

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.

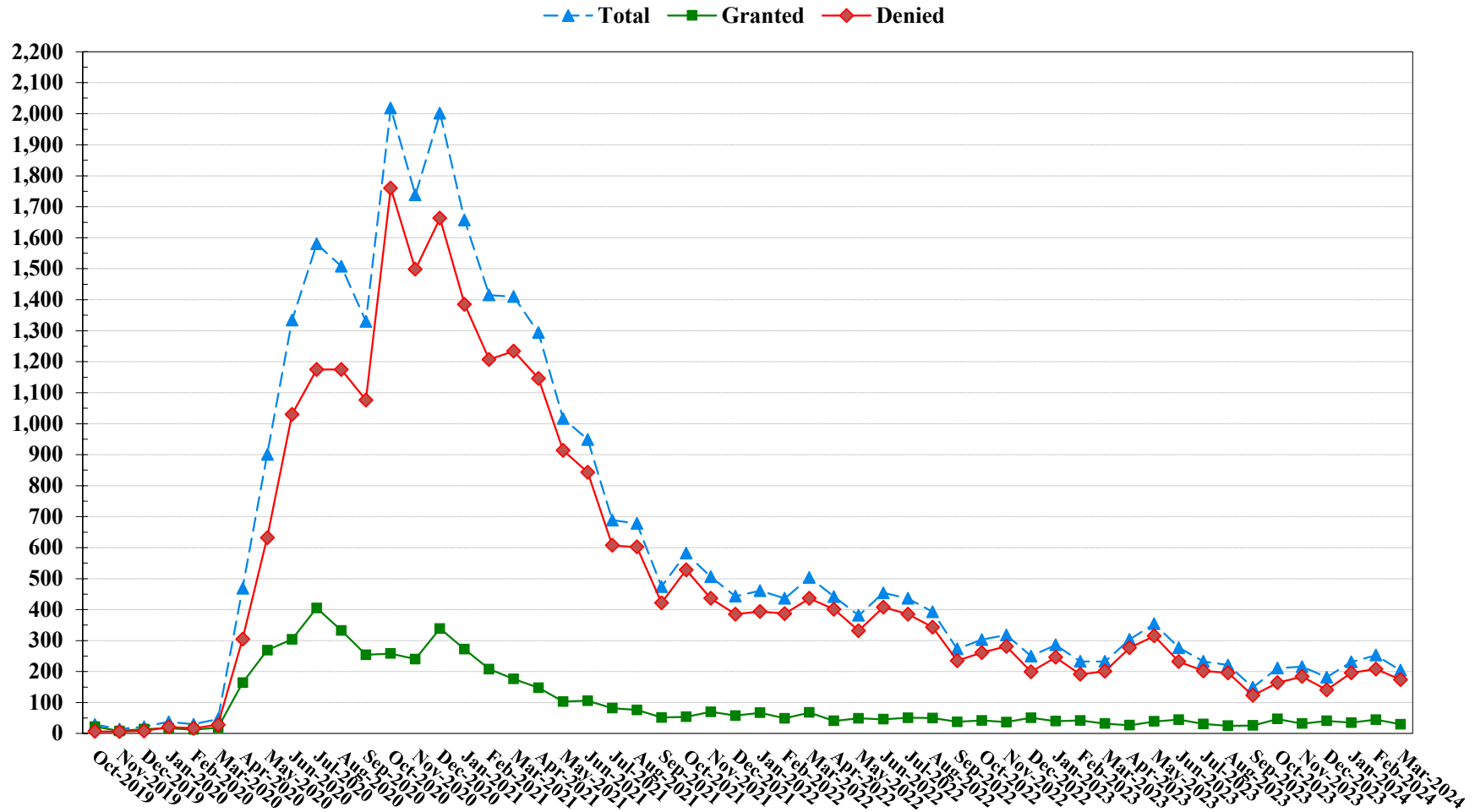
Table 1
MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE
BY MONTH OF COURT DECISION¹

| 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 District | TOTAL | Granted | | Denied | |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | 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 Motion ² | |
|------------------|------------|---|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|
| | 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 | % |
| Race/Ethnicity | | | | |
| 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 |
| Citizenship | | | | |
| 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 |
| Gender | | | | |
| Male | 194 | 84.3 | 953 | 89.6 |
| Female | 36 | 15.7 | 111 | 10.4 |
| Total | 230 | 100.0 | 1,064 | 100.0 |
| Average Age at Original Sentence | | 40 | 39 | |
| Average Age at Motion Decision | | 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**

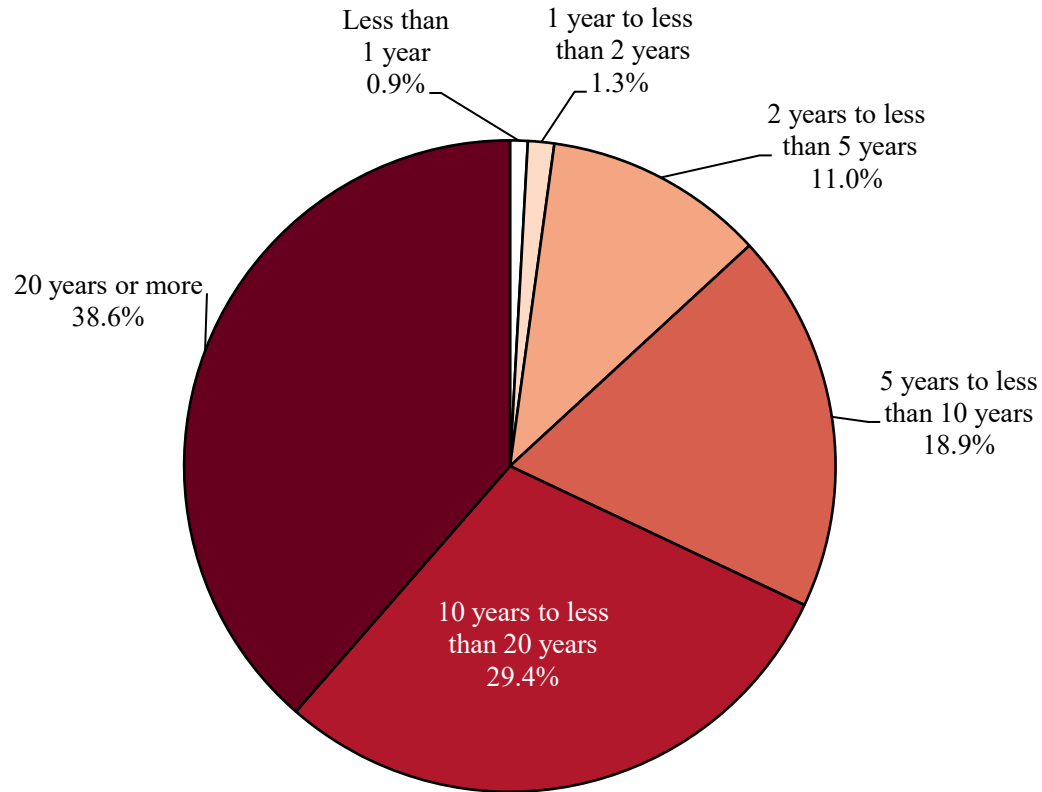
| TYPE OF CRIME | N | % |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| TOTAL | 1,063 | 100.0 |
| Administration of Justice | 1 | 0.1 |
| Antitrust | 0 | 0.0 |
| Arson | 5 | 0.5 |
| Assault | 15 | 1.4 |
| Bribery/Corruption | 1 | 0.1 |
| Burglary/Trespass | 0 | 0.0 |
| Child Pornography | 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.