING	72	89	100	97	104	7.2
AIRCRAFT REGULATIONS	119	87	72	76	69	-9.2
OTHER REGULATORY OFFENSES	363	380	437	396	415	4.8
TRAFFIC OFFENSES, TOTAL	4,517	3,964	3,689	4,402	4,155	-5.6
DRUNK DRIVING	1,519	1,780	1,510	1,592	1,449	-9.0
OTHER TRAFFIC OFFENSES	2,998	2,184	2,179	2,810	2,706	-3.7

NOTE: BEGINNING IN 2005, CATEGORIES FOR CRIMINAL OFFENSES WERE MODIFIED. THEREFORE, DATA FOR 2005 AND THEREAFTER ARE NOT COMPARABLE TO DATA PUBLISHED IN PREVIOUS YEARS. 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 NOT COMPUTED WHEN FEWER THAN 10 CASES REPORTED FOR THE PREVIOUS PERIOD.

² RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.