

Table D-2. Cases

**U.S. District Courts—Criminal Cases Commenced, by Major Offense (Excluding Transfers),
During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 1999 Through 2003**

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change 2003 Over 2002 ¹
TOTAL	59,251	62,152	62,134	66,452	70,092	5.5
PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED BY						
INDICTMENT	36,696	39,469	41,191	45,041	47,629	5.7
INFORMATION—INDICTMENT WAIVED	10,408	10,701	9,509	10,104	11,088	9.7
INFORMATION—OTHER	7,553	8,160	8,058	7,975	7,653	-4.0
REMANDED FROM APPELLATE COURT	120	83	64	123	96	-22.0
REMOVED FROM STATE COURT	41	30	36	24	30	25.0
REOPENED/REINSTATED	84	66	38	61	69	13.1
APPEAL FROM U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE	109	83	113	105	81	-22.9
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS	209	239	171	160	185	15.6
CONSENT BEFORE MAGISTRATE JUDGE	1,589	978	1,019	1,071	1,442	34.6
RETRIAL ON MISTRIAL	53	76	60	69	55	-20.3
RETRIAL—REMAND FROM APPEALS COURT	105	95	74	71	84	18.3
VIOLATION NOTICE	2,284	2,172	1,801	1,648	1,680	1.9
GENERAL OFFENSES						
HOMICIDE, TOTAL²	383	370	329	370	311	-15.9
MURDER—FIRST DEGREE	327	334	292	313	261	-16.6
MURDER—SECOND DEGREE	13	7	9	15	13	-13.3
MANSLAUGHTER	43	29	28	42	37	-11.9
ROBBERY, TOTAL	1,295	1,258	1,355	1,292	1,123	-13.1
BANK	1,250	1,219	1,325	1,239	1,085	-12.4
POSTAL	29	25	16	27	20	-25.9
OTHER	16	14	14	26	18	-30.8
ASSAULT²	529	665	622	633	811	28.1
BURGLARY—BREAKING AND ENTERING, TOTAL	72	59	52	44	46	4.5
BANK	-	-	-	-	-	-
POSTAL	13	13	11	12	13	8.3
INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS	3	-	1	1	-	-
OTHER	56	46	40	31	33	6.5

Table D-2. Cases (September 30, 2003—Continued)

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change 2003 Over 2002 ¹
LARCENY AND THEFT, TOTAL	3,514	3,414	3,242	3,138	3,103	-1.1
BANK	241	276	244	173	179	3.5
POSTAL	439	455	445	469	438	-6.6
INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS	187	164	160	184	177	-3.8
OTHER U.S. PROPERTY	1,901	1,828	1,798	1,798	1,762	-2.0
TRANSPORTATION, ETC., OF STOLEN PROPERTY	257	249	209	212	166	-21.7
OTHER	489	442	386	302	381	26.2
EMBEZZLEMENT, TOTAL	1,315	1,200	1,072	1,075	962	-10.5
BANK	736	667	580	516	403	-21.9
POSTAL	277	242	226	274	282	2.9
OTHER	302	291	266	285	277	-2.8
FRAUD, TOTAL	7,654	7,788	7,585	8,204	8,092	-1.4
INCOME TAX	645	581	457	447	433	-3.1
LENDING INSTITUTION	1,244	1,303	1,194	1,095	956	-12.7
POSTAL	1,065	1,117	1,129	1,118	1,039	-7.1
VETERANS AND ALLOTMENTS	3	5	1	8	8	-
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	56	94	88	120	109	-9.2
SOCIAL SECURITY	542	640	539	1,091	978	-10.4
FALSE PERSONATION	25	39	34	37	27	-27.0
NATIONALITY LAWS	267	364	398	239	301	25.9
PASSPORT FRAUD	301	281	253	261	411	57.5
FALSE CLAIMS AND STATEMENTS	1,600	1,258	1,394	1,645	1,661	1.0
OTHER	1,906	2,106	2,098	2,143	2,169	1.2
AUTO THEFT	189	199	180	152	131	-13.8
FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING, TOTAL	1,292	1,203	1,212	1,193	1,078	-9.6
TRANSPORTATION OF FORGED SECURITIES	-	-	-	-	-	-
POSTAL FORGERY	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FORGERY	145	131	100	111	93	-16.2
COUNTERFEITING	1,147	1,072	1,112	1,082	985	-9.0
SEX OFFENSES, TOTAL	893	944	1,017	1,187	1,325	11.6
SEXUAL ABUSE	334	431	428	514	552	7.4
OTHER	559	513	589	673	773	14.9

Table D-2. Cases (September 30, 2003—Continued)

Nature of Proceedings and Offense	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change 2003 Over 2002 ¹
DRUGS	17,483	17,505	18,425	19,215	18,996	-1.1
MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL OFFENSES, TOTAL	11,747	12,544	13,190	14,987	16,432	9.6
BRIBERY	158	145	131	118	101	-14.4
DRUNK DRIVING AND TRAFFIC	5,005	4,679	4,958	5,149	5,084	-1.3
ESCAPE ³	639	635	582	562	519	-7.7
EXTORTION, RACKETEERING, AND THREATS	534	557	466	594	479	-19.4
GAMBLING AND LOTTERY	16	17	6	10	11	10.0
KIDNAPPING	101	111	104	98	124	26.5
PERJURY	91	113	137	114	84	-26.3
WEAPONS AND FIREARMS	4,367	5,387	5,845	7,382	9,075	22.9
OTHER	836	900	961	960	955	-5
SPECIAL OFFENSES						
IMMIGRATION LAWS	10,641	12,150	11,277	12,576	15,400	22.5
LIQUOR, INTERNAL REVENUE	3	9	3	2	1	-
FEDERAL STATUTES, TOTAL	2,241	2,844	2,573	2,384	2,281	-4.3
AGRICULTURE/CONSERVATION LAWS	277	316	282	232	226	-2.6
ANTITRUST VIOLATIONS	39	43	28	24	11	-54.2
FOOD AND DRUG LAW	59	52	70	59	46	-22.0
MIGRATORY BIRD LAWS	18	52	56	74	126	70.3
MOTOR CARRIER LAW	16	5	3	2	3	-
NATIONAL DEFENSE LAWS	68	533	462	147	74	-49.7
CIVIL RIGHTS	81	80	76	62	48	-22.6
CONTEMPT	78	109	158	107	73	-31.8
CUSTOMS LAWS	96	97	79	78	72	-7.7
POSTAL LAWS ⁴	119	112	135	129	122	-5.4
OTHER	1,390	1,445	1,224	1,470	1,480	.7

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.