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#### Abstract

Federal firearms laws regulate the importation, manufacture, shipment, transfer, receipt, possession, and use of firearms. The Gun Control Act, the Arms Export Control Act and the National Firearms Act establish the framework for federal regulation. The vast majority of defendants in federal firearms cases are charged pursuant to the Gun Control Act, especially the subsection that makes it unlawful for a prohibited person to ship, transport, possess, or receive a firearm. Most defendants plead guilty and receive a sentence of imprisonment. This report summarizes federal firearms cases filed and closed in fiscal years 2007 and 2006. Statistics reported include prosecution outcomes, types of sentences, and mean sentences pursuant to each of the three firearm control acts. Judicial district data is provided for the statutory subsection that is most often the basis for a firearm charge.

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# **Summary Findings**

- A total of 8,935 defendants were charged with federal firearms offenses in FY2007, compared to 9,238 defendants in FY2006, a decrease of 3%. Federal firearms cases closed in FY2007 involved 9,160 defendants, compared to 9,617 defendants in FY2006, a decrease of 5%. (Table 1)
- Over 95% of defendants in cases filed and closed in FY2007 and FY2006 were charged pursuant to the Gun Control Act of 1968. (Table 1)
- The most frequent outcome for defendants in cases closed during FY2007 and FY2006 was a conviction by guilty plea, which occurred in 85% of the cases. (Table 2)
- Of defendants with a sentence on record, over 92% received a sentence of imprisonment with no probation in FY2007 and FY2006. (Table 3)
- The mean prison sentence for defendants convicted in FY2007 and FY2006 pursuant to the Gun Control Act of 1968 was about 90 months. (Table 4)
- Twenty-eight defendants received a sentence of life in prison and one received a sentence of death in FY2007. (Table 4)
- About 60% of defendants in cases filed and closed in FY2007 and FY2006 were charged pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 922(g), which makes it unlawful for a prohibited person to ship, transport, possess, or receive a firearm. (Table 5)
- Over 20% of defendants in cases filed and closed in FY2007 and FY2006 were charged, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 924(c), with use or possession of a firearm during commission of a violent or drug trafficking offense. (Table 5)
- Prison sentences pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 924(c) were among the longest rendered, with a mean sentence of 172 months in FY2007 and 178 months in FY2006. (Tables 10 and 11)
- The only sentence of death and 43% of the life sentences were rendered in FY2007 for causing the death of a person through the use of a firearm pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 924(j). (Table 10)

### Introduction

Federal firearms laws regulate the importation, manufacture, shipment, transfer, receipt, possession, and use of firearms (laws cited in this report are summarized on pages 6-7). National totals for federal firearms cases from FY2007 and FY2006 are summarized in tables 1 through 4, including cases filed and closed, outcomes for defendants, types of sentences, and sentence means.

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Three Acts of Congress and subsequent amendments to these Acts establish a framework for federal regulation of firearms. Counts for the three Acts from FY2007 and FY2006, broken down by subsection, are presented in tables 5 through 18. Federal judicial district totals for one subsection are presented in tables 19 and 20. National totals for federal weapons offenses (a category broader than firearm offenses) are presented in table 21.

#### **Gun Control Act**

The Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA), 18 U.S.C. Chapter 44 (sections 921 to 931), was enacted to keep firearms out of the hands of persons who are denied possession because of a criminal background, age, mental incompetence, or other prohibitions. Another purpose of the GCA is to make State firearms laws more effective by channeling interstate commerce in firearms through federally-licensed businesses and generally confining firearms transactions by unlicensed persons to their States of residence. (For more information on the GCA and other firearm laws, see http://www.atf.gov/firearms/legal/index.htm.)

Over 95% of defendants in federal firearms cases filed and closed in FY2007 and FY2006 were charged pursuant to the GCA (table 1). The number of defendants in cases filed pursuant to the GCA decreased 3%, from 8,918 in FY2006 to 8,650 in FY2007, while the number of defendants in cases closed decreased 4%, from 9,179 in FY2006 to 8,831 in FY2007.

The most frequent outcome for defendants in GCA cases closed during FY2007 was a conviction by guilty plea, which occurred in 85% of the cases (table 2). In FY2006, 85% of the outcomes were pleas of guilty or *nolo contendre*. Of defendants with a sentence on record, 93% received a sentence of imprisonment with no probation in both FY2007 and FY2006 (table 3). The mean prison sentence for convicted defendants was 90 months in FY2007 and 91 months in FY2006 (table 4).

**Prohibited person offenses**. About 60% of defendants in cases filed and closed in FY2007 and FY2006 were charged pursuant to subsection 922(g) of the GCA, which makes it unlawful for nine types of prohibited persons to ship, transport, possess, or receive a firearm (table 5). Subsection 922(g) prohibits any person who:

- has been convicted in any court of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year;
- is a fugitive from justice;
- is an unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substance;
- has been adjudicated as a mental defective or committed to a mental institution;
- is an alien unlawfully in the U. S. or admitted under a nonimmigrant visa;
- was discharged from the armed forces under dishonorable conditions;
- has renounced U. S. citizenship;
- is subject to a court order restraining him or her from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner or child of an intimate partner; or
- has been convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.

The most frequent outcome for defendants in cases closed under subsection 922(q) during FY2007 was a conviction by guilty plea, which occurred in 87% of the cases (table 6). In FY2006, 87% of the outcomes were pleas of guilty or *nolo contendre* (table 7). Of defendants with a sentence on record, 95% received a sentence of imprisonment with no probation in both FY2007 and FY2006 (tables 8 and 9). The mean prison determinate-sentence for convicted defendants was 67 months in FY2007 (table 10) and 66 months in FY2006 (table 11). Two defendants received a sentence of life in prison in FY2007 (life-sentence counts were not available for FY2006).

Cases filed and concluded pursuant to subsection 922(g) occurred in every federal judicial district during FY2007 and FY2006. In FY2007, the Western District of Texas had the most 922(g) filings, with 211, and the Western District of Missouri had the most cases concluded, with 244 (table 19). The Western District of Tennessee concluded the most trials in FY2007 (18), with 17 defendants convicted. The longest mean prison sentence for defendants in FY2007 was 149 months in the Northern District of Florida. The Western District of Missouri processed the most 922(g) cases in FY2006, with 248 filed and 256 concluded (table 20). The Middle District of North Carolina and the Eastern District of Pennsylvania concluded the most trials in FY2006 (14), with 12 defendants convicted in each district. The longest mean prison sentence for defendants in FY2006 was 121 months in the District of Minnesota.

Violent or drug trafficking offenses. Over 20% of defendants in cases filed and closed in FY2007 and FY2006 were charged, pursuant to subsection 924(c) of the GCA, with use or possession of a firearm during commission of a violent or drug trafficking offense (table 5). Similar to other parts of the GCA, the vast majority of defendants prosecuted pursuant to subsection 924(c) plead guilty and received a sentence of imprisonment with no probation. These sentences were among the longest rendered for firearm offenses, with a mean sentence of 172 months in FY2007 and 178 months in FY2006 (tables 10 and 11). In addition, a sentence of life in prison was given to 13 defendants in FY2007, accounting for 46% of the life sentences for that year.

Causing a death with a firearm. Many of the most severe sentences were rendered according to subsection 924(j), which provides that a person who, in the course of a violation of subsection (c), causes the death of a person through the use of a firearm, shall be punished by death or by imprisonment for any term of years or for life if the killing is a murder. Pursuant to subsection 924(i), the mean prison sentence for convicted defendants was 225 months in FY2007 and 339 months in FY2006 (tables 10 and 11) A sentence of life in prison was given to 12 defendants in FY2007, accounting for 43% of the life sentences for that year. A defendant convicted pursuant to subsection 924(j) received the only sentence of death rendered for a federal firearm offense in FY2007.

## **Arms Export Control Act**

The Arms Export Control Act (AECA), 22 U.S.C. 2778, gives the President of the United States the authority to control imports and exports of defense articles, including firearms and ammunition, in furtherance of world peace and the security and foreign policy of the nation. The AECA requires permits and licenses to import and export such articles. Imports to and exports from certain proscribed countries are prohibited.

The number of defendants in cases filed pursuant to the AECA increased 30%, from 33 in FY2006 to 43 in FY2007, while the number of defendants in cases closed decreased 38%, from 34 in FY2006 TO 21 in FY2007 (table 1). The most frequent outcome for defendants in AECA cases closed during FY2007 was a conviction by guilty plea, which occurred in 71% of the cases (table 2). In FY2006, 88% of the outcomes were pleas of quilty or nolo contendre. Of defendants with a sentence on record, 76% received a sentence of imprisonment with no probation in FY2007, compared to 83% in FY2006 (table 3). The mean prison sentence for convicted defendants was 32 months in FY2007 and 43 months in FY2006 (table 4).

The subsection of the AECA invoked most often in prosecutions was 2778(b), which requires registration and licensing of persons who engage in manufacturing, exporting, or importing of defense articles or services. Fines levied against convicted defendants pursuant to the AECA were the highest among all firearms cases. In FY2007 and in FY2006, a defendant received a fine of \$1,000,000 (tables 17 and 18).

### **National Firearms Act**

The National Firearms Act (NFA), 26 U.S.C. Chapter 53 (sections 5801 to 5872), regulates certain classes of firearms, such as machineguns, short-barrel rifles, shortbarrel shotguns, silencers, and destructive devices. The NFA requires registration of regulated weapons by their makers, manufacturers, and importers. Taxes are imposed on transactions in such weapons.

The number of defendants in cases filed pursuant to the NFA decreased 16%, from 287 in FY2006 to 242 in FY2007, while the number of defendants in cases closed decreased 24%, from 404 in FY2006 TO 308 in FY2007 (table 1). The most frequent outcome for defendants in NFA cases closed during FY2007 was a conviction by guilty plea, which occurred in 89% of the cases (table 2). In FY2006, 88% of the outcomes were pleas of quilty or *nolo contendre*.

Of defendants with a sentence on record, 87% received a sentence of imprisonment with no probation in FY2007 and FY2006 (table 3). The mean prison sentence for convicted defendants was 44 months in FY2007 and 38 months in FY2006 (table 4). Probation sentences were similar in length, with a mean of 43 months in FY2007 and 40 months in FY2006.

Almost 50% of NFA cases filed in FY2007 and 59% of cases filed in FY2006 charged a defendant with a violation of subsection 5861(d), which prohibits receipt or possession of an unregistered firearm (table 12). Prosecutions pursuant to subsection (d) made up 57% of NFA cases closed in FY2007 and 66% of cases closed in FY2006. The most frequent outcome for defendants in cases closed under subsection 5861(d) during FY2007 was a conviction by guilty plea, which occurred in 92% of the cases (table 13). In FY2006, 87% of the outcomes were pleas of guilty or *nolo contendre* (table 14). Of defendants with a sentence on record, about 88% received a sentence of imprisonment with no probation in FY2007 and FY2006 (tables 15 and 16). The mean prison determinate-sentence for convicted defendants was 45 months in FY2007 (table 17) and 38 months in FY2006 (table 18).

### Weapons offenses

Federal weapons offenses include firearms and switchblade knife offenses, and statutes that provide for a sentence enhancement when a deadly weapon is used in a crime. The number of suspects in investigations initiated decreased 5%, from 12,321 in FY 2006 to 11,713 in FY 2007 (table 21). The number of suspects in investigations concluded decreased 6%, from 12,887 in FY 2006 to 12,118 in FY 2007. Persons arrested and booked for weapons offenses decreased 4%, from 9,023 in FY2006 to 8,657 in FY2007. Defendants charged in weapons cases also decreased 4%, from 9,281 in FY2006 to 8,953 in FY2007. The number of defendants in weapons cases closed decreased 5%, from 9,685 in FY2006 to 9,193 in FY2007.

# Methodology

Statistical data was obtained from the Federal Justice Statistics Resource Center database (<a href="http://fjsrc.urban.org">http://fjsrc.urban.org</a>) and analyzed by the Regional Justice Information Service (REJIS).

### **Summary of Selected Federal Firearms Laws**

### Gun Control Act of 1968, 18 U.S.C. Chapter 44

#### **18 U.S.C. § 922**, Unlawful acts

- (a), Unlawful importation, manufacture, shipment, transfer, or receipt of a firearm, including making a false statement or furnishing false identification to acquire a firearm
- (b), Sale of a firearm to an underage person or nonresident, or in violation of State law
- (c), Sale of a firearm to a person not present at a licensee's business premises
- (d), Sale of a firearm to a known prohibited person
- (e), Delivery of a firearm to a common carrier for shipment without proper notice
- (f), Unlawful transportation of a firearm by a common carrier
- (g), Unlawful for a prohibited person to ship, transport, possess, or receive a firearm
- (h), Receipt of a firearm by a person employed by a prohibited person
- (i), Transporting or shipping a stolen firearm
- (j), Receive, possess, conceal, store, barter, sell, or dispose of a stolen firearm
- (k), Transporting, shipping, or receiving a firearm with an obliterated or altered serial number
- (I), Unlawful importation of a firearm
- (m), Making a false entry in, or failing to make an entry in, a record required by law
- (n), Shipment, transportation, or receipt of a firearm by a person under indictment for a felony
- (o), Unlawful transfer or possession of a machine gun
- (p) Manufacture, import, sell, ship, deliver, possess, transfer, or receive any firearm not detectable by walk-through metal detectors or airport x-ray machines
- (q), Possession of a firearm in a school zone
- (r), Assembly from imported parts of a rifle or shotgun identical to a banned firearm
- (t), Failure of licensee to comply with Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act
- (u), Theft of firearm from licensed importer, manufacturer, or dealer
- (x), Unlawful transfer to, or possession of a handgun by, a juvenile
- 18 U.S.C. § 923, Licensing of firearms importers, manufacturers, and dealers

#### 18 U.S.C. § 924, Penalties

- (a), Penalties for false statements and other unlawful acts
- (b), Shipment, transportation, or receipt of a firearm with the intent to commit a felony or with reasonable knowledge that a felony will be committed
- (c), Use or possession of a firearm during commission of a violent or drug trafficking offense
- (d), Seizure and forfeiture of firearms involved or used in knowing firearm violations
- (e), Possession of a firearm by a person with three prior convictions for a violent felony or serious drug trafficking offense
- (f), Possession of gun not detectable by walk-through metal detectors or airport x-ray machines
- (g), Interstate or foreign acquisition of a firearm in furtherance of an unlawful purpose
- (h), Transfer of a firearm with reasonable knowledge that the firearm will be used to commit a crime of violence or drug trafficking offense
- (i), Theft of a firearm from a licensed importer, manufacturer, or dealer
- (j), Causing death with a firearm during commission of a violent crime or a controlled substance offense
- (k), Smuggling firearms with intent to commit a controlled substance offense or violent crime
- (I), Theft of a firearm that has moved in interstate or foreign commerce
- (m), Theft of a firearm from a licensed importer, manufacturer, dealer, or collector
- (n), Interstate or foreign travel by an unlicensed person to acquire a firearm
- (o), Conspiracy to commit an offense under subsection (c)
- **18 U.S.C. § 929**, Possession of armor piercing ammunition during the commission of a violent or drug trafficking offense
- 18 U.S.C. § 930, Possession of a firearm or a dangerous weapon in a Federal facility

# **Summary of Selected Federal Firearms Laws**

### Arms Export Control Act, 22 U.S.C. § 2778

- (a), Presidential control of exports and imports of defense articles
- (b), Registration and licensing for manufacturers, exporters, or importers of defense articles
- (c), Criminal violations, including false statements in registration or licensing

### National Firearms Act, 26 U.S.C. Chapter 53

- **26 U.S.C.** § **5812**, Transfer of firearms (registration and taxation)
- **26 U.S.C.** § **5822**, Manufacture of firearms (registration and taxation)
- 26 U.S.C. § 5841, Registration of firearms
- 26 U.S.C. § 5842, Identification of firearms
- 26 U.S.C. § 5844, Importation of firearms
- 26 U.S.C. § 5845, Definitions of regulated firearms
- 26 U.S.C. § 5861, Prohibited acts
- (a), Engage in business as a manufacturer, importer, or dealer of firearms without having registered or paid an occupational tax
- (b), Receive or possess a firearm that was unlawfully transferred
- (c), Receive or possess an unlawfully manufactured firearm
- (d), Receive or possess an unregistered firearm
- (e), Unlawful transfer of a firearm
- (f), Making an illegal firearm
- (g), Obliterating, removing, changing, or altering the serial number of a firearm
- (h), Receive or possess a firearm with a serial number obliterated, removed, changed, or altered
- (i), Receive or possess a firearm without a serial number
- (j), Transport, deliver, or receive an unregistered firearm
- (k), Receive or possess a firearm unlawfully imported into the U.S.
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**Note**: In tables 5 to 20, subsections of statutes are designated by capital letters. In the official U.S. Code, these subsections are designated by small letters.

Table 1. Federal firearms cases Number of defendants in cases filed and closed, FY2006-FY2007

	Defendants in	n cases filed	Defendants in ca	ases closed
•	FY2007	FY2006	FY2007	FY2006
Total	8,935	9,238	9,160	9,617
Gun Control Act of 1968	8,650	8,918	8,831	9,179
Arms Export and Control Act	43	33	21	34
National Firearms Act	242	287	308	404

Table 2. Federal firearms cases Outcomes for defendants in cases closed, FY2006-FY2007

		Dismissal		Acquitted by jury or		Convicted	Convicted	Convicted		
	Pretrial	or nolle		not guilty	Acquitted	- plead	- plead	guilty but	,	
	diversion	prosequi	Mistrial <sup>a</sup> l	out insane	by court	guilty	nolo <sup>b</sup>	insane	but insane	outcomes
FY2007 Total	9	706	2	87	11	7,811	9	508	17	9,160
Gun Control Act of 1968	8	684	2	84	11	7,521	9	496	16	8,831
Arms Export and Control Act	0	4	0	0	0	15	0	2	0	21
National Firearms Act	1	18	0	3	0	275	0	10	1	308
FY2006 Total	n\a	692	n\a	88	11	8,205	n\a	578	35	9,609
Gun Control Act of 1968	n\a	651	n\a	84	11	7,822	n\a	573	35	9,176
Arms Export and Control Act	n\a	4	n\a	0	0	30	n\a	0	0	34
National Firearms Act	n\a	37	n∖a	4	0	353	n\a	5	0	399

 $n\a = Not available$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>For FY2006, mistrials were included with "acquitted by jury or not guilty but insane."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>For FY2006, nolo pleas were included with "convicted - plead guilty."

Table 3. Federal firearms cases

Type of sentence for defendants convicted, FY2006-FY2007

	Prison and	Prison - no	Probation-		•	Total known I	No sentence	Total
	probation	probation	no prison	Fine only	Suspended	sentences	\ unknown	defendants
FY2007 Total	20	7,647	457	19	140	8,283	871	9,154
Gun Control Act of 1968	20	7,386	423	17	135	7,981	845	8,826
Arms Export and Control Act	0	13	3	1	0	17	4	21
National Firearms Act	0	248	31	1	5	285	22	307
FY2006 Total	57	8,133	464	24	108	8,776	42	9,609
Gun Control Act of 1968	44	7,799	422	21	103	8,389	787	9,176
Arms Export and Control Act	0	25	1	2	2	30	4	34
National Firearms Act	3	309	41	1	3	357	42	399

Table 4. Federal firearms cases
Mean prison or probation sentence, or fine only amount, for defendants convicted, FY2006-FY2007

		Prison -	Prison -	Total	Prison		Probation		
	Prison -	Death De	eterminate	Prison	Mean	Probation	Mean	Fine Only	Fine Only
	Life Count	Count	Count	Count	(months)*	Count	(months)	Count	Mean (\$)
FY2007 Total or Mean	28	1	7,638	7,667	n\a	476	n\a	24	n\a
Gun Control Act of 1968	28	1	7,377	7,406	90	442	37	22	1,465
Arms Export and Control Act	0	0	13	13	32	3	40	1	1,000,000
National Firearms Act	0	0	248	248	44	31	43	1	2,500
FY2006 Total or Mean	n\a	n\a	n\a	8,144	n\a	509	n\a	24	n\a
Gun Control Act of 1968	n\a	n\a	n\a	7,807	91	464	40	21	n\a
Arms Export and Control Act	n\a	n\a	n\a	25	43	1	60	2	517,500
National Firearms Act	n\a	n\a	n\a	312	38	44	40	1	10,000

 $n\a = Not available$ 

<sup>\*</sup>Mean prison sentences for FY2007 exclude sentences to life or death

Table 5. Gun Control Act of 1968, 18 U.S.C. Chapter 44 Number of defendants in cases filed and closed, FY2006 - FY2007

Title and	Defendants in cases filed		Defendants in	n cases closed
section	FY2007	FY2006	FY2007	FY2006
18 922 A	370	249	315	328
18 922 B	20	18	30	36
18 922 C	39	118	47	102
18 922 D	70	67	70	85
18 922 E	4	13	15	12
18 922 F	5	7	9	3
18 922 G	5,099	5,216	5,421	5,534
18 922 H	1	0	1	0
18 922 I	15	7	8	13
18 922 J	89	130	166	179
18 922 K	183	160	88	101
18 922 L	1	5	2	1
18 922 M	8	7	16	18
18 922 N	116	153	172	237
18 922 O	98	96	78	82
18 922 Q	30	40	37	42
18 922 T	1	0	0	2
18 922 U	39	23	27	33
18 922 V	0	5	9	8
18 922 X	8	5	6	5
18 923	2	0	1	0
18 924 A	158	173	243	256
18 924 B	14	17	21	22
18 924 C	2,127	2,252	1,901	1,926
18 924 D	2	0	1	1
18 924 E	20	23	22	23
18 924 F	8	12	8	14
18 924 G	19	16	14	16
18 924 H	12	9	9	9
18 924 I	8	8	9	10
18 924 J	29	35	31	35
18 924 K	2	0	1	1
18 924 L	1	4	2	2
18 924 N	1	0	0	0
18 924 O	11	11	9	15
18 929	0	0	4	1
18 930	37	34	29	22
18 931	3	5	9	5
Total	8,650	8,918	8,831	9,179

Citation: BJS' Federal Justice Statistics Program website (http://fjsrc.urban.org)
Data Source: Administrative Office of U.S. Courts' criminal data (as standardized by the FJSRC)

Table 6. Gun Control Act of 1968, 18 U.S.C. Chapter 44 Outcomes for defendants in cases closed, FY2007

				Acquitted				Convicted	Convicted	
		Dismissal		by jury or		Convicted	Convicted	by jury or	by court	
Title and	Pretrial	or nolle		not guilty	Acquitted	- plead	- plead	guilty but	or guilty	Total
Section	diversion	prosequi	Mistrial	but insane	by court	guilty	nolo	insane	but insane	outcomes
18 922 A	1	31	0	4	1	272	0	6	0	315
18 922 B	0	3	0	0	0	25	0	2	0	30
18 922 C	0	4	0	0	1	38	0	4	0	47
18 922 D	0	5	0	1	0	59	0	5	0	70
18 922 E	0	1	0	0	0	13	0	1	0	15
18 922 F	0	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	9
18 922 G	2	407	1	52	6	4,697	8	239	9	5,421
18 922 H	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
18 922 I	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	8
18 922 J	0	11	0	1	0	153	0	1	0	166
18 922 K	0	18	0	3	0	62	0	5	0	88
18 922 L	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
18 922 M	0	2	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	16
18 922 N	0	11	0	1	0	149	0	11	0	172
18 922 O	1	6	0	0	0	69	0	2	0	78
18 922 Q	0	3	0	2	0	29	0	3	0	37
18 922 U	0	2	0	0	0	24	0	1	0	27
18 922 V	0	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	9
18 922 X	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	6
18 923	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
18 924 A	0	12	0	1	2	219	1	8	0	243
18 924 B	0	0	0	1	0	20	0	0	0	21
18 924 C	0	146	1	16	0	1,540	0	191	7	1,901
18 924 D	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
18 924 E	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	2	0	22
18 924 F	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	8
18 924 G	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	2	0	14
18 924 H	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	9
18 924 I	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	9
18 924 J	0	7	0	2	0	14	0	8	0	31
18 924 K	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
18 924 L	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
18 924 O	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	9
18 929	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	4
18 930	3	9	0	0	1	16	0	0	0	29
18 931	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	9
Total	8	684	2	84	11	7,521	9	496	16	8,831

Citation: BJS' Federal Justice Statistics Program website (http://fjsrc.urban.org)

Data Source: Administrative Office of U.S. Courts' criminal data (as standardized by the FJSRC)

Table 7. Gun Control Act of 1968, 18 U.S.C. Chapter 44 Outcomes for defendants in cases closed, FY2006

		Acquitted by		Convicted ·	Convicted	Convicted	
	Dismissal	jury; mistrial;		plead	by jury or	by court or	
Title and	or nolle	not guilty by	Acquitted	guilty or	guilty but	guilty but	Total
section	prosequi	insanity	by court	nolo	insane	insane	outcomes
18 922A	20	5	2	292	8	1	328
18 922B	3	1	1	29	2	0	36
18 922C	2	0	0	93	7	0	102
18 922D	9	1	0	70	3	2	85
18 922E	0	1	0	10	1	0	12
18 922F	1	0	0	2	0	0	3
18 922G	398	51	5	4,788	275	17	5,534
18 922I	1	0	0	12	0	0	13
18 922J	8	1	0	167	3	0	179
18 922K	10	1	0	84	5	1	101
18 922L	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
18 922M	2	0	0	14	1	1	18
18 922N	20	1	2	194	19	1	237
18 9220	11	1	0	61	9	0	82
18 922Q	4	3	0	31	3	1	42
18 922U	3	1	0	29	0	0	33
18 922V	5	0	0	3	0	0	8
18 922X	1	0	0	4	0	0	5
18 924A	15	0	1	233	6	1	256
18 924B	3	0	0	19	0	0	22
18 924C	110	16	0	1,585	207	8	1,926
18 924D	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
18 924E	3	0	0	17	3	0	23
18 924F	2	0	0	12	0	0	14
18 924G	0	0	0	13	2	1	16
18 924H	0	0	0	8	1	0	9
18 924I	1	0	0	9	0	0	10
18 924J	4	1	0	12	17	1	35
18 924K	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
18 924L	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
18 9240	0	0	0	14	1	0	15
18 930	13	0	0	9	0	0	22
18 931	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Total	651	84	11	7,822	573	35	9,176

Table 8. Gun Control Act of 1968, 18 U.S.C. Chapter 44 Type of sentence for defendants convicted, FY2007

Title and	Prison and	Prison - no	Probation-			Total known	No sentence	Total
section	probation	probation	no prison	Fine only	Suspended	sentences	\ unknown*	defendants
18 922 A	0	173	88	1	14	276	39	315
18 922 B	0	20	7	0	0	27	3	30
18 922 C	0	35	7	0	0	42	5	47
18 922 D	0	44	19	0	1	64	6	70
18 922 E	0	13	0	0	1	14	1	15
18 922 F	0	7	1	0	0	8	1	9
18 922 G	14	4,667	146	9	85	4,921	498	5,419
18 922 H	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
18 922 I	0	8	0	0	0	8	0	8
18 922 J	0	129	19	0	4	152	14	166
18 922 K	0	56	5	0	6	67	21	88
18 922 L	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	2
18 922 M	0	1	13	0	0	14	2	16
18 922 N	0	153	5	0	1	159	13	172
18 922 O	0	45	25	0	0	70	8	78
18 922 Q	1	26	2	0	2	31	6	37
18 922 U	0	21	3	0	0	24	3	27
18 922 V	0	8	0	0	0	8	1	9
18 922 X	0	2	4	0	0	6	0	6
18 923	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
18 924 A	0	161	57	2	5	225	18	243
18 924 B	0	15	4	0	1	20	1	21
18 924 C	4	1,703	1	1	13	1,722	176	1,898
18 924 D	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
18 924 E	0	22	0	0	0	22	0	22
18 924 F	0	7	0	0	0	7	1	8
18 924 G	0	14	0	0	0	14	0	14
18 924 H	0	6	0	0	1	7	2	9
18 924 I	0	6	2	0	0	8	1	9
18 924 J	0	22	0	0	0	22	9	31
18 924 K	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
18 924 L	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
18 924 O	0	8	1	0	0	9	0	9
18 929	1	2	0	0	0	3	1	4
18 930	0	1	11	4	0	16	13	29
18 931	0	5	3	0	0	8	1	9
Total	20	7,386	423	17	135	7,981	845	8,826

<sup>\*</sup>Includes categories of "no sentence," "sentence-sealed," "guilty-no sentence," and "missing/unknown."

Table 9. Gun Control Act of 1968, 18 U.S.C. Chapter 44 Type of sentence for defendants convicted, FY2006

Title and		Prison - no	Probation -			Total known		Total
section	probation	probation	no prison	Fine only	Suspended		\ unknown*	
18 922A	1	214	79	1	5	300	28	301
18 922B	0	23	7	0	0	30	6	31
18 922C	13	71	14	1	1	100	2	100
18 922D	0	65	9	0	0	74	11	75
18 922E	0	8	1	0	2	11	1	11
18 922F	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	2
18 922G	15	4,776	182	7	71	5,051	483	5,080
18 922I	0	12	0	0	0	12	1	12
18 922J	0	154	12	1	1	168	11	170
18 922K	0	69	15	0	4	88	13	90
18 922L	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
18 922M	0	12	3	1	0	16	2	16
18 922N	0	199	12	0	2	213	24	214
18 9220	0	53	15	1	1	70	12	70
18 922Q	0	30	4	0	1	35	7	35
18 922U	0	27	1	0	0	28	5	29
18 922V	0	3	0	0	0	3	5	3
18 922X	0	3	1	0	0	4	1	4
18 924A	2	175	55	3	3	238	18	240
18 924B	1	17	0	0	1	19	3	19
18 924C	10	1,772	6	1	10	1,799	127	1,800
18 924D	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
18 924E	0	19	1	0	0	20	3	20
18 924F	0	12	0	0	0	12	2	12
18 924G	0	16	0	0	0	16	0	16
18 924H	0	8	1	0	0	9	0	9
18 924I	1	7	1	0	0	9	1	9
18 924J	0	30	0	0	0	30	5	30
18 924K	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
18 924L	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
18 9240	0	14	0	0	1	15	0	15
18 930	1	2	1	5	0	9	13	9
18 931	0	4	1	0	0	5	0	5
Total	44	7,799	422	21	103	8,389	787	9,176

<sup>\*</sup>Includes categories of "no sentence" and "unknown/unexpected."

Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts - AOUSC Criminal master data file

Table 10. Gun Control Act of 1968, 18 U.S.C. Chapter 44
Mean prison or probation sentence, or fine only amount, for defendants convicted, FY2007

		Prison -	Prison -	Prison		Probation		
Title and	Prison -	Death D	eterminate	Mean	Probation	Mean	Fine Only	Fine Only
section	Life Count	Count	Count	(months)*	Count	(months)	Count	Mean (\$)
18 922 A	0	0	173	47.72	88	35.59	1	500.00
18 922 B	0	0	20	65.50	7	48.00	0	0.00
18 922 C	0	0	35	80.37	7	44.57	0	0.00
18 922 D	0	0	44	55.39	19	35.37	0	0.00
18 922 E	0	0	13	65.85	0	0.00	0	0.00
18 922 F	0	0	7	69.57	1	60.00	0	0.00
18 922 G	2	0	4,679	67.01	160	38.23	11	1,431.82
18 922 H	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
18 922 I	0	0	8	29.38	0	0.00	0	0.00
18 922 J	0	0	129	48.57	19	38.68	0	0.00
18 922 K	0	0	56	40.80	5	40.80	0	0.00
18 922 L	0	0	1	37.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
18 922 M	0	0	1	33.00	13	19.85	0	0.00
18 922 N	1	0	152	60.20	5	41.20	0	0.00
18 922 O	0	0	45	45.04	25	29.28	0	0.00
18 922 Q	0	0	27	73.04	3	36.00	0	0.00
18 922 U	0	0	21	48.24	3	44.00	0	0.00
18 922 V	0	0	8	60.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
18 922 X	0	0	2	6.50	4	19.50	0	0.00
18 923	0	0	1	24.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
18 924 A	0	0	161	45.17	56	39.75	2	4,000.00
18 924 B	0	0	15	83.33	4	34.50	0	0.00
18 924 C	13	0	1,694	171.75	5	69.60	4	1,525.00
18 924 D	0	0	1	30.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
18 924 E	0	0	22	152.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
18 924 F	0	0	7	158.43	0	0.00	0	0.00
18 924 G	0	0	14	158.57	0	0.00	0	0.00
18 924 H	0	0	6	128.50	0	0.00	0	0.00
18 924 I	0	0	6	54.83	2	72.00	0	0.00
18 924 J	12	1	9	225.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
18 924 K	0	0	1	10.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
18 924 L	0	0	2	12.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
18 924 O	0	0	8	73.25	1	24.00	0	0.00
18 929	0	0	3	238.33	1	24.00	0	0.00
18 930	0	0	1	12.00	11	24.00	4	468.75
18 931	0	0	5	22.20	3	44.00	0	0.00
Total\Mean	28	1	7,377	90.00	442	37.06	22	1,464.77

<sup>\*</sup>Mean prison sentences exclude sentences to life or death

Table 11. Gun Control Act of 1968, 18 U.S.C. Chapter 44 Mean prison or probation sentence, or fine only amount, for defendants convicted, FY2006

				Probation		
Title and	Prison	Prison Mean	Probation	Mean	Fine Only	Fine Only
section	Count	(months)	Count	(months)	Count	Mean (\$)
18 922A	215	38.09	80	31.08	1	1,000.00
18 922B	23	50.17	7	27.43	0	0
18 922C	84	77.99	27	34.67	1	1,000.00
18 922D	65	48.06	9	36	0	0
18 922E	7	36.57	1	24	0	0
18 922F	2	58	0	0	0	0
18 922G	4789	65.67	196	38.78	7	1,071.43
18 922I	12	36	0	0	0	0
18 922J	154	43.19	12	51.42	1	1,000.00
18 922K	69	68.97	15	35.2	0	0
18 922L	0	0	0	0	0	0
18 922M	12	89.75	3	32	1	1,000.00
18 922N	199	62.98	12	53	0	0
18 9220	52	52.29	15	72.4	1	1,000.00
18 922Q	30	81.63	4	45	0	0
18 922T	0	0	0	0	0	0
18 922U	27	28.15	1	24	0	0
18 922V	3	51.67	0	0	0	0
18 922X	3	10.33	1	24	0	0
18 924A	177	55.98	56	42.54	3	833.67
18 924B	18	79.94	1	60	0	0
18 924C	1765	178.27	16	56.25	1	1,000.00
18 924D	0	0	1	36	0	0
18 924E	19	156.11	1	30	0	0
18 924F	12	200.42	0	0	0	0
18 924G	15	189.27	0	0	0	0
18 924H	8	197.25	1	48	0	0
18 924I	8	42.38	2	36	0	0
18 924J	16	338.56	0	0	0	0
18 924K	1	24	0	0	0	0
18 924L	1	41	0	0	0	0
18 9240	14	122.21	0	0	0	0
18 929	0	0	0	0	0	0
18 930	3	3	2	21	5	440
18 931	4	21.25	1	30	0	0
Total\Mean	7807	90.79	464	39.56	21	n\a

 $n\a = Not available$ 

Citation: BJS' Federal Justice Statistics Program website (http://fjsrc.urban.org)

Table 12. Arms Export Control Act (AECA), 22 U.S.C. 2778
National Firearms Act (NFA), 26 U.S.C. Chapter 53
Number of defendants in cases filed and closed, FY2006 - FY2007

Title and	Defendants in	n cases filed	Defendants in ca	ises closed
section	FY2007	FY2006	FY2007	FY2006
22 2778	18	17	7	18
22 2778B	21	14	13	16
22 2778C	4	2	1	0
AECA Total	43	33	21	34
26 5812	3	5	2	1
26 5822	11	16	11	10
26 5841	45	41	60	74
26 5842	2	1	2	2
26 5844	0	1	0	1
26 5845	15	3	8	1
26 5861A	13	7	5	7
26 5861B	1	1	1	0
26 5861C	7	21	11	10
26 5861D	120	169	177	265
26 5861E	7	1	3	7
26 5861F	8	1	7	11
26 5861G	1	1	0	1
26 5861H	1	2	0	1
26 5861I	1	3	2	2
26 5861J	1	1	3	3
26 5861K	0	1	2	1
26 5871	6	12	14	7
NFA Total	242	287	308	404

Citation: BJS' Federal Justice Statistics Program website (http://fjsrc.urban.org)
Data Source: Administrative Office of U.S. Courts' criminal data (as standardized by the FJSRC)

Table 13. Arms Export Control Act (AECA), 22 U.S.C. 2778 National Firearms Act (NFA), 26 U.S.C. Chapter 53 Outcomes for defendants in cases closed, FY2007

				Acquitted				Convicted	Convicted	
		Dismissal		by jury or		Convicted	Convicted	by jury or	by court	
Title and	Pretrial	or nolle		not guilty	Acquitted	- plead	- plead	guilty but	or guilty	Total
section	diversion	prosequi	Mistrial	but insane	by court	guilty	nolo	insane	but insane	outcomes
22 2778	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7
22 2778 B	0	3	0	0	0	8	0	2	0	13
22 2778 C	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
AECA Total	0	4	0	0	0	15	0	2	0	21
26 5812	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
26 5822	0	1	0	2	0	7	0	0	1	11
26 5841	1	3	0	0	0	53	0	3	0	60
26 5842	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
26 5845	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	8
26 5861 A	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
26 5861 B	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
26 5861 C	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	11
26 5861 D	0	10	0	1	0	163	0	3	0	177
26 5861 E	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
26 5861 F	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7
26 5861 I	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
26 5861 J	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
26 5861 K	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
26 5871	0	1	0	0	0	12	0	1	0	14
NFA Total	1	18	0	3	0	275	0	10	1	308

Table 14. Arms Export Control Act (AECA), 22 U.S.C. 2778 National Firearms Act (NFA), 26 U.S.C. Chapter 53 Outcomes for defendants in cases closed, FY2006

		Acquittal					
		by jury;			Convicted	Convicted	
	Dismissal	mistrial;		Convicted	by jury or	by court or	
Title and	or nolle	not guilty	Acquitted	plea guilty	guilty but	guilty but	Total
section	prosequi	by insanity	by court	or nolo	insane	insane	outcomes
22 2778	1	0	0	17	0	0	18
22 2778B	3	0	0	13	0	0	16
AECA Total	4	0	0	30	0	0	34
26 5812	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
26 5822	1	0	0	9	0	0	10
26 5841	6	0	0	67	1	0	74
26 5861A	1	1	0	5	0	0	7
26 5861C	0	0	0	10	0	0	10
26 5861D	28	2	0	231	4	0	265
26 5861E	0	0	0	7	0	0	7
26 5861F	1	0	0	10	0	0	11
26 5861H	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
26 5861I	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
26 5861J	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
26 5861K	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
26 5871	0	1	0	6	0	0	7
NFA Total	37	4	0	353	5	0	399

Source: Administrative Office of U.S. Courts' criminal data

Table 15. Arms Export Control Act (AECA), 22 U.S.C. 2778 National Firearms Act (NFA), 26 U.S.C. Chapter 53 Type of sentence for defendants convicted, FY2007

Title and	Prison and	Prison - no	Probation -			Total known	No sentence	Total
section	probation	probation	no prison	Fine only	Suspended	sentences	\ unknown*	defendants
22 2778	0	6	1	0	0	7	0	7
22 2778 B	0	7	2	1	0	10	3	13
22 2778 C	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
AECA Total	0	13	3	1	0	17	4	21
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26 5812	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
26 5822	0	7	1	0	0	8	3	11
26 5841	0	46	9	0	1	56	4	60
26 5842	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
26 5845	0	6	0	0	0	6	2	8
26 5861 A	0	3	2	0	0	5	0	5
26 5861 B	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
26 5861 C	0	11	0	0	0	11	0	11
26 5861 D	0	146	14	1	4	165	11	176
26 5861 E	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	3
26 5861 F	0	6	1	0	0	7	0	7
26 5861 I	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
26 5861 J	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	3
26 5861 K	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
26 5871	0	12	1	0	0	13	0	13
NFA Total	0	248	31	1	5	285	22	307

<sup>\*</sup>Includes categories of "no sentence," "sentence-sealed," "guilty-no sentence," and "missing/unknown."

Table 16. Arms Export Control Act (AECA), 22 U.S.C. 2778 National Firearms Act (NFA), 26 U.S.C. Chapter 53 Type of sentence for defendants convicted, FY2006

Title and	Prison and	Prison - no	Probation -			Total known	No sentence	Total
section	probation	probation	no prison	Fine only	Suspended	sentences	\ unknown*	defendants
22 2778	0	13	1	1	2	17	1	18
22 2778B	0	12	0	1	0	13	3	16
<b>AECA Total</b>	0	25	1	2	2	30	4	34
26 5812	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
26 5822	1	8	0	0	0	9	1	10
26 5841	0	60	7	1	0	68	6	74
26 5861A	0	3	0	0	2	5	2	7
26 5861C	0	9	1	0	0	10	0	10
26 5861D	0	204	29	0	1	234	31	265
26 5861E	0	6	1	0	0	7	0	7
26 5861F	0	8	2	0	0	10	1	11
26 5861H	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
26 5861I	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	2
26 5861J	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	3
26 5861K	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
26 5871	1	5	0	0	0	6	1	7
NFA Total	3	309	41	1	3	357	42	399

<sup>\*</sup>Includes categories of "no sentence" and "unknown/unexpected."

Source: Administrative Office of U.S. Courts' criminal data

Table 17. Arms Export Control Act (AECA), 22 U.S.C. 2778
National Firearms Act (NFA), 26 U.S.C. Chapter 53
Mean prison or probation sentence, or fine only amount, for defendants convicted, FY2007

		Prison -	Prison -	Prison		Probation		
Title and	Prison -	Death	Determinate	Mean	Probation	Mean	Fine Only	Fine Only
section	Life Count	Count	Count	(months)*	Count	(months)	Count	Mean (\$)
22 2778	0	0	6	46.83	1	36.00	0	0
22 2778 B	0	0	7	19.43	2	42.00	1	1,000,000
22 2778 C	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0
<b>AECA Total</b>								
or Mean	0	0	13	32.08	3	40.00	1	1,000,000
26 5812	0	0	1	25.00	1	36.00	0	0
26 5822	0	0	7	31.29	1	60.00	0	0
26 5841	0	0	46	50.15	9	49.33	0	0
26 5842	0	0	1	33.00	1	60.00	0	0
26 5845	0	0	6	32.67	0	0.00	0	0
26 5861 A	0	0	3	49.00	2	72.00	0	0
26 5861 B	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0
26 5861 C	0	0	11	49.00	0	0.00	0	0
26 5861 D	0	0	146	45.23	14	33.43	1	2,500
26 5861 E	0	0	3	17.33	0	0.00	0	0
26 5861 F	0	0	6	21.67	1	60.00	0	0
26 5861 I	0	0	1	46.00	1	24.00	0	0
26 5861 J	0	0	3	60.67	0	0.00	0	0
26 5861 K	0	0	2	73.50	0	0.00	0	0
26 5871	0	0	12	28.83	1	36.00	0	0
NFA Total								
or Mean	0	0	248	44.24	31	42.97	1	2,500

<sup>\*</sup> Mean prison sentences exclude sentences to life or death
Citation: BJS' Federal Justice Statistics Program website (http://fjsrc.urban.org)
Data Source: Administrative Office of U.S. Courts' criminal data (as standardized by the FJSRC)

Table 18. Arms Export Control Act (AECA), 22 U.S.C. 2778 National Firearms Act (NFA), 26 U.S.C. Chapter 53 Mean prison or probation sentence, or fine only amount, for defendants convicted, FY2006

		Prison		Probation		
Title and	Prison	Mean	Probation	Mean	Fine Only	Fine Only
section	Count	(months)	Count	(months)	Count	Mean (\$)
22 2778	13	43.69	1	60	1	1,000,000
22 2778B	12	41.58	0	0	1	35,000
AECA Total						
or Mean	25	42.68	1	60	2	517,500
26 5812	1	26.00	0	0.00	0	0
26 5822	9	22.67	1	24.00	0	0
26 5841	60	34.52	7	39.43	1	10,000
26 5861A	3	46.00	0	0.00	0	0
26 5861C	9	59.00	1	24.00	0	0
26 5861D	204	38.00	29	40.10	0	0
26 5861E	6	27.83	1	60.00	0	0
26 5861F	8	26.38	2	60.00	0	0
26 5861H	0	0.00	1	5.00	0	0
26 5861I	2	24.50	1	36.00	0	0
26 5861J	3	68.67	0	0.00	0	0
26 5861K	1	71.00	0	0.00	0	0
26 5871	6	40.67	1	36.00	0	0
NFA Total	•					
or Mean	312	37.52	44	39.56	1	10,000

Source: Administrative Office of U.S. Courts' criminal data

Table 19. Defendants in cases filed and concluded in U.S. district court with 18 U.S.C. 922G as most serious charge, FY2007

Cases concluded Cases filed Convicted Not Convicted Sentence Mean prison Trial<sup>a</sup> Dismissed Prison<sup>b</sup> Trial<sup>a</sup> Probation only Fine only Suspended Federal judicial district Total Total Plea sentence Total 5.113 5,421 4,705 4,681 67 mos. Alabama --Middle Alabama --Northern Alabama -- Southern Alaska Arizona Arkansas -- Eastern Arkansas -- Western California -- Central California -- Eastern California --Northern California -- Southern Colorado Connecticut Delaware District of Columbia Florida --Middle Florida --Northern Florida --Southern Georgia --Middle Georgia -- Northern Georgia --Southern Guam/Northern Mariana Hawaii Idaho Illinois --Central Illinois --Northern Illinois --Southern Indiana -- Northern Indiana -- Southern Iowa --Northern Iowa --Southern Kansas Kentucky -- Eastern 

Table 19. Defendants in cases filed and concluded in U.S. district court with 18 U.S.C. 922G as most serious charge, FY2007

	Cases	Cases concluded									
_	filed	_	Convi	cted	Not 0	Convicted		Sentence			Mean prison
Federal judicial district	Total	Total	Plea	Trial <sup>a</sup>	Trial <sup>a</sup>	Dismissed	Prison <sup>b</sup>	Probation only	Fine only	Suspended	sentence
KentuckyWestern	16	19	11	5	1	2	16	0	0	0	55
LouisianaEastern	69	49	46	2	1	0	46	2	0	0	42
LouisianaMiddle	53	36	28	1	0	7	28	0	0	0	59
LouisianaWestern	19	13	10	2	0	1	11	0	0	1	43
Maine	33	37	33	1	0	3	29	4	1	0	60
Maryland	77	82	65	7	2	8	70	1	0	1	94
Massachusetts	39	50	40	5	1	4	42	0	1	0	98
MichiganEastern	37	55	42	6	1	6	43	3	0	2	71
MichiganWestern	50	44	37	2	0	5	39	0	0	0	69
Minnesota	50	57	45	7	1	4	50	1	1	0	83
MississippiNorthern	22	18	16	1	0	1	16	1	0	0	46
MississippiSouthern	40	63	46	4	1	12	49	1	0	0	60
MissouriEastern	152	149	134	3	0	12	137	0	0	0	61
MissouriWestern	202	244	234	6	0	4	229	7	0	2	62
Montana	58	52	38	1	3	10	38	1	0	0	38
Nebraska	83	96	87	2	1	6	84	2	0	3	43
Nevada	32	98	78	7	0	13	84	1	0	0	73
New Hampshire	22	28	23	0	0	5	22	1	0	0	46
New Jersey	91	100	96	2	0	2	95	2	0	0	65
New Mexico	78	52	45	1	0	6	46	0	0	0	55
New YorkEastern	81	54	45	3	2	4	43	3	0	2	56
New YorkNorthern	20	32	26	1	1	4	23	2	0	2	55
New YorkSouthern	59	72	60	6	2	4	60	3	0	2	48
New YorkWestern	36	67	64	2	0	1	55	4	2	5	49
North CarolinaEastern	14	89	85	2	0	2	85	2	0	0	83
North CarolinaMiddle	92	81	76	3	0	2	79	0	0	0	72
North CarolinaWestern	59	127	110	8	1	8	112	0	0	6	72
North Dakota	16	16	15	0	0	1	11	4	0	0	32
OhioNorthern	102	91	82	3	1	5	81	4	0	0	67
OhioSouthern	45	49	44	2	0	3	44	2	0	0	69
OklahomaEastern	8	8	8	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	
OklahomaNorthern	49	49	44	1	2	2	43	2	0	0	65
OklahomaWestern	40	22	17	2	0	3	19	0	0	0	102
Oregon	55	69	62	2	1	4	59	4	0	1	76

Table 19. Defendants in cases filed and concluded in U.S. district court with 18 U.S.C. 922G as most serious charge, FY2007

Cases concluded Cases filed Convicted Not Convicted Sentence Mean prison Prison<sup>b</sup> Trial<sup>a</sup> Trial<sup>a</sup> Dismissed Federal judicial district Probation only Fine only Suspended Total Total Plea sentence Pennsylvania -- Eastern Pennsylvania --Middle Pennsylvania --Western Puerto Rico Rhode Island --South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee -- Eastern Tennessee --Middle Tennessee --Western Texas -- Eastern Texas --Northern Texas --Southern Texas --Western Utah Vermont Virgin Islands --Virginia--Eastern Virginia--Western Washington -- Eastern Washington -- Western West Virginia -- Northern West Virginia -- Southern Wisconsin -- Eastern Wisconsin --Western Wyoming 

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

<sup>--</sup> Fewer than 10 defendants sentenced to prison, mean not shown

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Includes bench and jury trials

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Includes split sentences

Table 20. Defendants in cases filed and concluded in U.S. district court with 18 U.S.C. 922G as most serious charge, FY2006

	Cases	Cases concluded									
_	filed		Convi	cted	Not Co	onvicted	Sentence				Mean prison
Federal judicial district	Total	Total	Plea	Trial <sup>a</sup>	Trial <sup>a</sup>	Dismissed	Prison <sup>b</sup>	Probation only	Fine only	Suspended	sentence
Total	5,236	5,534	4,788	292	56	398	4,791	182	7	71	66 mos.
AlabamaMiddle	58	55	41	6	0	8	43	4	0	0	47
AlabamaNorthern	144	133	121	4	2	6	122	3	0	0	48
AlabamaSouthern	23	31	24	7	0	0	28	2	0	1	52
Alaska	20	22	19	1	0	2	20	0	0	0	49
Arizona	127	126	119	1	1	5	106	5	1	8	30
ArkansasEastern	71	41	35	1	1	4	33	3	0	0	72
ArkansasWestern	16	14	12	0	0	2	11	0	1	0	39
CaliforniaCentral	57	77	58	4	0	15	58	2	0	1	42
CaliforniaEastern	50	51	47	0	1	3	45	1	0	1	55
CaliforniaNorthern	56	68	61	2	0	5	62	0	0	1	50
CaliforniaSouthern	6	9	7	0	0	2	5	1	0	1	
Colorado	55	82	69	3	0	10	69	1	0	0	66
Connecticut	33	33	30	1	0	2	28	1	0	1	77
Delaware	25	21	16	2	0	3	16	2	0	0	50
District of Columbia	21	52	38	6	2	6	41	2	0	1	50
FloridaMiddle	74	83	75	5	1	2	77	2	0	0	83
FloridaNorthern	34	38	32	4	1	1	32	2	0	0	98
FloridaSouthern	34	32	26	2	1	3	28	0	0	0	81
GeorgiaMiddle	45	44	40	2	0	2	38	4	0	0	74
GeorgiaNorthern	56	53	36	2	0	15	37	1	0	0	69
GeorgiaSouthern	55	57	40	8	0	9	48	0	0	0	96
Guam/Northern Mariana	9	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	
Hawaii	14	39	38	0	0	1	34	2	0	2	42
Idaho	16	24	22	1	0	1	20	3	0	0	35
IllinoisCentral	40	42	40	2	0	0	42	0	0	0	82
IllinoisNorthern	33	23	17	3	1	2	19	1	0	0	96
IllinoisSouthern	31	35	33	1	0	1	34	0	0	0	71
IndianaNorthern	75	87	72	6	1	8	72	5	0	0	61
IndianaSouthern	27	25	20	4	0	1	24	0	0	0	98
IowaNorthern	56	49	41	4	0	4	39	5	0	1	57
IowaSouthern	40	39	34	3	2	0	33	3	0	1	63
Kansas	98	84	68	3	1	12	66	4	0	1	60
KentuckyEastern	63	47	39	3	1	4	36	4	1	0	63

Table 20. Defendants in cases filed and concluded in U.S. district court with 18 U.S.C. 922G as most serious charge, FY2006

	Cases	Cases concluded									
_	filed		Convi	cted	Not C	onvicted	Sentence				Mean prison
Federal judicial district	Total	Total	Plea	Trial <sup>a</sup>	Trial <sup>a</sup>	Dismissed	Prison <sup>b</sup>	Probation only	Fine only	Suspended	sentence
KentuckyWestern	26	26	23	0	0	3	22	1	0	0	68
LouisianaEastern	26	51	50	0	0	1	47	1	0	2	45
LouisianaMiddle	48	49	48	0	0	1	47	0	0	0	55
LouisianaWestern	10	5	4	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	
Maine	40	39	31	3	2	3	30	4	0	0	61
Maryland	77	94	72	7	0	15	77	2	0	0	80
Massachusetts	33	31	23	5	2	1	27	0	0	0	116
MichiganEastern	46	67	53	7	0	7	55	3	0	2	63
MichiganWestern	33	77	68	4	0	5	72	0	0	0	66
Minnesota	44	34	28	4	0	2	32	0	0	0	121
MississippiNorthern	22	21	18	2	0	1	19	1	0	0	68
MississippiSouthern	77	75	52	6	4	13	58	0	0	0	58
MissouriEastern	135	148	136	3	1	8	131	5	0	2	59
MissouriWestern	248	256	246	5	2	3	235	12	0	3	58
Montana	45	40	27	3	0	10	28	2	0	0	50
Nebraska	90	109	92	4	2	11	89	3	0	4	39
Nevada	86	69	59	2	0	8	57	3	0	0	64
New Hampshire	17	19	16	1	0	2	15	0	0	2	63
New Jersey	99	72	70	2	0	0	68	1	0	3	71
New Mexico	54	76	65	5	0	6	63	7	0	0	54
New YorkEastern	37	41	36	3	2	0	36	1	0	2	66
New YorkNorthern	36	35	34	0	0	1	27	3	0	4	43
New YorkSouthern	71	94	84	5	0	5	85	1	0	3	49
New YorkWestern	52	29	27	2	0	0	24	5	0	0	62
North CarolinaEastern	102	95	85	5	1	4	86	4	0	0	94
North CarolinaMiddle	91	119	101	12	2	4	113	0	0	0	78
North CarolinaWestern	124	127	110	6	0	11	113	0	0	3	74
North Dakota	18	17	17	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	36
OhioNorthern	63	89	79	4	2	4	79	4	0	0	52
OhioSouthern	51	60	54	5	0	1	55	3	0	0	57
OklahomaEastern	4	11	8	3	0	0	10	1	0	0	47
OklahomaNorthern	44	50	45	3	0	2	47	1	0	0	79
OklahomaWestern	20	18	16	1	0	1	16	1	0	0	106
Oregon	67	73	66	1	0	6	65	1	0	0	69

Table 20. Defendants in cases filed and concluded in U.S. district court with 18 U.S.C. 922G as most serious charge, FY2006

Cases concluded Cases filed Convicted Not Convicted Sentence Mean prison Prison<sup>b</sup> Probation only Fine only Suspended Trial<sup>a</sup> Dismissed Federal judicial district Triala Plea Total Total sentence Pennsylvania -- Eastern Pennsylvania --Middle Pennsylvania --Western Puerto Rico Rhode Island South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee -- Eastern Tennessee --Middle Tennessee --Western Texas -- Eastern Texas --Northern Texas --Southern Texas --Western Utah Vermont Virgin Islands --Virginia--Eastern Virginia--Western Washington -- Eastern Washington -- Western West Virginia -- Northern West Virginia -- Southern Wisconsin -- Eastern Wisconsin --Western Wyoming

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

<sup>--</sup> Fewer than 10 defendants sentenced to prison, mean not shown

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Includes bench and jury trials

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Includes split sentences

Table 21. Federal weapons offenses, FY2006 - FY2007

	FY 2007	FY 2006	Change
Suspects in investigations initiated <sup>1</sup>	11,713	12,321	-5%
Suspects in investigations concluded <sup>1</sup>	12,118	12,887	-6%
Persons arrested and booked <sup>2</sup>	8,657	9,023	-4%
Defendants charged in criminal cases <sup>3</sup>	8,953	9,281	-4%
Defendants in criminal cases closed <sup>3</sup>	9,193	9,685	-5%

**Note**: Weapons offenses include firearms and switchblade knife offenses, and statutes that provide for a sentence enhancement when a deadly weapon is used in a crime. A complete definition is found in the glossary of *Compendium of Federal Justice Statistics*, 2004, http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cfjs04.htm.

Citation: BJS' Federal Justice Statistics Program website (http://fjsrc.urban.org) n\a = Not available

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Source: Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys - EOUSA LIONS data system

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Source: U.S. Marshals Service - USMS Prisoner Tracking System (PTS)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts - AOUSC Criminal master data file