

Table 1: U.S. Sentencing Commission (USSC) Data on Federal Convictions by Primary Offense and Citizenship, Fiscal Years 2011 through 2016

Primary offense^a	Total, all convictions	Total, U.S. citizen	Percentage of all convictions that were for U.S. citizens	Total, non-U.S. citizen	Percentage of all convictions that were for non-U.S. citizens
Drugs	143,899	98,582	68.5%	45,317	31.5%
Immigration ^b	143,448	8,739	6.1%	134,709	93.9%
Economic crimes	62,063	51,026	82.2%	11,037	17.8%
Firearms	46,198	42,712	92.5%	3,486	7.5%
Sex offenses	14,488	13,897	95.9%	591	4.1%
Money laundering/ racketeering/extortion	10,011	7,819	78.1%	2,192	21.9%
Administration of justice offenses ^c	7,183	6,217	86.6%	966	13.4%
Robbery	4,867	4,708	96.7%	159	3.3%
Assault	4,235	3,827	90.4%	408	9.6%
Homicide	811	739	91.1%	72	8.9%
Auto theft	423	369	87.2%	54	12.8%
Arson	330	315	95.5%	15	4.5%
Kidnaping/hostage taking	290	167	57.6%	123	42.4%
Burglary/breaking and entering	227	227	100.0%	0	0.0%
Other offenses	16,977	14,776	87.0%	2,201	13.0%
Total	455,450	254,120	—	201,330	—

Source: Analysis of USSC Interactive Sourcebook data.

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Table 2: Trends in U.S. Sentencing Commission (USSC) Data on the Number of Federal Convictions, Fiscal Years 2011 through 2016

U.S. citizens							
Primary offense ^a	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	5-year change
Drugs	17,616	17,589	16,840	16,568	15,562	14,407	-18%
Immigration ^b	1,579	1,283	1,300	1,381	1,517	1,679	6%
Economic crimes	8,873	8,974	8,612	9,029	8,076	7,462	-16%
Firearms	7,041	7,371	7,420	7,380	6,627	6,873	-2%
Sex offenses	2,179	2,358	2,238	2,352	2,325	2,445	12%
Money laundering/racketeering/extortion	1,162	1,318	1,306	1,374	1,375	1,284	10%
Administration of justice offenses ^c	951	1,105	1,187	1,058	1,005	911	-4%
Robbery	914	824	809	759	723	679	-26%
Assault	568	585	597	684	672	721	27%
Homicide	131	108	142	113	126	119	-9%
Auto theft	71	50	83	72	51	42	-41%
Arson	53	46	66	50	55	45	-15%
Kidnapping/hostage taking	25	25	28	30	22	37	48%
Burglary/breaking and entering	52	42	37	37	36	23	-56%
Other offenses	2,338	2,183	2,311	2,592	2,887	2,465	5%
Total	43,553	43,861	42,976	43,479	41,059	39,192	-10%
Non-U.S. citizens							
Primary offense ^a	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	5-year change
Drugs	7,823	8,518	7,782	7,347	6,923	6,924	-11%
Immigration ^b	27,912	24,879	23,496	20,823	19,240	18,359	-34%
Economic crimes	2,498	2,187	1,900	1,550	1,575	1,327	-47%
Firearms	783	706	618	532	421	426	-46%
Sex offenses	70	83	105	118	105	110	57%
Money laundering/racketeering/extortion	396	400	384	370	288	354	-11%
Administration of justice offenses ^c	185	177	164	171	157	112	-39%
Robbery	41	25	32	23	15	23	-44%
Assault	58	71	79	69	62	69	19%
Homicide	8	6	8	11	17	22	175%
Auto theft	13	10	3	14	11	3	-77%
Arson	1	2	3	4	4	1	0%
Kidnapping/hostage taking	44	24	12	20	21	2	-95%
Burglary/breaking and entering	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Other offenses	332	424	460	380	327	278	-16%
Total	40,164	37,512	35,046	31,432	29,166	28,010	-30%

Source: Analysis of USSC data.

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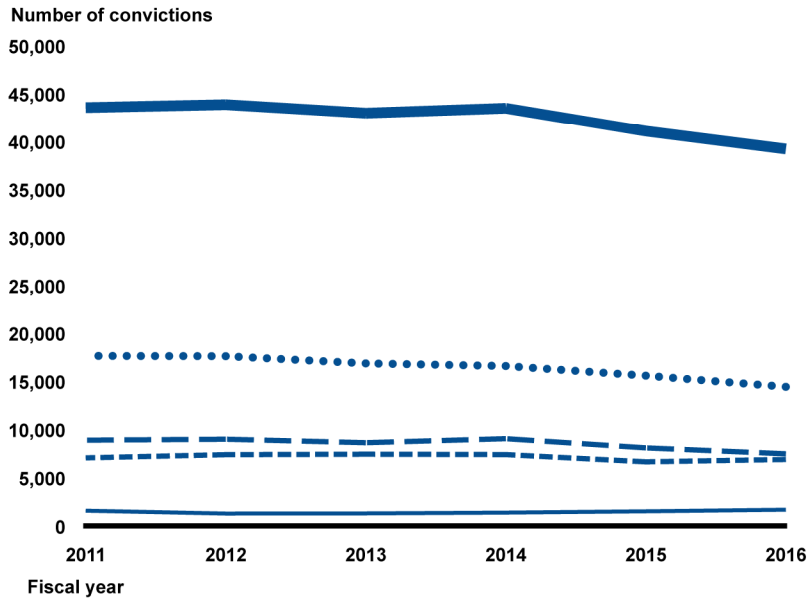
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Figure 1: U.S. Sentencing Commission (USSC) Data on Selected Primary Offense Categories with the Greatest Number of Federal Convictions for U.S. Citizens and Non-U.S. citizens, from Fiscal Years 2011 through 2016

U.S. Citizen



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Non-U.S. citizens

