

**Table 4.1. Defendants in criminal cases commenced, by offense, October 1, 2006-September 30, 2007**

Most serious offense charged	Defendants in cases during 2007 commenced	
	Number	Percent
<b>All offenses</b>	88,742	100 %
<b>Felonies</b>	77,776	87.6 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	2,755	3.1 %
Murder	149	0.2
Assault	629	0.7
Robbery	1,235	1.4
Sexual abuse	597	0.7
Kidnapping	125	0.1
Threats against the President	20	--
<b>Property offenses</b>	13,192	14.9 %
Fraudulent	11,260	12.7
Embezzlement	515	0.6
Fraud	9,495	10.7
Forgery	47	0.1
Counterfeiting	1,203	1.4
Other	1,932	2.2
Burglary	50	0.1
Larceny	1,339	1.5
Motor vehicle theft	40	--
Arson and explosives	237	0.3
Transportation of stolen property	193	0.2
Other property offenses	73	0.1
<b>Drug offenses</b>	28,632	32.3 %
Trafficking	28,521	32.1
Possession and other drug offenses	111	0.1
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	6,597	7.4 %
Regulatory	883	1
Antitrust	23	--
Food and drug	22	--
Transportation	165	0.2
Civil rights	95	0.1
Communications	40	--
Custom laws	70	0.1
Postal laws	39	--
Other regulatory offenses	429	0.5
Other	5,714	6.4
Tax law violations	492	0.6
Bribery	144	0.2
Perjury, contempt, and intimidation	335	0.4
National defense	85	0.1
Escape	582	0.7
Racketeering and extortion	1,777	2
Gambling	74	0.1
Liquor offenses	7	--
Nonviolent sex offenses	1,929	2.2
Obscene material	13	--
Traffic offenses	30	--
Wildlife	70	0.1
Environmental	44	--
All other felonies	132	0.1
<b>Weapon offenses</b>	8,883	10 %
<b>Immigration offenses</b>	17,717	20 %
<b>Misdemeanors</b>	10,966	12.4 %
Fraudulent property offenses	1,313	1.5
Larceny	1,584	1.8
Drug possession	1,383	1.6
Immigration	140	0.2
Traffic offenses	4,383	4.9
Other misdemeanors	2,163	2.4

Note: "Murder" includes nonnegligent manslaughter; "Sexual abuse" includes only violent sex offenses; "Fraud" excludes tax fraud; "Larceny" excludes transportation of stolen property; "Other property offenses" excludes fraudulent property offenses and includes destruction of property and trespassing; "Tax law violations" includes tax fraud; "Obscene material" denotes the mail or transport thereof; "All other felonies" includes felonies with unclassifiable offense type; "Misdemeanors" includes misdemeanors, petty offenses, and unknown offense levels; and "Drug possession" also includes other drug misdemeanors.  
 -- Less than 0.5%.

Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts criminal master file, fiscal year.