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Table 5.23

Offenders sentenced to prison in U.S. District Courts<sup>a</sup>

By offense, 1982, 1988-94

Most serious conviction offense	1982		1988		1989		1990		1991		1992 <sup>b</sup>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All offenses <sup>c</sup>	17,481	51.1%	23,450	53.8%	27,377	58.5%	28,659	60.3%	30,555	62.4%	34,352	65.6%
Violent offenses	2,027	86.1	1,733	81.0	1,892	86.8	2,032	87.2	2,260	89.9	2,675	90.9
Murder	100	90.9	88	94.6	92	90.2	124	93.2	111	90.2	117	94.0
Negligent manslaughter	8	B	25	92.6	43	89.6	20	87.0	29	93.5	20	72.4
Assault	275	63.2	286	63.8	257	64.6	282	62.0	283	67.4	288	65.9
Robbery	1,453	92.9	1,059	94.0	1,237	97.7	1,313	98.2	1,504	98.5	1,900	99.1
Rape	44	91.7	97	83.6	101	77.7	120	80.5	161	83.9	179	88.7
Other sex offenses	37	62.7	112	44.4	75	51.7	106	66.7	93	67.9	98	65.3
Kidnaping	64	97.0	44	91.7	56	96.6	48	90.6	66	98.5	56	88.5
Threats against the President	46	74.2	22	78.6	31	93.9	19	86.4	13	B	15	84.5
Property offenses	5,834	45.6	5,723	42.6	5,974	44.1	5,885	43.3	6,033	45.8	6,699	46.8
Fraudulent offenses	3,873	44.1	4,182	43.6	4,400	44.4	4,464	44.1	4,542	47.9	5,148	49.8
Embezzlement	592	30.0	490	27.6	510	28.4	520	28.4	614	34.9	734	41.8
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	1,976	43.8	2,915	47.1	3,028	46.3	3,230	46.9	3,251	50.7	3,749	51.5
Forgery	806	54.8	459	45.6	518	50.8	397	43.8	361	48.2	343	46.9
Counterfeiting	499	59.7	318	52.3	344	60.4	317	62.6	316	57.1	323	56.3
Other offenses	1,961	49.2	1,541	40.0	1,574	43.3	1,421	41.0	1,491	40.2	1,551	38.8
Burglary	96	64.4	84	84.0	93	82.3	83	83.8	119	83.8	108	86.0
Larceny	1,223	43.7	978	33.0	1,036	36.9	940	34.7	951	32.6	921	29.6
Motor vehicle theft	338	70.3	293	71.6	239	71.3	200	72.7	170	68.0	256	76.2
Arson	0	X	2	B	11	B	1	B	2	B	6	87.6
Transportation of stolen property	268	67.5	132	62.0	161	69.4	171	73.1	191	79.3	215	78.8
Other	36	22.8	52	32.5	34	26.2	26	17.6	58	38.4	45	31.4
Drug offenses	5,138	73.6	10,599	79.2	13,306	84.2	14,092	86.4	15,012	86.5	16,757	88.9
Trafficking	4,417	82.1	10,197	88.2	12,832	91.5	13,640	90.9	14,558	89.9	16,334	92.2
Possession and other	721	44.9	402	22.1	474	26.7	452	34.7	454	39.0	423	37.5
Public-order offenses	1,516	37.1	5,395	37.0	6,194	40.6	6,650	43.6	7,250	45.6	8,220	50.6
Regulatory offenses	516	28.5	640	32.6	746	36.9	799	38.9	884	37.8	875	39.8
Agriculture	31	15.3	52	19.9	37	15.2	49	18.9	40	13.8	47	17.4
Antitrust	54	33.1	43	24.2	22	19.6	22	26.5	25	27.2	14	20.6
Fair labor standards	4	15.4	6	17.6	2	6.9	3	8.8	8	19.5	14	35.8
Food and drug	4	4.0	8	16.0	24	20.0	16	16.5	7	11.5	13	16.1
Motor carrier	7	10.9	27	40.9	21	35.6	19	37.3	24	40.0	12	40.9
Other regulatory offenses	416	33.0	504	36.6	640	43.8	690	45.1	780	43.5	773	45.4
Other offenses	3,966	38.6	4,755	37.7	5,448	41.2	5,851	44.3	6,366	46.9	7,345	52.3
Weapons offenses	1,000	62.3	1,262	70.0	1,647	76.6	1,894	77.6	2,632	83.9	3,500	87.1
Immigration offenses	1,117	53.2	1,287	69.5	1,658	67.8	1,876	73.0	1,742	75.5	1,779	74.7
Tax law violations												
including tax fraud	508	45.8	629	44.0	543	46.8	507	43.5	434	41.4	445	41.6
Bribery	74	47.4	81	44.0	103	43.3	111	50.5	122	50.4	135	44.3
Perjury, contempt, and intimidation	67	69.8	73	70.2	65	60.2	62	71.3	75	70.1	55	62.9
National defense	31	23.5	49	24.1	88	43.1	61	43.3	53	39.3	60	39.6
Escape	577	87.2	566	86.9	580	89.5	545	89.1	470	89.5	485	92.1
Racketeering and extortion	316	72.3	418	74.5	459	78.1	404	78.0	437	84.4	535	85.4
Gambling offenses	50	40.7	67	40.9	69	40.4	113	53.6	83	31.7	85	38.4
Liquor offenses	9	33.3	3	B	3	B	11	50.0	0	X	1	4.8
Mail or transport of obscene material	10	50.0	14	25.0	9	16.7	19	26.4	17	37.8	10	25.0
Traffic offenses	185	5.1	279	5.1	207	4.0	233	4.7	275	5.5	237	5.3
Migratory birds	0	X	8	24.2	9	12.9	2	3.5	3	10.0	0	X
Other	22	28.9	19	19.0	8	5.8	13	12.3	23	12.3	16	13.2

Note: See Note, table 5.15. Data for 1990 through 1994 reflect a change in the Administrative Office of the United States Courts' file closeout procedures and are not exactly comparable to data for earlier years (Source, p. 19). These data include all sentences to incarceration longer than 4 days regardless of whether the term was concurrent or consecutive with a period of probation, a fine, or other condition. For methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 13.

<sup>a</sup>Includes sentences to prison with or without probation.

<sup>b</sup>Data have been revised by the Source.

<sup>c</sup>Totals may include defendants for which offense category could not be determined, but exclude cases for which sentence category could not be determined.

<sup>d</sup>Excludes tax fraud.

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. 15, 16. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.

1993		Preliminary 1994	
Number	Percent	Number	Percent
34,844	65.2%	31,586	64.9%
2,679	87.1	2,443	83.5
136	90.1	210	70.7
12	66.7	12	63.2
272	63.0	284	70.5
1,950	93.7	1,628	89.3
166	83.8	155	87.1
61	64.2	60	61.2
71	81.6	74	85.1
11	78.6	20	95.2
6,980	47.3	6,466	49.0
5,378	50.0	4,967	52.5
650	37.9	519	39.6
4,154	53.1	3,855	55.8
262	41.8	197	36.8
312	52.0	396	55.8
1,602	40.1	1,499	40.1
158	84.5	131	96.3
929	31.7	851	31.2
321	74.1	308	77.4
6	B	7	B
172	62.8	146	48.3
16	9.8	56	33.5
17,343	84.8	14,835	83.7
16,667	86.7	14,272	87.0
676	55.0	563	43.0
7,833	51.8	7,838	52.9
912	44.7	876	46.0
40	19.0	26	15.7
10	11.2	8	11.8
14	28.0	9	21.4
46	35.6	17	23.3
14	43.8	5	50.0
786	51.6	811	52.5
6,921	52.9	6,962	53.9
2,910	91.6	2,812	97.7
2,099	81.3	2,243	86.7
370	35.7	329	36.5
109	45.4	119	42.5
72	62.1	53	58.2
33	31.7	30	36.1
438	88.3	448	89.4
592	80.5	596	81.6
69	38.3	69	43.9
2	B	0	X
4	23.5	8	36.4
187	4.5	218	4.9
2	7.7	2	9.5
34	14.4	35	13.9