

U.S. Sentencing Commission Compassionate Release Data Report

**Fiscal Year 2024, 2nd Quarter
(October 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024)**



June 2024

Introduction

As part of its ongoing mission, the United States Sentencing Commission provides Congress, the judiciary, the executive branch, and the general public with data extracted from and based on sentencing documents submitted by courts to the Commission.¹ Data is reported on an annual basis in the Commission's *Annual Report* and *Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics*.²

The Commission also reports preliminary data for an ongoing fiscal year in order to provide real-time analysis of sentencing practices in the federal courts. Since 2005, the Commission has published a series of quarterly reports that are similar in format and methodology to tables and figures produced in the *Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics*. The quarterly reports contain cumulative data for the ongoing fiscal year (*i.e.*, data from the start of the fiscal year through the most current quarter). From time to time the Commission also reports data regarding other sentencing trends, such as resentencings or other modifications of sentences previously imposed.

Section 3582(c)(1)(A) of title 18, United States Code, provides courts with the authority to reduce a term of imprisonment after it has been imposed in specific circumstances. One of the circumstances provided in the statute is that “extraordinary and compelling reasons” warrant such a reduction. Motions asserting that reason are commonly referred to as “compassionate release” motions. When considering any motion under section 3582(c)(1)(A), courts are also required to consider the factors set forth in section 3553(a) of title 18 and to find that any reduction “is consistent with applicable policy statements issued by the Sentencing Commission.”³

Before December 2018, courts were authorized to consider motions under section 3582(c)(1)(A) only if they were filed by the Director of the Bureau of Prisons. In December 2018, Congress amended that portion of section 3582 to authorize courts to also consider motions filed by sentenced individuals, in certain circumstances.⁴

¹ In each federal felony or Class A misdemeanor case, sentencing courts are required to submit the following documents to the Commission: the Judgment and Commitment Order, the Statement of Reasons, the plea agreement (if applicable), the indictment or other charging document, and the Presentence Report. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 994(w).

² Electronic copies of the 1995-2023 ANNUAL REPORT and SOURCEBOOK OF FEDERAL SENTENCING STATISTICS are available at the Commission's website at www.ussc.gov.

³ U.S. SENTENCING COMM'N, Guidelines Manual §1B1.13 (Nov. 2021) [hereinafter USSG].

⁴ The First Step Act of 2018 (Pub. L. No. 115-391 (2018)) went into effect on December 21, 2018. Section 603 of the Act amended section 3582(c)(1)(A) of title 18 to authorize “defendants” (*i.e.*, sentenced individuals) to file a motion for compassionate release “after the defendant has fully exhausted all administrative rights to appeal a failure of the Bureau of Prisons to bring a motion on the defendant's behalf or the lapse of 30 days from the receipt of such a request by the warden of the defendant's facility, whichever is earlier.”

With the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic,⁵ the courts received thousands of compassionate release motions, most filed by sentenced individuals. Data on compassionate release motions decided by the courts from fiscal year 2020 to fiscal year 2023 is available at the Commission's website at www.ussc.gov.

In 2023, the Commission revised its policy statement regarding reductions in a term of imprisonment under 18 U.S.C. §3582(c)(1)(A).⁶ Amendment 814⁷ to the *Guidelines Manual* conformed the policy statement to the changes made by the First Step Act of 2018 authorizing sentenced individuals to file motions directly with the court. It also moved two application notes (Notes 2 and 3) from the prior version of the policy statement into the body of the policy statement as new subsections (e) and (d). Finally, the amendment expanded the list of specified extraordinary and compelling reasons for a sentence reduction to better account for and reflect the plain language of section 3582(c)(1)(A), its legislative history, and decisions by courts made in the absence of a binding policy statement.

This report provides an analysis of the compassionate release motions filed with the courts and decided during the first two quarters of fiscal year 2024. Table 1 and Figure 1, combine this data with data on compassionate release motions from prior fiscal years to facilitate trend analyses. The data in this report is limited to motions for which the Commission received or obtained court documentation and completed its analysis by June 11, 2024.

⁵ On January 31, 2020, the Secretary of Health and Human Services declared the coronavirus (COVID-19) a public health emergency as of January 27. The World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic on March 11, 2020. President Trump declared a national emergency concerning COVID-19 on March 13, 2020, retroactive to March 1, 2020. In 2023, Congress later passed a law ending the national emergency, which became effective on April 10, 2023. Pub. L. No. 118-3. President Biden declared an end to the public health emergency effective May 11, 2023.

⁶ USSG §1B1.13.

⁷ Amendment 814 became effective on November 1, 2023.

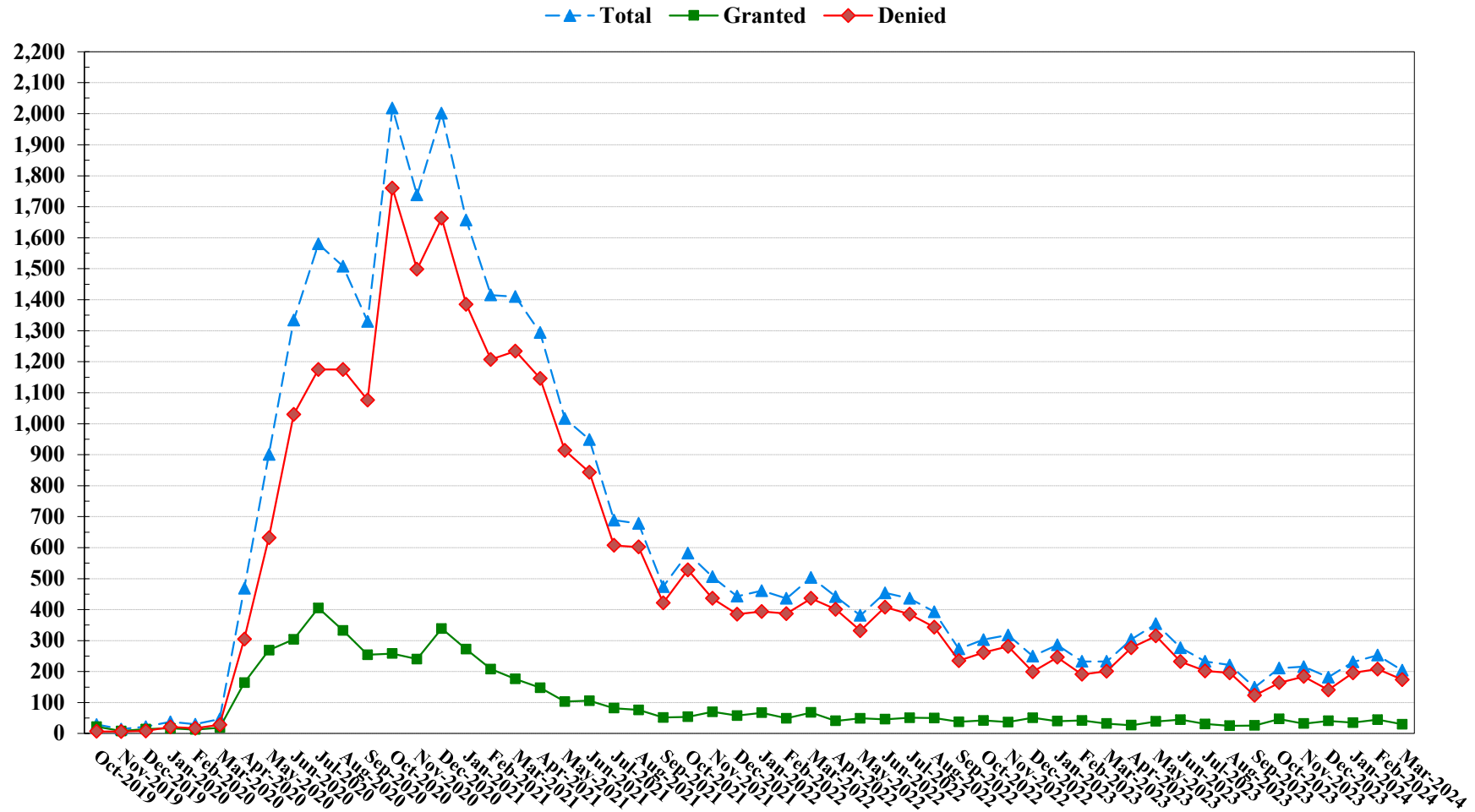
Table 1
MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE
BY MONTH OF COURT DECISION¹

Year	Month	Total	Granted		Denied	
		N	N	%	N	%
TOTAL		32,412	5,190	16.0	27,222	84.0
2019	October	29	22	75.9	7	24.1
2019	November	14	8	57.1	6	42.9
2019	December	22	14	63.6	8	36.4
2020	January	38	17	44.7	21	55.3
2020	February	30	13	43.3	17	56.7
2020	March	47	19	40.4	28	59.6
2020	April	469	164	35.0	305	65.0
2020	May	901	269	29.9	632	70.1
2020	June	1,334	304	22.8	1,030	77.2
2020	July	1,580	405	25.6	1,175	74.4
2020	August	1,508	333	22.1	1,175	77.9
2020	September	1,330	254	19.1	1,076	80.9
2020	October	2,018	258	12.8	1,760	87.2
2020	November	1,738	240	13.8	1,498	86.2
2020	December	2,002	339	16.9	1,663	83.1
2021	January	1,657	272	16.4	1,385	83.6
2021	February	1,415	208	14.7	1,207	85.3
2021	March	1,410	176	12.5	1,234	87.5
2021	April	1,294	148	11.4	1,146	88.6
2021	May	1,017	103	10.1	914	89.9
2021	June	949	106	11.2	843	88.8
2021	July	689	82	11.9	607	88.1
2021	August	678	76	11.2	602	88.8
2021	September	474	52	11.0	422	89.0
2021	October	582	54	9.3	528	90.7
2021	November	506	70	13.8	436	86.2
2021	December	443	58	13.1	385	86.9
2022	January	461	67	14.5	394	85.5
2022	February	436	49	11.2	387	88.8
2022	March	504	68	13.5	436	86.5
2022	April	442	41	9.3	401	90.7
2022	May	381	49	12.9	332	87.1
2022	June	454	46	10.1	408	89.9
2022	July	436	51	11.7	385	88.3
2022	August	393	50	12.7	343	87.3
2022	September	273	38	13.9	235	86.1
2022	October	303	42	13.9	261	86.1
2022	November	318	37	11.6	281	88.4
2022	December	250	51	20.4	199	79.6
2023	January	286	40	14.0	246	86.0
2023	February	233	42	18.0	191	82.0
2023	March	233	32	13.7	201	86.3
2023	April	304	27	8.9	277	91.1
2023	May	354	39	11.0	315	89.0
2023	June	277	45	16.2	232	83.8
2023	July	233	31	13.3	202	86.7
2023	August	221	25	11.3	196	88.7
2023	September	149	26	17.4	123	82.6
2023	October	211	47	22.3	164	77.7
2023	November	216	32	14.8	184	85.2
2023	December	182	41	22.5	141	77.5
2024	January	231	35	15.2	196	84.8
2024	February	253	45	17.8	208	82.2
2024	March	204	30	14.7	174	85.3

¹ Of the 33,448 cases reported to the Commission, 1,036 were excluded due to indeterminable motion status.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, Compassionate Release Datafile.

Figure 1
MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE
BY MONTH OF COURT DECISION



SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, Compassionate Release Datafile.

Table 2

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE BY DISTRICT¹
Fiscal Year 2024, 2nd Quarter

District	Total	Granted		Denied		District	Total	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%		N	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	1,297	230	17.7	1,067	82.3						
Southern Florida	70	7	10.0	63	90.0	Western Oklahoma	9	1	11.1	8	88.9
Southern Indiana	67	6	9.0	61	91.0	Northern West Virginia	8	1	12.5	7	87.5
Eastern Virginia	61	13	21.3	48	78.7	Western Kentucky	8	0	0.0	8	100.0
Western Missouri	55	5	9.1	50	90.9	Maine	7	0	0.0	7	100.0
Maryland	54	21	38.9	33	61.1	New Hampshire	7	1	14.3	6	85.7
Middle Florida	50	7	14.0	43	86.0	Nebraska	7	2	28.6	5	71.4
Northern Iowa	44	2	4.5	42	95.5	Eastern Pennsylvania	6	1	16.7	5	83.3
Southern Iowa	44	4	9.1	40	90.9	Southern West Virginia	6	0	0.0	6	100.0
Central California	41	4	9.8	37	90.2	Western Louisiana	6	2	33.3	4	66.7
Montana	38	10	26.3	28	73.7	Northern Indiana	6	0	0.0	6	100.0
South Carolina	33	6	18.2	27	81.8	Middle Georgia	6	0	0.0	6	100.0
Western Virginia	30	4	13.3	26	86.7	Massachusetts	5	3	60.0	2	40.0
Middle Pennsylvania	29	2	6.9	27	93.1	Southern Mississippi	5	0	0.0	5	100.0
Western North Carolina	29	8	27.6	21	72.4	Northern Georgia	5	4	80.0	1	20.0
Western Texas	28	1	3.6	27	96.4	Puerto Rico	4	3	75.0	1	25.0
Southern California	28	6	21.4	22	78.6	Rhode Island	4	2	50.0	2	50.0
Eastern North Carolina	27	1	3.7	26	96.3	Southern New York	4	2	50.0	2	50.0
Kansas	23	11	47.8	12	52.2	Western Pennsylvania	4	0	0.0	4	100.0
South Dakota	20	1	5.0	19	95.0	Eastern Louisiana	4	0	0.0	4	100.0
Minnesota	19	1	5.3	18	94.7	Eastern Michigan	4	4	100.0	0	0.0
Western Wisconsin	18	0	0.0	18	100.0	Southern Ohio	4	2	50.0	2	50.0
Eastern Missouri	18	2	11.1	16	88.9	Middle Alabama	4	1	25.0	3	75.0
Northern Florida	17	9	52.9	8	47.1	District of Columbia	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
Southern Illinois	16	0	0.0	16	100.0	Western Washington	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
Eastern Arkansas	16	2	12.5	14	87.5	Colorado	3	2	66.7	1	33.3
Northern Oklahoma	16	1	6.3	15	93.8	Northern Alabama	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
Southern Georgia	16	1	6.3	15	93.8	Northern Mississippi	2	0	0.0	2	100.0
Eastern Kentucky	15	2	13.3	13	86.7	Northern Ohio	2	0	0.0	2	100.0
Eastern California	15	2	13.3	13	86.7	Alaska	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Connecticut	14	6	42.9	8	57.1	Arizona	2	0	0.0	2	100.0
Utah	14	8	57.1	6	42.9	Nevada	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Wyoming	14	1	7.1	13	92.9	Oregon	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Eastern New York	13	7	53.8	6	46.2	Western New York	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Northern Texas	13	1	7.7	12	92.3	Vermont	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Western Tennessee	13	3	23.1	10	76.9	Eastern Tennessee	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Middle North Carolina	12	0	0.0	12	100.0	Western Arkansas	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Southern Texas	12	5	41.7	7	58.3	Idaho	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Eastern Wisconsin	12	0	0.0	12	100.0	Northern New York	0	0	--	0	--
Eastern Washington	12	2	16.7	10	83.3	Delaware	0	0	--	0	--
New Jersey	11	2	18.2	9	81.8	Virgin Islands	0	0	--	0	--
Central Illinois	11	3	27.3	8	72.7	Middle Tennessee	0	0	--	0	--
Western Michigan	10	1	10.0	9	90.0	Guam	0	0	--	0	--
North Dakota	10	2	20.0	8	80.0	Hawaii	0	0	--	0	--
Northern California	10	1	10.0	9	90.0	Northern Mariana Islands	0	0	--	0	--
Middle Louisiana	9	1	11.1	8	88.9	New Mexico	0	0	--	0	--
Eastern Texas	9	0	0.0	9	100.0	Eastern Oklahoma	0	0	--	0	--
Northern Illinois	9	6	66.7	3	33.3	Southern Alabama	0	0	--	0	--

¹ Of the 1,345 cases reported to the Commission in Fiscal Year 2024, 48 were excluded due to indeterminable motion status.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, Compassionate Release Datafile.

Table 3

**MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE
IN EACH CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT¹
Fiscal Year 2024, 2nd Quarter**

CIRCUIT	TOTAL	Granted		Denied	
District	N	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	1,297	230	17.7	1,067	82.3
D.C. CIRCUIT	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
District of Columbia	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
FIRST CIRCUIT	27	9	33.3	18	66.7
Maine	7	0	0.0	7	100.0
Massachusetts	5	3	60.0	2	40.0
New Hampshire	7	1	14.3	6	85.7
Puerto Rico	4	3	75.0	1	25.0
Rhode Island	4	2	50.0	2	50.0
SECOND CIRCUIT	33	16	48.5	17	51.5
Connecticut	14	6	42.9	8	57.1
New York					
Eastern	13	7	53.8	6	46.2
Northern	0	0	--	0	--
Southern	4	2	50.0	2	50.0
Western	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Vermont	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
THIRD CIRCUIT	50	5	10.0	45	90.0
Delaware	0	0	--	0	--
New Jersey	11	2	18.2	9	81.8
Pennsylvania					
Eastern	6	1	16.7	5	83.3
Middle	29	2	6.9	27	93.1
Western	4	0	0.0	4	100.0
Virgin Islands	0	0	--	0	--
FOURTH CIRCUIT	260	54	20.8	206	79.2
Maryland	54	21	38.9	33	61.1
North Carolina					
Eastern	27	1	3.7	26	96.3
Middle	12	0	0.0	12	100.0
Western	29	8	27.6	21	72.4
South Carolina	33	6	18.2	27	81.8
Virginia					
Eastern	61	13	21.3	48	78.7
Western	30	4	13.3	26	86.7
West Virginia					
Northern	8	1	12.5	7	87.5
Southern	6	0	0.0	6	100.0

Table 3 (cont.)

CIRCUIT District	TOTAL	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
FIFTH CIRCUIT	88	10	11.4	78	88.6
Louisiana					
Eastern	4	0	0.0	4	100.0
Middle	9	1	11.1	8	88.9
Western	6	2	33.3	4	66.7
Mississippi					
Northern	2	0	0.0	2	100.0
Southern	5	0	0.0	5	100.0
Texas					
Eastern	9	0	0.0	9	100.0
Northern	13	1	7.7	12	92.3
Southern	12	5	41.7	7	58.3
Western	28	1	3.6	27	96.4
SIXTH CIRCUIT	57	12	21.1	45	78.9
Kentucky					
Eastern	15	2	13.3	13	86.7
Western	8	0	0.0	8	100.0
Michigan					
Eastern	4	4	100.0	0	0.0
Western	10	1	10.0	9	90.0
Ohio					
Northern	2	0	0.0	2	100.0
Southern	4	2	50.0	2	50.0
Tennessee					
Eastern	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Middle	0	0	--	0	--
Western	13	3	23.1	10	76.9
SEVENTH CIRCUIT	139	15	10.8	124	89.2
Illinois					
Central	11	3	27.3	8	72.7
Northern	9	6	66.7	3	33.3
Southern	16	0	0.0	16	100.0
Indiana					
Northern	6	0	0.0	6	100.0
Southern	67	6	9.0	61	91.0
Wisconsin					
Eastern	12	0	0.0	12	100.0
Western	18	0	0.0	18	100.0
EIGHTH CIRCUIT	234	21	9.0	213	91.0
Arkansas					
Eastern	16	2	12.5	14	87.5
Western	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Iowa					
Northern	44	2	4.5	42	95.5
Southern	44	4	9.1	40	90.9
Minnesota	19	1	5.3	18	94.7
Missouri					
Eastern	18	2	11.1	16	88.9
Western	55	5	9.1	50	90.9
Nebraska	7	2	28.6	5	71.4
North Dakota	10	2	20.0	8	80.0
South Dakota	20	1	5.0	19	95.0

Table 3 (cont.)

CIRCUIT District	TOTAL	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
NINTH CIRCUIT	156	33	21.2	123	78.8
Alaska	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Arizona	2	0	0.0	2	100.0
California					
Central	41	4	9.8	37	90.2
Eastern	15	2	13.3	13	86.7
Northern	10	1	10.0	9	90.0
Southern	28	6	21.4	22	78.6
Guam	0	0	--	0	--
Hawaii	0	0	--	0	--
Idaho	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Montana	38	10	26.3	28	73.7
Nevada	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Northern Mariana Islands	0	0	--	0	--
Oregon	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Washington					
Eastern	12	2	16.7	10	83.3
Western	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
TENTH CIRCUIT	79	24	30.4	55	69.6
Colorado	3	2	66.7	1	33.3
Kansas	23	11	47.8	12	52.2
New Mexico	0	0	--	0	--
Oklahoma					
Eastern	0	0	--	0	--
Northern	16	1	6.3	15	93.8
Western	9	1	11.1	8	88.9
Utah	14	8	57.1	6	42.9
Wyoming	14	1	7.1	13	92.9
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT	171	30	17.5	141	82.5
Alabama					
Middle	4	1	25.0	3	75.0
Northern	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
Southern	0	0	--	0	--
Florida					
Middle	50	7	14.0	43	86.0
Northern	17	9	52.9	8	47.1
Southern	70	7	10.0	63	90.0
Georgia					
Middle	6	0	0.0	6	100.0
Northern	5	4	80.0	1	20.0
Southern	16	1	6.3	15	93.8

¹ Of the 1,345 cases reported to the Commission in Fiscal Year 2024, 48 were excluded due to indeterminable motion status.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, Compassionate Release Datafile.

Table 4

**MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE
BY YEAR OF ORIGINAL SENTENCE¹
Fiscal Year 2024, 2nd Quarter**

Fiscal Year	Total	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	1,296	230	17.7	1,066	82.3
2024	7	1	14.3	6	85.7
2023	101	20	19.8	81	80.2
2022	143	27	18.9	116	81.1
2021	114	15	13.2	99	86.8
2020	108	19	17.6	89	82.4
2019	118	11	9.3	107	90.7
2018	83	10	12.0	73	88.0
2017	64	10	15.6	54	84.4
2016	77	4	5.2	73	94.8
2015	52	10	19.2	42	80.8
2014	50	9	18.0	41	82.0
2013	57	14	24.6	43	75.4
2012	45	6	13.3	39	86.7
2011	35	8	22.9	27	77.1
2010	33	5	15.2	28	84.8
2009	32	6	18.8	26	81.3
2008	27	8	29.6	19	70.4
2007	22	6	27.3	16	72.7
2006	15	6	40.0	9	60.0
2005	16	5	31.3	11	68.8
2004	13	3	23.1	10	76.9
2003	8	1	12.5	7	87.5
2002	14	5	35.7	9	64.3
2001	10	5	50.0	5	50.0
2000	9	3	33.3	6	66.7
1999	9	4	44.4	5	55.6
1998	5	1	20.0	4	80.0
1997	7	3	42.9	4	57.1
1996	4	2	50.0	2	50.0
1995	4	1	25.0	3	75.0
1994	3	0	0.0	3	100.0
1993	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
1992	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
1991	4	1	25.0	3	75.0
1990	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
1989	2	0	0.0	2	100.0

¹ Of the 1,297 cases reported to the Commission with motion status information in Fiscal Year 2024, one was excluded from this analysis because the case could not be matched with an original case in the Commission's records.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, Compassionate Release Datafile.

Table 5

ORIGIN OF GRANTED MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE¹
Fiscal Year 2024, 2nd Quarter

CIRCUIT	Total	Defendant		Director BOP		Attorney for the Government		Joint Motion²	
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	229	221	96.5	4	1.7	1	0.4	3	1.3
D.C. CIRCUIT	1	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
FIRST CIRCUIT	9	8	88.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.1
SECOND CIRCUIT	16	16	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
THIRD CIRCUIT	5	5	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
FOURTH CIRCUIT	54	53	98.1	1	1.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
FIFTH CIRCUIT	10	10	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SIXTH CIRCUIT	11	10	90.9	1	9.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
SEVENTH CIRCUIT	15	15	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
EIGHTH CIRCUIT	21	19	90.5	2	9.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
NINTH CIRCUIT	33	33	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
TENTH CIRCUIT	24	24	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT	30	27	90.0	0	0.0	1	3.3	2	6.7

¹ Of the 230 cases in which the court granted a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2024, one case was excluded from this analysis because the information received by the Commission prevented a determination of motion origin.

² Joint motion by the defendant and the attorney for the government.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, Compassionate Release Datafile.

Table 6

**DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS FOR INDIVIDUALS
MAKING MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE¹**

Fiscal Year 2024, 2nd Quarter

Demographics	Granted		Denied	
	N	%	N	%
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>				
White	75	32.8	324	30.6
Black	97	42.4	488	46.1
Hispanic	48	21.0	207	19.5
Other	9	3.9	40	3.8
Total	229	100.0	1,059	100.0
<u>Citizenship</u>				
U.S. Citizen	207	90.8	924	87.7
Non-Citizen	21	9.2	130	12.3
Total	228	100.0	1,054	100.0
<u>Gender</u>				
Male	194	84.3	953	89.6
Female	36	15.7	111	10.4
Total	230	100.0	1,064	100.0
<u>Average Age at Original Sentence</u>				
		40		39
<u>Average Age at Motion Decision</u>				
		49		47

¹ Of the 1,297 cases reported to the Commission with motion status information in Fiscal Year 2024, cases were excluded from each section of this table due to the following reasons: missing race information (9), missing citizenship information (15), missing gender information (3), and missing age information (11).

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, Compassionate Release Datafile.

Table 7

**SELECTED SENTENCING FACTORS FOR INDIVIDUALS
MAKING MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE¹**

Fiscal Year 2024, 2nd Quarter

Sentencing Factors	Granted	Denied
	%	%
Weapon^{2,3}	41.1	39.0
Weapon Specific Offense Characteristic	20.5	20.6
Firearms Mandatory Minimum Applied	25.7	21.6
Safety Valve²	6.9	8.3
Guideline Role Adjustments²		
Aggravating Role (USSG §3B1.1)	13.7	17.3
Mitigating Role (USSG §3B1.2)	1.8	1.9
Obstruction Adjustment (USSG §3C1.1)	9.6	11.2
Sentence Relative to the Guideline Range		
Within Range	49.8	49.0
Above Range	3.1	4.3
Below Range	47.1	46.8
Criminal History Category		
I	26.2	23.7
II	11.4	8.6
III	13.5	13.8
IV	12.7	11.2
V	6.6	8.2
VI	29.7	34.5
Career Offender (§4B1.1)²	18.3	19.5

¹ Of the 1,297 cases reported to the Commission with motion status information in Fiscal Year 2024, one was excluded from this analysis because the case could not be matched with an original case in the Commission's records.

² This section was limited to the 1,238 cases with complete guideline application information.

³ In 42 cases the court applied the weapon specific offense characteristic and the sentenced individual was also convicted of a firearms offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, Compassionate Release Datafile.

Table 8

**TYPE OF CRIME FOR INDIVIDUALS
RECEIVING COMPASSIONATE RELEASE¹
Fiscal Year 2024, 2nd Quarter**

TYPE OF CRIME	N	%
TOTAL	229	100.0
Administration of Justice	2	0.9
Antitrust	0	0.0
Arson	0	0.0
Assault	1	0.4
Bribery/Corruption	1	0.4
Burglary/Trespass	0	0.0
Child Pornography	6	2.6
Commercialized Vice	0	0.0
Drug Possession	0	0.0
Drug Trafficking	136	59.4
Environmental	0	0.0
Extortion/Racketeering	1	0.4
Firearms	16	7.0
Food and Drug	0	0.0
Forgery/Counter/Copyright	0	0.0
Fraud/Theft/Embezzlement	10	4.4
Immigration	0	0.0
Individual Rights	1	0.4
Kidnapping	2	0.9
Manslaughter	0	0.0
Money Laundering	7	3.1
Murder	8	3.5
National Defense	0	0.0
Obscenity/Other Sex Offenses	1	0.4
Prison Offenses	2	0.9
Robbery	25	10.9
Sexual Abuse	7	3.1
Stalking/Harassing	0	0.0
Tax	3	1.3
Other	0	0.0

¹ Of the 230 cases in which the court granted a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2024, one was excluded due to missing information on the type of crime.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, Compassionate Release Datafile.

Table 9

**TYPE OF CRIME FOR INDIVIDUALS
DENIED COMPASSIONATE RELEASE¹
Fiscal Year 2024, 2nd Quarter**

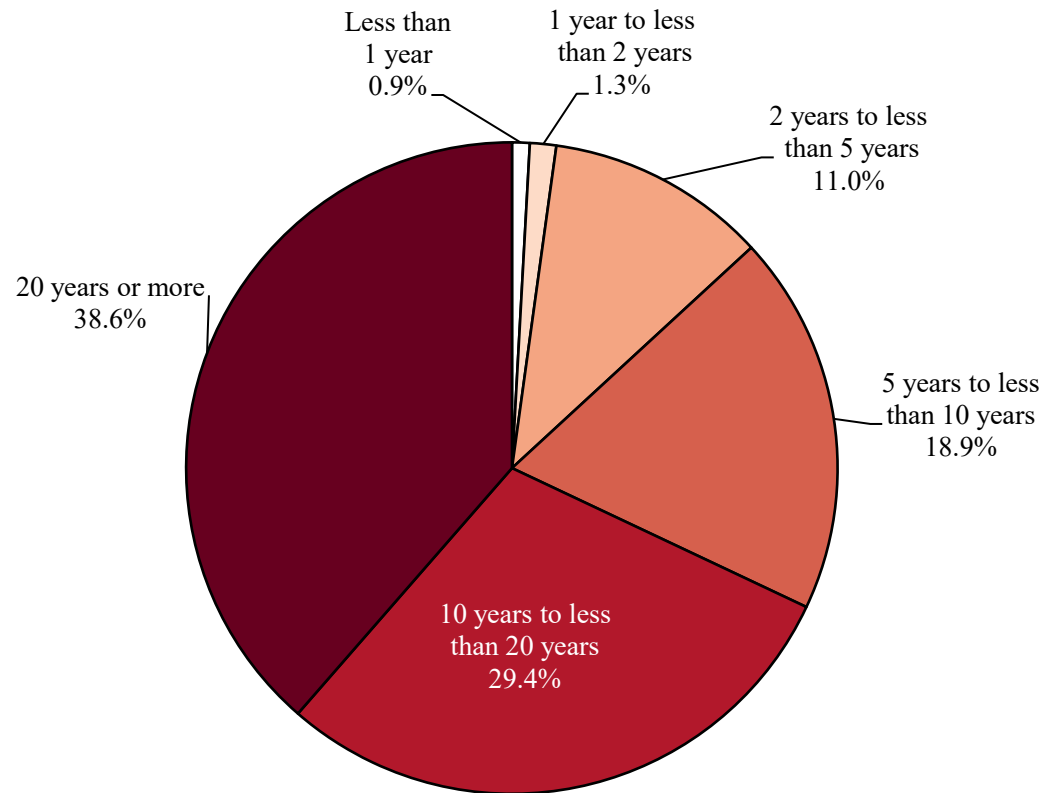
TYPE OF CRIME	N	%
TOTAL	1,063	100.0
Administration of Justice	1	0.1
Antitrust	0	0.0
Arson	5	0.5
Assault	15	1.4
Bribery/Corruption	1	0.1
Burglary/Trespass	0	0.0
Child Pornography	28	2.6
Commercialized Vice	3	0.3
Drug Possession	0	0.0
Drug Trafficking	554	52.1
Environmental	0	0.0
Extortion/Racketeering	5	0.5
Firearms	155	14.6
Food and Drug	0	0.0
Forgery/Counter/Copyright	0	0.0
Fraud/Theft/Embezzlement	63	5.9
Immigration	10	0.9
Individual Rights	0	0.0
Kidnapping	6	0.6
Manslaughter	0	0.0
Money Laundering	28	2.6
Murder	36	3.4
National Defense	2	0.2
Obscenity/Other Sex Offenses	2	0.2
Prison Offenses	2	0.2
Robbery	93	8.7
Sexual Abuse	46	4.3
Stalking/Harassing	4	0.4
Tax	4	0.4
Other	0	0.0

¹ Of the 1,067 cases in which the court denied a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2024, one was excluded from this analysis because the cases cannot be matched with an original case in the Commission's records. Of the remaining cases, three were excluded due to missing information on the type of crime.

Figure 2

ORIGINAL SENTENCE LENGTH FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING COMPASSIONATE RELEASE¹

Fiscal Year 2024, 2nd Quarter



¹ Of the 230 cases in which the court granted a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2024, information on the original sentence length was missing in two cases.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, Compassionate Release Datafile.

Table 10

**REASONS GIVEN BY SENTENCING COURTS FOR
FOR GRANTED MOTIONS¹
Fiscal Year 2024, 2nd Quarter**

REASONS	N	%
Rehabilitation ²	56	15.6
Serious physical or medical condition (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(B))	42	11.7
Terminal illness (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(A))	33	9.2
Unusually long sentence (10 or more years) and change in law (USSG §1B1.13(b)(6))	28	7.8
Multiple 18 U.S.C. § 924(c) penalties	21	5.9
Missing	18	5.0
COVID-19/pandemic (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(D))	17	4.7
Other mandatory minimum penalties/long sentence	16	4.5
Family circumstances – care for parent (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(C))	16	4.5
Family circumstance - care for minor/disabled child (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(A))	14	3.9
Career Offender issues	11	3.1
Extraordinary and compelling (not specified)	9	2.5
21 U.S.C. § 851 enhanced drug penalties	8	2.2
Abuse by corrections officer/BOP contractor (USSG §1B1.13(b)(4))	8	2.2
Deteriorating physical or mental health due to aging process (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(B))	6	1.7
Age 65 and deteriorating health and served 10 years/75% (USSG §1B1.13(b)(2))	5	1.4
BOP failure to provide treatment (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(C))	4	1.1
Mandatory nature of guideline at sentencing	4	1.1
Guideline amendment (not yet in effect)	4	1.1
Safety Valve disqualification	3	0.8
Family circumstances – care for other immediate family member (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(D))	3	0.8
Nearly meets requirements of USSG §1B1.13	2	0.6
Other	30	8.4
TOTAL	358	100.0

¹ The court granted a motion for compassionate release in 230 cases in Fiscal Year 2024. Courts may cite multiple reasons for granting motions; consequently, the total number of granted reasons cited generally exceeds the total number of cases. In this table, 358 reasons were cited for the 230 cases.

² In all cases where the court gave rehabilitation as a reason for the granted motion, the court also gave one or more other reasons.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, Compassionate Release Datafile.

Table 11

REASONS GIVEN BY SENTENCING COURTS

FOR DENIAL OF MOTION¹

Fiscal Year 2024, 2nd Quarter

REASONS	N	%
18 U.S.C § 3553(a) factors	591	24.9
Not at risk from COVID/pandemic	247	10.4
Rehabilitation insufficient	208	8.8
Failure to exhaust administrative remedies	201	8.5
Insufficient proof of serious physical and medical condition	184	7.8
No extraordinary and compelling reason provided	154	6.5
Defendant able to provide self-care in prison	89	3.8
Other care available for minor child	74	3.1
Protection of the public	59	2.5
Does not meet age or length of time served requirement under 18 U.S.C. § 3559	43	1.8
Insufficient proof of deteriorating physical or mental health	32	1.4
Missing/no reason provided	20	0.8
Other care available for spouse or partner	17	0.7
Mandatory minimum penalty	15	0.6
Post-sentencing/post-conviction conduct	14	0.6
Insufficient proof of serious functional or cognitive impairment	6	0.3
Binding plea agreement	3	0.1
Other	413	17.4
TOTAL	2,370	100.0

¹ The court denied a motion for compassionate release in 1,067 cases in Fiscal Year 2024. Courts may cite multiple reasons for denying motions; consequently, the total number of denial reasons cited generally exceeds the total number of cases. In this table, 2,370 reasons were cited for the 1,067 cases.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, Compassionate Release Datafile.