

Table 5.16

Suspects declined for prosecution by U.S. attorneys

By offense, 1982, 1988-93

Most serious offense investigated	1982		1988		1989		1990		1991 ^a		1992		1993	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All offenses ^b	20,912	26.9%	28,825	30.5%	32,855	31.5%	35,239	32.1%	40,288	35.4%	32,126	29.2%	33,678	30.9%
Violent offenses	929	19.9	1,206	26.9	1,436	28.3	1,409	27.8	1,680	29.5	1,474	24.5	1,745	28.2
Murder/manslaughter	36	12.2	118	35.1	204	44.2	78	30.7	107	33.5	110	27.4	124	33.9
Assault	227	24.1	291	28.9	352	32.3	344	33.6	456	41.0	391	34.3	430	36.1
Robbery	491	16.6	433	19.2	484	18.4	502	18.4	551	17.8	470	13.9	506	14.8
Rape	5	17.9	94	38.1	64	28.8	142	38.7	162	17.8	204	44.3	322	56.8
Other sex offenses	40	60.6	151	42.5	191	51.1	194	49.5	223	56.6	183	54.3	194	62.2
Kidnaping	58	30.4	72	42.6	83	48.3	98	45.4	101	44.7	67	31.5	97	41.6
Threats against the President	72	38.3	47	43.5	58	49.2	51	50.0	80	61.5	49	55.7	72	66.7
Property offenses	10,015	36.9	11,277	41.1	13,875	43.6	14,237	43.9	16,494	48.5	14,031	41.9	14,508	42.1
Fraudulent offenses	8,772	39.5	10,090	42.6	12,674	44.7	12,891	44.8	15,106	49.6	12,507	42.9	12,953	43.1
Embezzlement	1,691	32.6	1,805	33.8	2,333	41.8	2,299	41.7	2,494	43.7	1,860	35.4	2,014	38.5
Fraud ^c	5,955	45.9	7,379	47.2	9,328	46.8	9,711	46.6	11,623	52.4	10,027	45.8	10,278	45.2
Forgery	1,071	27.5	896	34.1	971	35.4	824	36.6	932	39.0	567	31.6	613	32.1
Counterfeiting	5	20.8	10	13.9	42	30.7	57	39.3	57	30.6	53	28.5	48	22.0
Other offenses	1,293	25.5	1,187	31.3	1,201	34.7	1,346	36.6	1,388	39.6	1,524	35.0	1,555	35.7
Burglary	22	19.6	25	25.3	23	25.8	25	30.9	23	30.7	31	33.3	25	40.3
Larceny	744	26.3	724	29.6	747	33.3	850	35.3	786	36.5	674	31.6	710	33.3
Motor vehicle theft	342	35.9	309	38.1	285	41.7	309	45.5	352	49.5	273	37.7	320	35.0
Arson and explosives	9	37.5	8	B	10	B	14	48.3	14	66.7	297	36.5	319	43.9
Transportation of stolen property	55	36.4	45	63.4	67	45.6	57	37.3	68	42.5	84	40.4	72	42.4
Other	121	12.2	76	21.4	69	24.5	91	27.9	145	37.8	165	43.8	109	31.6
Drug offenses	1,520	12.5	4,705	18.2	5,974	18.7	6,413	19.3	7,814	22.3	6,204	17.0	6,672	19.4
Public-order offenses	7,954	25.0	11,146	31.1	10,870	31.9	12,374	33.1	13,341	36.0	10,417	30.7	10,472	31.6
Regulatory offenses	2,562	43.5	4,301	55.0	4,419	54.7	5,184	60.6	5,037	61.5	3,888	64.2	3,701	66.6
Agriculture	76	16.6	167	27.2	200	34.0	219	35.8	156	32.6	140	32.7	192	44.0
Antitrust	12	9.0	22	18.0	14	14.4	47	45.6	35	32.4	51	45.9	19	23.5
Fair labor standards	11	40.7	21	52.5	22	64.7	17	43.6	21	52.5	20	47.6	25	46.3
Food and drug	110	24.9	59	9.5	110	20.7	95	31.4	82	36.3	59	19.7	56	24.6
Motor carrier	54	39.7	102	53.7	85	62.0	39	39.8	56	54.9	147	59.0	169	57.5
Other regulatory offenses	2,299	49.0	3,930	63.1	3,988	59.6	4,767	64.4	4,687	64.8	3,471	70.5	3,240	72.6
Other offenses	5,392	20.8	6,845	24.5	6,451	24.8	7,190	24.9	8,304	28.7	6,529	23.5	6,771	24.6
Weapons offenses	650	23.8	1,069	29.5	1,427	32.0	1,630	29.9	1,891	27.3	1,964	25.3	2,112	27.6
Immigration offenses	442	7.4	240	3.4	286	3.7	283	3.3	360	5.1	266	4.3	236	4.2
Tax law violations including tax fraud	401	22.1	649	30.9	543	28.9	611	32.1	687	36.8	451	27.4	437	26.2
Bribery	245	55.3	325	57.3	387	57.4	404	56.7	434	55.7	278	49.5	262	47.7
Perjury, contempt, and intimidation	88	37.3	110	43.1	140	46.2	122	43.3	163	50.6	264	41.8	322	44.2
National defense	188	32.5	307	49.5	214	30.6	227	31.5	228	42.0	146	30.7	128	28.1
Escape	995	30.4	1,160	33.5	1,254	32.5	1,209	32.0	1,387	35.3	823	22.3	840	21.6
Racketeering and extortion	795	48.7	941	49.6	1,123	55.0	1,487	53.8	1,773	58.0	1,612	49.0	1,573	45.7
Gambling offenses	58	38.9	82	24.8	79	28.0	166	35.9	175	46.2	125	31.7	180	54.4
Liquor offenses	14	35.0	13	38.2	2	B	8	32.0	11	44.0	17	65.4	16	69.6
Mail or transport of obscene material	27	61.4	54	40.3	80	50.3	67	48.6	81	60.4	44	57.1	54	68.4
Migratory birds	84	7.4	67	7.1	85	9.4	120	16.0	119	25.8	71	19.6	37	16.0
Conspiracy, aiding and abetting, traffic, and jurisdictional offenses	1,324	17.1	1,587	26.0	587	27.4	649	26.4	776	30.1	417	16.0	520	19.0
Other	81	50.3	241	29.5	244	30.7	207	25.7	219	23.5	51	39.8	54	39.4

Note: See Note, table 5.15. Percent figures are percent of the total criminal matters concluded for the year indicated. For methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 13.

^bTotals may include suspects for which offense category could not be determined.

^cExcludes tax fraud.

^aData for 1991 are incomplete due to changes in the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys' reporting system.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Federal Criminal Case Processing, 1982-93, With Preliminary Data for 1994*, NCJ-160088 (Washington, DC: USGPO, 1996), pp. 4, 5. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.