

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

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Percent Change 2004 Over 2003 ¹
TOTAL	63,020	62,691	68,096	69,903	70,279	.5
PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED BY						
INDICTMENT	40,220	42,132	46,036	47,466	47,884	.9
INFORMATION—INDICTMENT WAIVED	10,530	9,230	10,492	11,272	11,189	-.7
INFORMATION—OTHER	8,523	7,972	8,018	7,746	8,433	8.9
REMANDED FROM APPELLATE COURT	79	74	117	87	41	-52.9
REMOVED FROM STATE COURT	32	34	26	26	30	15.4
REOPENED/REINSTATED	69	32	63	69	88	27.5
APPEAL FROM U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE	79	108	94	85	71	-16.5
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS	205	163	167	180	153	-15.0
CONSENT BEFORE MAGISTRATE JUDGE	1,036	989	1,207	1,360	1,347	-1.0
RETRIAL ON MISTRIAL	64	58	74	52	40	-23.1
RETRIAL—REMAND FROM APPEALS COURT	82	81	77	78	84	7.7
VIOLATION NOTICE	2,101	1,818	1,725	1,482	919	-38.0
GENERAL OFFENSES						
HOMICIDE, TOTAL²	358	343	368	264	199	-24.6
MURDER—FIRST DEGREE	324	296	318	211	159	-24.6
MURDER—SECOND DEGREE	8	11	13	11	8	-27.3
MANSLAUGHTER	26	36	37	42	32	-23.8
ROBBERY, TOTAL	1,315	1,320	1,248	1,136	1,153	1.5
BANK	1,279	1,284	1,206	1,099	1,113	1.3
POSTAL	24	18	21	19	19	-
OTHER	12	18	21	18	21	16.7
ASSAULT²	665	581	663	887	964	8.7
BURGLARY—BREAKING AND ENTERING, TOTAL	53	46	57	55	45	-18.2
BANK	-	-	-	-	-	-
POSTAL	12	9	18	15	9	-40.0
INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS	-	1	1	1	2	-
OTHER	41	36	38	39	34	-12.8

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

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Percent Change 2004 Over 2003 ¹
LARCENY AND THEFT, TOTAL	3,486	3,176	3,157	3,036	2,893	-4.7
BANK	268	233	162	171	96	-43.9
POSTAL	452	465	477	407	361	-11.3
INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS	164	169	166	187	134	-28.3
OTHER U.S. PROPERTY	1,878	1,800	1,787	1,763	1,808	2.6
TRANSPORTATION, ETC., OF STOLEN PROPERTY	236	206	210	170	135	-20.6
OTHER	488	303	355	338	359	6.2
EMBEZZLEMENT, TOTAL	1,146	1,085	1,079	917	833	-9.2
BANK	623	581	510	388	306	-21.1
POSTAL	231	235	294	255	258	1.2
OTHER	292	269	275	274	269	-1.8
FRAUD, TOTAL	7,719	7,698	8,414	7,865	7,515	-4.5
INCOME TAX	542	462	452	429	527	22.8
LENDING INSTITUTION	1,254	1,176	1,093	966	819	-15.2
POSTAL	1,079	1,135	1,118	1,062	973	-8.4
VETERANS AND ALLOTMENTS	6	4	6	7	2	-
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	98	85	124	105	91	-13.3
SOCIAL SECURITY	658	582	1,159	829	676	-18.5
FALSE PERSONATION	39	38	32	27	31	14.8
NATIONALITY LAWS	405	345	261	290	261	-10.0
PASSPORT FRAUD	278	254	268	429	458	6.8
FALSE CLAIMS AND STATEMENTS	1,269	1,443	1,750	1,551	1,782	14.9
OTHER	2,091	2,174	2,151	2,170	1,895	-12.7
AUTO THEFT	195	180	148	134	126	-6.0
FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING, TOTAL	1,147	1,318	1,109	1,103	799	-27.6
TRANSPORTATION OF FORGED SECURITIES	-	-	-	-	-	-
POSTAL FORGERY	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORGERY	126	106	111	91	74	-18.7
COUNTERFEITING	1,021	1,212	998	1,012	725	-28.4
SEX OFFENSES, TOTAL	918	1,068	1,259	1,374	1,700	23.7
SEXUAL ABUSE	414	437	562	554	613	10.6
OTHER	504	631	697	820	1,087	32.6

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

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Percent Change 2004 Over 2003 ¹
DRUGS	18,008	18,673	19,159	18,932	18,359	-3.0
MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL OFFENSES, TOTAL	12,843	13,666	15,381	16,342	16,073	-1.6
BRIBERY	122	129	126	107	119	11.2
DRUNK DRIVING AND TRAFFIC	4,766	5,186	5,153	4,859	4,517	-7.0
ESCAPE ³	629	572	527	537	417	-22.3
EXTORTION, RACKETEERING, AND THREATS	534	481	571	501	490	-2.2
GAMBLING AND LOTTERY	11	9	11	12	8	-33.3
KIDNAPPING	124	87	104	98	114	16.3
PERJURY	131	123	119	83	70	-15.7
WEAPONS AND FIREARMS	5,562	6,106	7,834	9,129	9,324	2.1
OTHER	964	973	936	1,016	1,014	-2
SPECIAL OFFENSES						
IMMIGRATION LAWS	12,229	11,045	13,536	15,521	17,343	11.7
LIQUOR, INTERNAL REVENUE	8	4	1	1	-	-
FEDERAL STATUTES, TOTAL	2,930	2,488	2,517	2,336	2,277	-2.5
AGRICULTURE/CONSERVATION LAWS	323	259	248	229	255	11.4
ANTITRUST VIOLATIONS	35	26	25	13	15	15.4
FOOD AND DRUG LAWS	64	60	63	40	46	15.0
MIGRATORY BIRD LAWS	54	63	83	120	81	-32.5
MOTOR CARRIER LAWS	4	2	2	4	6	-
NATIONAL DEFENSE LAWS	603	396	230	118	55	-53.4
CIVIL RIGHTS	82	72	60	52	79	51.9
CONTEMPT	120	135	104	75	80	6.7
CUSTOMS LAWS	88	80	77	78	59	-24.4
POSTAL LAWS ⁴	105	146	118	122	108	-11.5
OTHER	1,452	1,249	1,507	1,485	1,493	.5

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 NOT COMPUTED WHEN FEWER THAN 10 CASES REPORTED FOR THE PREVIOUS PERIOD.

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.