

U.S. Sentencing Commission Compassionate Release Data Report

**Fiscal Year 2024, 3rd Quarter
(October 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024)**



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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 three 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 August 9, 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

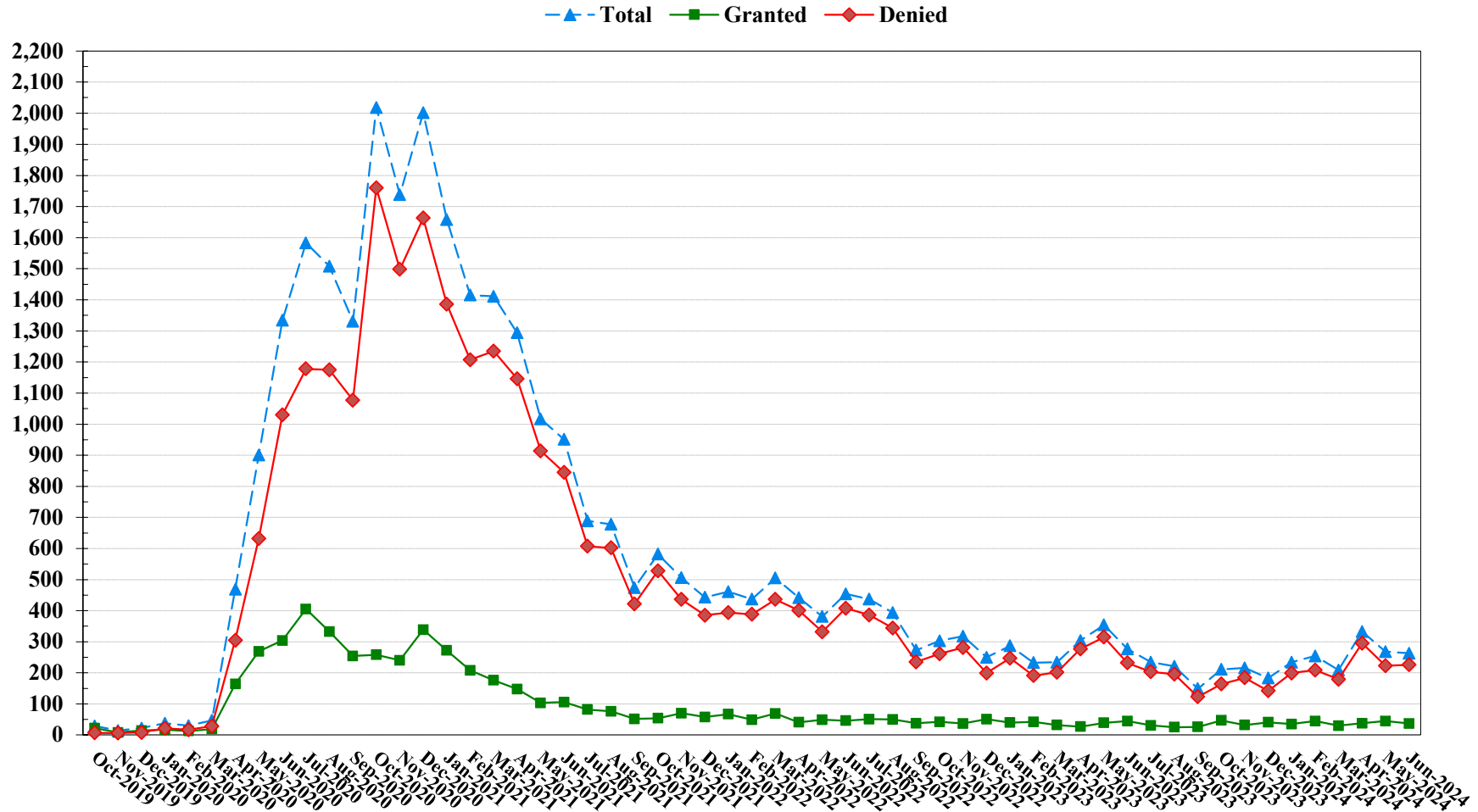
**MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE
BY MONTH OF COURT DECISION¹**

Year	Month	Total	Granted		Denied	
		N	N	%	N	%
TOTAL		33,301	5,311	15.9	27,990	84.1
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	1,583	405	25.6	1,178	74.4
2020	August	1,508	333	22.1	1,175	77.9
2020	September	1,331	254	19.1	1,077	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	1,658	272	16.4	1,386	83.6
2021	February	1,415	208	14.7	1,207	85.3
2021	March	1,411	176	12.5	1,235	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	951	106	11.1	845	88.9
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	437	49	11.2	388	88.8
2022	March	505	69	13.7	436	86.3
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	437	51	11.7	386	88.3
2022	August	394	50	12.7	344	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	287	40	13.9	247	86.1
2023	February	233	42	18.0	191	82.0
2023	March	234	32	13.7	202	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	234	31	13.2	203	86.8
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	183	41	22.4	142	77.6
2024	January	234	35	15.0	199	85.0
2024	February	254	45	17.7	209	82.3
2024	March	209	30	14.4	179	85.6
2024	April	333	38	11.4	295	88.6
2024	May	268	45	16.8	223	83.2
2024	June	263	37	14.1	226	85.9

¹ Of the 34,358 cases reported to the Commission, 1,057 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, 3rd Quarter

District	Total		Granted		Denied		District	Total		Granted		Denied	
	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	2,171		350	16.1	1,821	83.9							
Southern Florida	150		18	12.0	132	88.0	Rhode Island	14		4	28.6	10	71.4
Western Missouri	103		7	6.8	96	93.2	Eastern Texas	14		1	7.1	13	92.9
Southern Indiana	100		10	10.0	90	90.0	Northern Ohio	14		1	7.1	13	92.9
Eastern Virginia	93		18	19.4	75	80.6	Central Illinois	14		4	28.6	10	71.4
Middle Florida	80		11	13.8	69	86.3	Northern California	14		1	7.1	13	92.9
Maryland	79		29	36.7	50	63.3	Northern West Virginia	13		1	7.7	12	92.3
Southern Iowa	60		5	8.3	55	91.7	Northern Texas	13		1	7.7	12	92.3
Northern Iowa	59		2	3.4	57	96.6	Alaska	12		3	25.0	9	75.0
South Carolina	55		9	16.4	46	83.6	Northern Georgia	12		8	66.7	4	33.3
Montana	55		13	23.6	42	76.4	Western Louisiana	10		2	20.0	8	80.0
Eastern North Carolina	50		2	4.0	48	96.0	Eastern Tennessee	10		0	0.0	10	100.0
Central California	49		7	14.3	42	85.7	Western Oklahoma	10		1	10.0	9	90.0
Middle Pennsylvania	45		2	4.4	43	95.6	Maine	9		0	0.0	9	100.0
Western Texas	45		2	4.4	43	95.6	Massachusetts	9		4	44.4	5	55.6
Eastern Missouri	43		3	7.0	40	93.0	Eastern Pennsylvania	9		2	22.2	7	77.8
Western North Carolina	41		9	22.0	32	78.0	Middle Georgia	9		0	0.0	9	100.0
Western Virginia	40		5	12.5	35	87.5	New Hampshire	8		1	12.5	7	87.5
Minnesota	38		1	2.6	37	97.4	Puerto Rico	7		6	85.7	1	14.3
Southern California	36		12	33.3	24	66.7	Western Pennsylvania	7		1	14.3	6	85.7
Kansas	34		13	38.2	21	61.8	Southern West Virginia	7		0	0.0	7	100.0
Southern Illinois	33		0	0.0	33	100.0	Eastern Michigan	7		6	85.7	1	14.3
Northern Florida	30		15	50.0	15	50.0	Middle Alabama	7		1	14.3	6	85.7
Eastern New York	29		12	41.4	17	58.6	District of Columbia	6		1	16.7	5	83.3
Western Michigan	29		1	3.4	28	96.6	Eastern Louisiana	6		1	16.7	5	83.3
Southern Texas	28		6	21.4	22	78.6	Southern Mississippi	6		1	16.7	5	83.3
Northern Oklahoma	28		2	7.1	26	92.9	Western Washington	6		2	33.3	4	66.7
Eastern Kentucky	27		4	14.8	23	85.2	Northern Alabama	6		1	16.7	5	83.3
Northern Indiana	27		0	0.0	27	100.0	Arizona	5		2	40.0	3	60.0
South Dakota	27		1	3.7	26	96.3	Colorado	5		2	40.0	3	60.0
Eastern Arkansas	26		3	11.5	23	88.5	Southern Ohio	4		2	50.0	2	50.0
Western Tennessee	25		3	12.0	22	88.0	Nevada	4		4	100.0	0	0.0
Western Kentucky	24		0	0.0	24	100.0	Northern Mississippi	3		1	33.3	2	66.7
Eastern Washington	23		2	8.7	21	91.3	Oregon	3		3	100.0	0	0.0
Southern Georgia	23		2	8.7	21	91.3	Southern Alabama	3		0	0.0	3	100.0
Western Wisconsin	22		2	9.1	20	90.9	Western New York	2		2	100.0	0	0.0
Wyoming	22		2	9.1	20	90.9	Hawaii	2		2	100.0	0	0.0
North Dakota	21		2	9.5	19	90.5	Vermont	1		0	0.0	1	100.0
Connecticut	19		8	42.1	11	57.9	Middle Tennessee	1		1	100.0	0	0.0
Nebraska	19		4	21.1	15	78.9	Western Arkansas	1		0	0.0	1	100.0
Eastern California	19		2	10.5	17	89.5	Idaho	1		1	100.0	0	0.0
Southern New York	18		5	27.8	13	72.2	New Mexico	1		1	100.0	0	0.0
New Jersey	18		2	11.1	16	88.9	Eastern Oklahoma	1		0	0.0	1	100.0
Middle North Carolina	18		2	11.1	16	88.9	Northern New York	0		0	--	0	--
Eastern Wisconsin	18		0	0.0	18	100.0	Delaware	0		0	--	0	--
Northern Illinois	17		7	41.2	10	58.8	Virgin Islands	0		0	--	0	--
Middle Louisiana	15		1	6.7	14	93.3	Guam	0		0	--	0	--
Utah	15		9	60.0	6	40.0	Northern Mariana Islands	0		0	--	0	--

¹ Of the 2,240 cases reported to the Commission in Fiscal Year 2024, 69 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, 3rd Quarter**

CIRCUIT District	TOTAL	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	2,171	350	16.1	1,821	83.9
D.C. CIRCUIT	6	1	16.7	5	83.3
District of Columbia	6	1	16.7	5	83.3
FIRST CIRCUIT	47	15	31.9	32	68.1
Maine	9	0	0.0	9	100.0
Massachusetts	9	4	44.4	5	55.6
New Hampshire	8	1	12.5	7	87.5
Puerto Rico	7	6	85.7	1	14.3
Rhode Island	14	4	28.6	10	71.4
SECOND CIRCUIT	69	27	39.1	42	60.9
Connecticut	19	8	42.1	11	57.9
New York					
Eastern	29	12	41.4	17	58.6
Northern	0	0	--	0	--
Southern	18	5	27.8	13	72.2
Western	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Vermont	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
THIRD CIRCUIT	79	7	8.9	72	91.1
Delaware	0	0	--	0	--
New Jersey	18	2	11.1	16	88.9
Pennsylvania					
Eastern	9	2	22.2	7	77.8
Middle	45	2	4.4	43	95.6
Western	7	1	14.3	6	85.7
Virgin Islands	0	0	--	0	--
FOURTH CIRCUIT	396	75	18.9	321	81.1
Maryland	79	29	36.7	50	63.3
North Carolina					
Eastern	50	2	4.0	48	96.0
Middle	18	2	11.1	16	88.9
Western	41	9	22.0	32	78.0
South Carolina	55	9	16.4	46	83.6
Virginia					
Eastern	93	18	19.4	75	80.6
Western	40	5	12.5	35	87.5
West Virginia					
Northern	13	1	7.7	12	92.3
Southern	7	0	0.0	7	100.0

Table 3 (cont.)

CIRCUIT District	TOTAL	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
FIFTH CIRCUIT	140	16	11.4	124	88.6
Louisiana					
Eastern	6	1	16.7	5	83.3
Middle	15	1	6.7	14	93.3
Western	10	2	20.0	8	80.0
Mississippi					
Northern	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
Southern	6	1	16.7	5	83.3
Texas					
Eastern	14	1	7.1	13	92.9
Northern	13	1	7.7	12	92.3
Southern	28	6	21.4	22	78.6
Western	45	2	4.4	43	95.6
SIXTH CIRCUIT	141	18	12.8	123	87.2
Kentucky					
Eastern	27	4	14.8	23	85.2
Western	24	0	0.0	24	100.0
Michigan					
Eastern	7	6	85.7	1	14.3
Western	29	1	3.4	28	96.6
Ohio					
Northern	14	1	7.1	13	92.9
Southern	4	2	50.0	2	50.0
Tennessee					
Eastern	10	0	0.0	10	100.0
Middle	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Western	25	3	12.0	22	88.0
SEVENTH CIRCUIT	231	23	10.0	208	90.0
Illinois					
Central	14	4	28.6	10	71.4
Northern	17	7	41.2	10	58.8
Southern	33	0	0.0	33	100.0
Indiana					
Northern	27	0	0.0	27	100.0
Southern	100	10	10.0	90	90.0
Wisconsin					
Eastern	18	0	0.0	18	100.0
Western	22	2	9.1	20	90.9
EIGHTH CIRCUIT	397	28	7.1	369	92.9
Arkansas					
Eastern	26	3	11.5	23	88.5
Western	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Iowa					
Northern	59	2	3.4	57	96.6
Southern	60	5	8.3	55	91.7
Minnesota	38	1	2.6	37	97.4
Missouri					
Eastern	43	3	7.0	40	93.0
Western	103	7	6.8	96	93.2
Nebraska	19	4	21.1	15	78.9
North Dakota	21	2	9.5	19	90.5
South Dakota	27	1	3.7	26	96.3

Table 3 (cont.)

CIRCUIT District	TOTAL	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
NINTH CIRCUIT	229	54	23.6	175	76.4
Alaska	12	3	25.0	9	75.0
Arizona	5	2	40.0	3	60.0
California					
Central	49	7	14.3	42	85.7
Eastern	19	2	10.5	17	89.5
Northern	14	1	7.1	13	92.9
Southern	36	12	33.3	24	66.7
Guam	0	0	--	0	--
Hawaii	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Idaho	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Montana	55	13	23.6	42	76.4
Nevada	4	4	100.0	0	0.0
Northern Mariana Islands	0	0	--	0	--
Oregon	3	3	100.0	0	0.0
Washington					
Eastern	23	2	8.7	21	91.3
Western	6	2	33.3	4	66.7
TENTH CIRCUIT	116	30	25.9	86	74.1
Colorado	5	2	40.0	3	60.0
Kansas	34	13	38.2	21	61.8
New Mexico	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Oklahoma					
Eastern	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Northern	28	2	7.1	26	92.9
Western	10	1	10.0	9	90.0
Utah	15	9	60.0	6	40.0
Wyoming	22	2	9.1	20	90.9
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT	320	56	17.5	264	82.5
Alabama					
Middle	7	1	14.3	6	85.7
Northern	6	1	16.7	5	83.3
Southern	3	0	0.0	3	100.0
Florida					
Middle	80	11	13.8	69	86.3
Northern	30	15	50.0	15	50.0
Southern	150	18	12.0	132	88.0
Georgia					
Middle	9	0	0.0	9	100.0
Northern	12	8	66.7	4	33.3
Southern	23	2	8.7	21	91.3

¹ Of the 2,240 cases reported to the Commission in Fiscal Year 2024, 69 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, 3rd Quarter**

Fiscal Year	Total	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	2,168	349	16.1	1,819	83.9
2024	16	2	12.5	14	87.5
2023	189	31	16.4	158	83.6
2022	224	36	16.1	188	83.9
2021	185	22	11.9	163	88.1
2020	168	23	13.7	145	86.3
2019	190	16	8.4	174	91.6
2018	136	16	11.8	120	88.2
2017	112	17	15.2	95	84.8
2016	107	6	5.6	101	94.4
2015	94	14	14.9	80	85.1
2014	94	13	13.8	81	86.2
2013	95	20	21.1	75	78.9
2012	75	13	17.3	62	82.7
2011	62	16	25.8	46	74.2
2010	55	9	16.4	46	83.6
2009	51	9	17.6	42	82.4
2008	41	10	24.4	31	75.6
2007	34	9	26.5	25	73.5
2006	25	8	32.0	17	68.0
2005	24	7	29.2	17	70.8
2004	25	6	24.0	19	76.0
2003	16	2	12.5	14	87.5
2002	22	6	27.3	16	72.7
2001	18	5	27.8	13	72.2
2000	20	4	20.0	16	80.0
1999	18	9	50.0	9	50.0
1998	13	3	23.1	10	76.9
1997	21	9	42.9	12	57.1
1996	9	3	33.3	6	66.7
1995	7	2	28.6	5	71.4
1994	8	0	0.0	8	100.0
1993	4	1	25.0	3	75.0
1992	2	1	50.0	1	50.0
1991	5	1	20.0	4	80.0
1990	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
1989	2	0	0.0	2	100.0

¹ Of the 2,171 cases reported to the Commission with motion status information in Fiscal Year 2024, three were excluded from this analysis because the cases cannot 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, 3rd Quarter

CIRCUIT	Total	Defendant		Director BOP		Attorney for the Government		Joint Motion ²	
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	349	338	96.8	6	1.7	1	0.3	4	1.1
D.C. CIRCUIT	1	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
FIRST CIRCUIT	15	13	86.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	13.3
SECOND CIRCUIT	27	27	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
THIRD CIRCUIT	7	7	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
FOURTH CIRCUIT	75	74	98.7	1	1.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
FIFTH CIRCUIT	16	15	93.8	1	6.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
SIXTH CIRCUIT	17	16	94.1	1	5.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
SEVENTH CIRCUIT	23	23	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
EIGHTH CIRCUIT	28	26	92.9	2	7.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
NINTH CIRCUIT	54	53	98.1	1	1.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
TENTH CIRCUIT	30	30	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT	56	53	94.6	0	0.0	1	1.8	2	3.6

¹ Of the 350 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, 3rd Quarter**

Demographics	Granted		Denied	
	N	%	N	%
Race/Ethnicity				
White	107	30.7	536	29.6
Black	158	45.4	861	47.6
Hispanic	71	20.4	343	19.0
Other	12	3.4	68	3.8
Total	348	100.0	1,808	100.0
Citizenship				
U.S. Citizen	315	90.8	1,593	88.3
Non-Citizen	32	9.2	211	11.7
Total	347	100.0	1,804	100.0
Gender				
Male	301	86.0	1,651	90.8
Female	49	14.0	167	9.2
Total	350	100.0	1,818	100.0
Average Age at Original Sentence		39	39	
Average Age at Motion Decision		49	47	

¹ Of the 2,171 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 (15), missing citizenship information (20), missing gender information (3), and missing age information (14).

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

Table 7

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

Fiscal Year 2024, 3rd Quarter

Sentencing Factors	Granted	Denied
	%	%
Weapon^{2,3}	42.2	42.8
Weapon Specific Offense Characteristic	20.4	21.1
Firearms Mandatory Minimum Applied	27.1	25.0
Safety Valve²	8.1	7.2
Guideline Role Adjustments²		
Aggravating Role (USSG §3B1.1)	18.3	17.8
Mitigating Role (USSG §3B1.2)	1.8	1.4
Obstruction Adjustment (USSG §3C1.1)	9.6	10.3
Sentence Relative to the Guideline Range		
Within Range	52.8	49.0
Above Range	2.6	4.6
Below Range	44.6	46.4
Criminal History Category		
I	24.8	22.6
II	10.1	8.0
III	14.4	13.8
IV	11.8	11.1
V	7.8	8.2
VI	31.1	36.3
Career Offender (§4B1.1)²	19.5	20.5

¹ Of the 2,171 cases reported to the Commission with motion status information in Fiscal Year 2024, three were excluded from this analysis because the cases cannot be matched with an original case in the Commission's records.

² This section was limited to the 2,083 cases with complete guideline application information.

³ In 72 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, 3rd Quarter**

TYPE OF CRIME	N	%
TOTAL	348	100.0
Administration of Justice	2	0.6
Antitrust	0	0.0
Arson	0	0.0
Assault	1	0.3
Bribery/Corruption	1	0.3
Burglary/Trespass	0	0.0
Child Pornography	8	2.3
Commercialized Vice	0	0.0
Drug Possession	0	0.0
Drug Trafficking	208	59.8
Environmental	0	0.0
Extortion/Racketeering	1	0.3
Firearms	29	8.3
Food and Drug	0	0.0
Forgery/Counter/Copyright	0	0.0
Fraud/Theft/Embezzlement	14	4.0
Immigration	0	0.0
Individual Rights	1	0.3
Kidnapping	3	0.9
Manslaughter	0	0.0
Money Laundering	9	2.6
Murder	13	3.7
National Defense	0	0.0
Obscenity/Other Sex Offenses	1	0.3
Prison Offenses	2	0.6
Robbery	44	12.6
Sexual Abuse	8	2.3
Stalking/Harassing	0	0.0
Tax	3	0.9
Other	0	0.0

¹ Of the 350 cases in which the court granted a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2024, one was excluded from this analysis because the case cannot be matched with an original case in the Commission's records. Of the remaining cases, one was excluded due to missing information on the type of crime.

Table 9

**TYPE OF CRIME FOR INDIVIDUALS
DENIED COMPASSIONATE RELEASE¹
Fiscal Year 2024, 3rd Quarter**

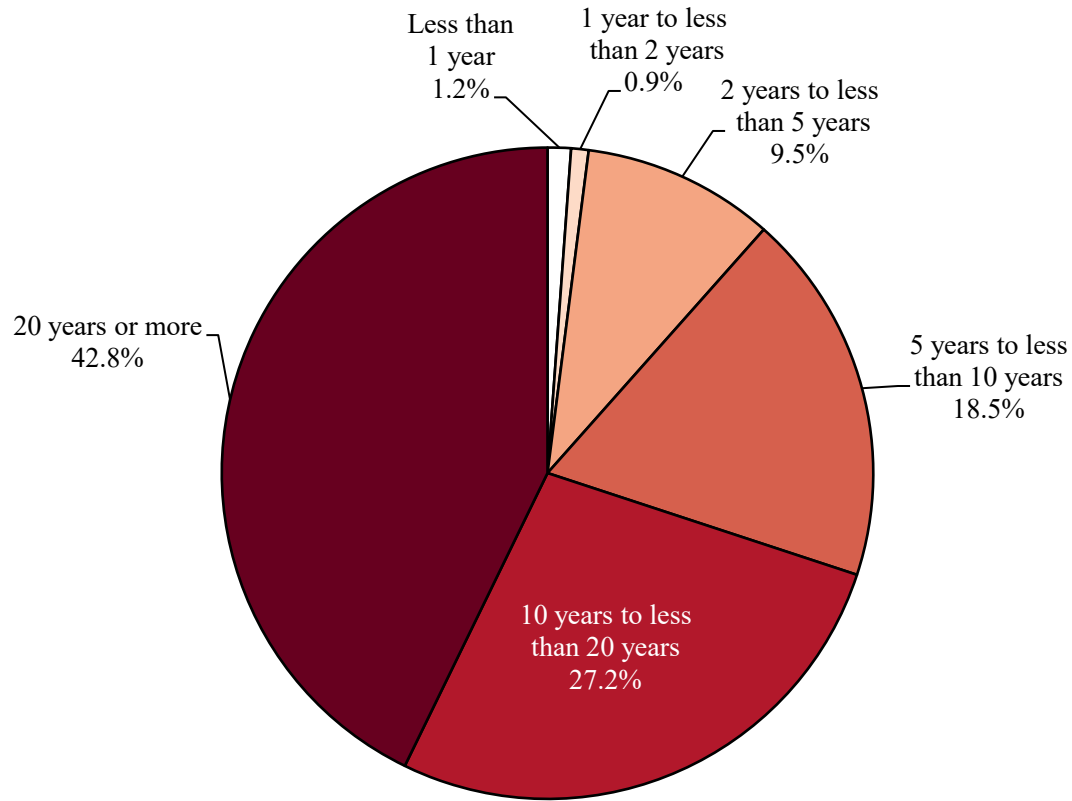
TYPE OF CRIME	N	%
TOTAL	1,816	100.0
Administration of Justice	2	0.1
Antitrust	0	0.0
Arson	9	0.5
Assault	24	1.3
Bribery/Corruption	3	0.2
Burglary/Trespass	0	0.0
Child Pornography	45	2.5
Commercialized Vice	3	0.2
Drug Possession	0	0.0
Drug Trafficking	923	50.8
Environmental	0	0.0
Extortion/Racketeering	7	0.4
Firearms	272	15.0
Food and Drug	0	0.0
Forgery/Counter/Copyright	1	0.1
Fraud/Theft/Embezzlement	104	5.7
Immigration	13	0.7
Individual Rights	1	0.1
Kidnapping	14	0.8
Manslaughter	1	0.1
Money Laundering	43	2.4
Murder	76	4.2
National Defense	3	0.2
Obscenity/Other Sex Offenses	2	0.1
Prison Offenses	4	0.2
Robbery	184	10.1
Sexual Abuse	68	3.7
Stalking/Harassing	9	0.5
Tax	5	0.3
Other	0	0.0

¹ Of the 1,821 cases in which the court denied a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2024, two were 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, 3rd Quarter



¹ Of the 350 cases in which the court granted a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2024, information on the original sentence length was missing in four cases.

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

Table 10

**REASONS GIVEN BY SENTENCING COURTS FOR
FOR GRANTED MOTIONS¹
Fiscal Year 2024, 3rd Quarter**

REASONS	N	%
Rehabilitation ²	77	14.4
Serious physical or medical condition (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(B))	69	12.9
Unusually long sentence (10 or more years) and change in law (USSG §1B1.13(b)(6))	62	11.6
Terminal illness (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(A))	46	8.6
Multiple 18 U.S.C. § 924(c) penalties	32	6.0
Missing	28	5.3
Other mandatory minimum penalties/long sentence	21	3.9
Family circumstances – care for parent (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(C))	21	3.9
COVID-19/pandemic (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(D))	20	3.8
Family circumstance - care for minor/disabled child (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(A))	17	3.2
Extraordinary and compelling (not specified)	16	3.0
Career Offender issues	14	2.6
21 U.S.C. § 851 enhanced drug penalties	13	2.4
BOP failure to provide treatment (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(C))	8	1.5
Abuse by corrections officer/BOP contractor (USSG §1B1.13(b)(4))	8	1.5
Deteriorating physical or mental health due to aging process (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(B))	7	1.3
Age 65 and deteriorating health and served 10 years/75% (USSG §1B1.13(b)(2))	7	1.3
Family circumstances – care for other immediate family member (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(D))	5	0.9
Nearly meets requirements of USSG §1B1.13	4	0.8
Mandatory nature of guideline at sentencing	4	0.8
Guideline amendment (not yet in effect)	4	0.8
Safety Valve disqualification	3	0.6
Serious functional or cognitive impairment (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(B))	2	0.4
Family circumstance - care for spouse or registered partner (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(B))	1	0.2
ACCA issues	1	0.2
Conviction/sentencing errors	1	0.2
Other	42	7.9
TOTAL	533	100.0

¹ The court granted a motion for compassionate release in 350 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, 533 reasons were cited for the 350 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, 3rd Quarter**

REASONS	N	%
18 U.S.C § 3553(a) factors	997	25.2
Not at risk from COVID/pandemic	366	9.2
Rehabilitation insufficient	346	8.7
No extraordinary and compelling reason provided	346	8.7
Failure to exhaust administrative remedies	344	8.7
Insufficient proof of serious physical and medical condition	299	7.6
Defendant able to provide self-care in prison	164	4.1
Other care available for minor child	114	2.9
Does not meet age or length of time served requirement under 18 U.S.C. § 3559	84	2.1
Protection of the public	80	2.0
Insufficient proof of deteriorating physical or mental health	46	1.2
Missing/no reason provided	32	0.8
Other care available for spouse or partner	25	0.6
Post-sentencing/post-conviction conduct	22	0.6
Mandatory minimum penalty	20	0.5
Insufficient proof of serious functional or cognitive impairment	9	0.2
Binding plea agreement	4	0.1
Other	662	16.7
TOTAL	3,960	100.0

¹ The court denied a motion for compassionate release in 1,821 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, 3,960 reasons were cited for the 1,821 cases.

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