

U.S. Sentencing Commission Compassionate Release Data Report

**Preliminary Fiscal Year 2024 Cumulative Data through 4th Quarter
(October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024)**



October 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 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 October 15, 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

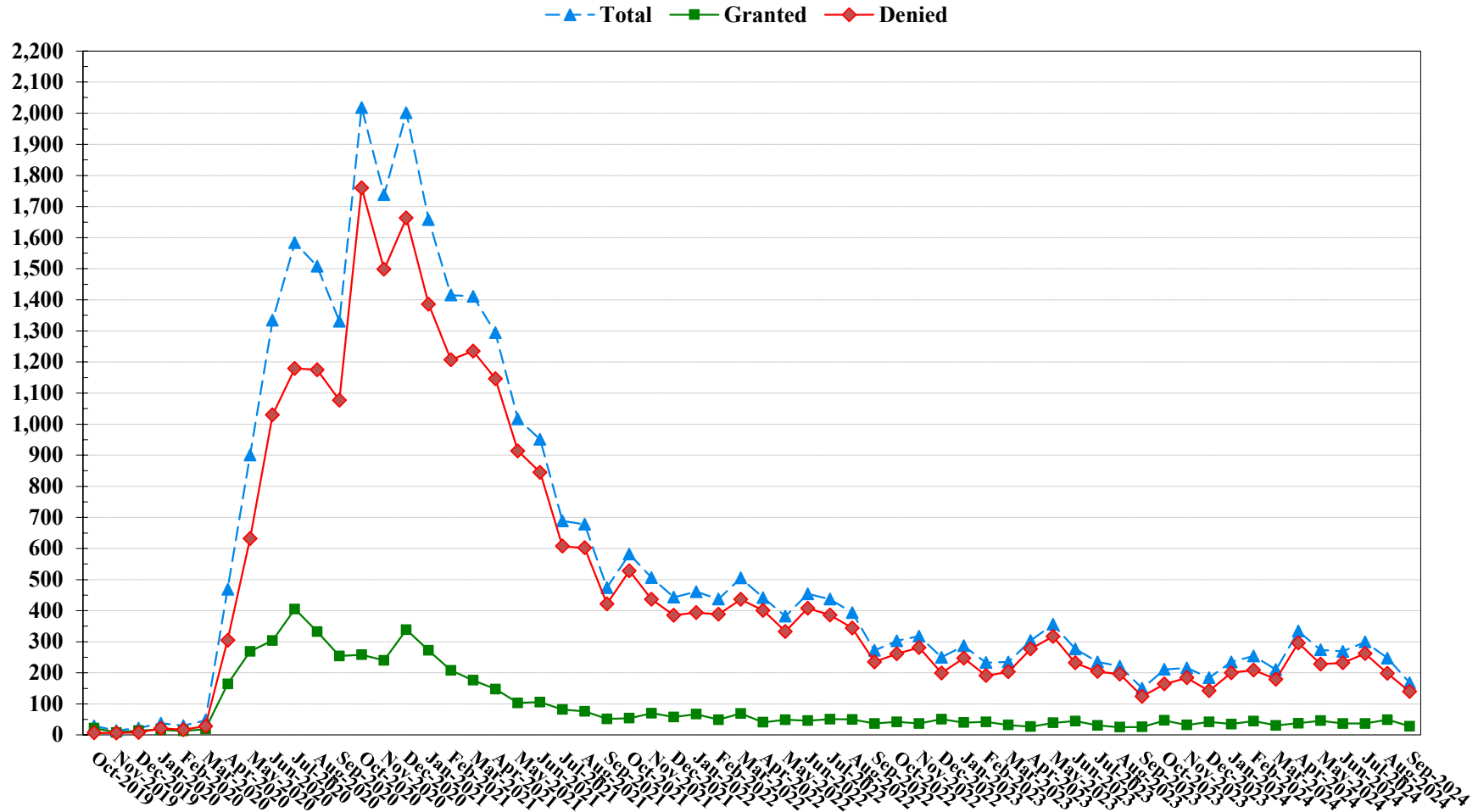
**MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE
BY MONTH OF COURT DECISION¹**

Year	Month	Total		Granted		Denied	
		N		N	%	N	%
TOTAL		34,037		5,427	15.9	28,610	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	1,584		405	25.6	1,179	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	382		49	12.8	333	87.2
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	272		37	13.6	235	86.4
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	235		32	13.6	203	86.4
2023	April	304		27	8.9	277	91.1
2023	May	356		39	11.0	317	89.0
2023	June	277		45	16.2	232	83.8
2023	July	235		31	13.2	204	86.8
2023	August	221		25	11.3	196	88.7
2023	September	150		26	17.3	124	82.7
2023	October	211		47	22.3	164	77.7
2023	November	216		32	14.8	184	85.2
2023	December	184		42	22.8	142	77.2
2024	January	235		35	14.9	200	85.1
2024	February	254		45	17.7	209	82.3
2024	March	210		31	14.8	179	85.2
2024	April	334		38	11.4	296	88.6
2024	May	274		46	16.8	228	83.2
2024	June	269		37	13.8	232	86.2
2024	July	299		37	12.4	262	87.6
2024	August	247		49	19.8	198	80.2
2024	September	168		28	16.7	140	83.3

¹ Of the 35,119 cases reported to the Commission, 1,082 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
4th Quarter 2024 Preliminary Cumulative Data

District	Total		Granted		Denied		District	Total		Granted		Denied	
	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	2,901		467	16.1	2,434	83.9							
Southern Florida	198		25	12.6	173	87.4	Middle North Carolina	18		2	11.1	16	88.9
Southern Indiana	140		14	10.0	126	90.0	Middle Louisiana	18		1	5.6	17	94.4
Eastern Virginia	132		29	22.0	103	78.0	Eastern Texas	17		2	11.8	15	88.2
Western Missouri	123		8	6.5	115	93.5	Alaska	17		4	23.5	13	76.5
Middle Florida	115		11	9.6	104	90.4	Rhode Island	16		4	25.0	12	75.0
Maryland	107		34	31.8	73	68.2	Northern California	15		2	13.3	13	86.7
Southern Iowa	82		5	6.1	77	93.9	Northern Georgia	15		9	60.0	6	40.0
Northern Iowa	79		3	3.8	76	96.2	Northern West Virginia	14		1	7.1	13	92.9
Montana	73		18	24.7	55	75.3	Eastern Pennsylvania	13		4	30.8	9	69.2
Middle Pennsylvania	65		3	4.6	62	95.4	Northern Texas	13		1	7.7	12	92.3
South Carolina	65		10	15.4	55	84.6	Eastern Tennessee	13		1	7.7	12	92.3
Eastern North Carolina	63		2	3.2	61	96.8	Northern Alabama	13		1	7.7	12	92.3
Central California	62		9	14.5	53	85.5	District of Columbia	12		1	8.3	11	91.7
Minnesota	59		4	6.8	55	93.2	Maine	11		0	0.0	11	100.0
Western Texas	54		3	5.6	51	94.4	New Hampshire	11		2	18.2	9	81.8
Western Virginia	53		7	13.2	46	86.8	Western Pennsylvania	11		1	9.1	10	90.9
Eastern Missouri	50		5	10.0	45	90.0	Western Louisiana	11		2	18.2	9	81.8
Southern Texas	48		9	18.8	39	81.3	Western Washington	11		5	45.5	6	54.5
Southern Illinois	48		1	2.1	47	97.9	Western Oklahoma	11		1	9.1	10	90.9
Western North Carolina	45		12	26.7	33	73.3	Massachusetts	10		4	40.0	6	60.0
Eastern New York	44		16	36.4	28	63.6	Puerto Rico	10		8	80.0	2	20.0
Nebraska	43		5	11.6	38	88.4	Middle Georgia	10		0	0.0	10	100.0
Western Michigan	41		2	4.9	39	95.1	Southern West Virginia	9		0	0.0	9	100.0
Southern California	40		16	40.0	24	60.0	Northern Mississippi	8		1	12.5	7	87.5
Kansas	39		13	33.3	26	66.7	Southern Mississippi	8		2	25.0	6	75.0
South Dakota	38		2	5.3	36	94.7	Eastern Michigan	8		6	75.0	2	25.0
Northern Florida	38		21	55.3	17	44.7	Middle Alabama	8		1	12.5	7	87.5
Western Tennessee	37		5	13.5	32	86.5	Arizona	7		3	42.9	4	57.1
Northern Indiana	37		1	2.7	36	97.3	Eastern Louisiana	6		1	16.7	5	83.3
Southern Georgia	36		4	11.1	32	88.9	Nevada	5		5	100.0	0	0.0
Eastern Kentucky	35		4	11.4	31	88.6	Oregon	5		5	100.0	0	0.0
Eastern Arkansas	34		4	11.8	30	88.2	Colorado	5		2	40.0	3	60.0
Western Kentucky	32		1	3.1	31	96.9	Southern Alabama	5		0	0.0	5	100.0
Northern Oklahoma	32		5	15.6	27	84.4	Southern Ohio	4		2	50.0	2	50.0
New Jersey	30		4	13.3	26	86.7	Hawaii	3		2	66.7	1	33.3
Northern Ohio	30		4	13.3	26	86.7	Western New York	2		2	100.0	0	0.0
Eastern Wisconsin	30		0	0.0	30	100.0	Idaho	2		1	50.0	1	50.0
North Dakota	29		3	10.3	26	89.7	Northern Mariana Islands	2		0	0.0	2	100.0
Southern New York	27		8	29.6	19	70.4	Northern New York	1		1	100.0	0	0.0
Eastern California	26		5	19.2	21	80.8	Vermont	1		0	0.0	1	100.0
Wyoming	26		2	7.7	24	92.3	Middle Tennessee	1		1	100.0	0	0.0
Western Wisconsin	24		2	8.3	22	91.7	Western Arkansas	1		0	0.0	1	100.0
Eastern Washington	24		2	8.3	22	91.7	New Mexico	1		1	100.0	0	0.0
Connecticut	23		9	39.1	14	60.9	Eastern Oklahoma	1		0	0.0	1	100.0
Utah	23		10	43.5	13	56.5	Delaware	0		0	--	0	--
Northern Illinois	20		9	45.0	11	55.0	Virgin Islands	0		0	--	0	--
Central Illinois	19		6	31.6	13	68.4	Guam	0		0	--	0	--

¹ Of the 2,995 cases reported to the Commission in Fiscal Year 2024, 94 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
Preliminary Fiscal Year 2024 Cumulative Data through 4th Quarter**

CIRCUIT District	TOTAL	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	2,901	467	16.1	2,434	83.9
D.C. CIRCUIT	12	1	8.3	11	91.7
District of Columbia	12	1	8.3	11	91.7
FIRST CIRCUIT	58	18	31.0	40	69.0
Maine	11	0	0.0	11	100.0
Massachusetts	10	4	40.0	6	60.0
New Hampshire	11	2	18.2	9	81.8
Puerto Rico	10	8	80.0	2	20.0
Rhode Island	16	4	25.0	12	75.0
SECOND CIRCUIT	98	36	36.7	62	63.3
Connecticut	23	9	39.1	14	60.9
New York					
Eastern	44	16	36.4	28	63.6
Northern	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Southern	27	8	29.6	19	70.4
Western	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Vermont	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
THIRD CIRCUIT	119	12	10.1	107	89.9
Delaware	0	0	--	0	--
New Jersey	30	4	13.3	26	86.7
Pennsylvania					
Eastern	13	4	30.8	9	69.2
Middle	65	3	4.6	62	95.4
Western	11	1	9.1	10	90.9
Virgin Islands	0	0	--	0	--
FOURTH CIRCUIT	506	97	19.2	409	80.8
Maryland	107	34	31.8	73	68.2
North Carolina					
Eastern	63	2	3.2	61	96.8
Middle	18	2	11.1	16	88.9
Western	45	12	26.7	33	73.3
South Carolina	65	10	15.4	55	84.6
Virginia					
Eastern	132	29	22.0	103	78.0
Western	53	7	13.2	46	86.8
West Virginia					
Northern	14	1	7.1	13	92.9
Southern	9	0	0.0	9	100.0

Table 3 (cont.)

CIRCUIT District	TOTAL	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
FIFTH CIRCUIT	183	22	12.0	161	88.0
Louisiana					
Eastern	6	1	16.7	5	83.3
Middle	18	1	5.6	17	94.4
Western	11	2	18.2	9	81.8
Mississippi					
Northern	8	1	12.5	7	87.5
Southern	8	2	25.0	6	75.0
Texas					
Eastern	17	2	11.8	15	88.2
Northern	13	1	7.7	12	92.3
Southern	48	9	18.8	39	81.3
Western	54	3	5.6	51	94.4
SIXTH CIRCUIT	201	26	12.9	175	87.1
Kentucky					
Eastern	35	4	11.4	31	88.6
Western	32	1	3.1	31	96.9
Michigan					
Eastern	8	6	75.0	2	25.0
Western	41	2	4.9	39	95.1
Ohio					
Northern	30	4	13.3	26	86.7
Southern	4	2	50.0	2	50.0
Tennessee					
Eastern	13	1	7.7	12	92.3
Middle	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Western	37	5	13.5	32	86.5
SEVENTH CIRCUIT	318	33	10.4	285	89.6
Illinois					
Central	19	6	31.6	13	68.4
Northern	20	9	45.0	11	55.0
Southern	48	1	2.1	47	97.9
Indiana					
Northern	37	1	2.7	36	97.3
Southern	140	14	10.0	126	90.0
Wisconsin					
Eastern	30	0	0.0	30	100.0
Western	24	2	8.3	22	91.7
EIGHTH CIRCUIT	538	39	7.2	499	92.8
Arkansas					
Eastern	34	4	11.8	30	88.2
Western	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Iowa					
Northern	79	3	3.8	76	96.2
Southern	82	5	6.1	77	93.9
Minnesota	59	4	6.8	55	93.2
Missouri					
Eastern	50	5	10.0	45	90.0
Western	123	8	6.5	115	93.5
Nebraska	43	5	11.6	38	88.4
North Dakota	29	3	10.3	26	89.7
South Dakota	38	2	5.3	36	94.7

Table 3 (cont.)

CIRCUIT District	TOTAL	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
NINTH CIRCUIT	292	77	26.4	215	73.6
Alaska	17	4	23.5	13	76.5
Arizona	7	3	42.9	4	57.1
California					
Central	62	9	14.5	53	85.5
Eastern	26	5	19.2	21	80.8
Northern	15	2	13.3	13	86.7
Southern	40	16	40.0	24	60.0
Guam	0	0	--	0	--
Hawaii	3	2	66.7	1	33.3
Idaho	2	1	50.0	1	50.0
Montana	73	18	24.7	55	75.3
Nevada	5	5	100.0	0	0.0
Northern Mariana Islands	2	0	0.0	2	100.0
Oregon	5	5	100.0	0	0.0
Washington					
Eastern	24	2	8.3	22	91.7
Western	11	5	45.5	6	54.5
TENTH CIRCUIT	138	34	24.6	104	75.4
Colorado	5	2	40.0	3	60.0
Kansas	39	13	33.3	26	66.7
New Mexico	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Oklahoma					
Eastern	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Northern	32	5	15.6	27	84.4
Western	11	1	9.1	10	90.9
Utah	23	10	43.5	13	56.5
Wyoming	26	2	7.7	24	92.3
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT	438	72	16.4	366	83.6
Alabama					
Middle	8	1	12.5	7	87.5
Northern	13	1	7.7	12	92.3
Southern	5	0	0.0	5	100.0
Florida					
Middle	115	11	9.6	104	90.4
Northern	38	21	55.3	17	44.7
Southern	198	25	12.6	173	87.4
Georgia					
Middle	10	0	0.0	10	100.0
Northern	15	9	60.0	6	40.0
Southern	36	4	11.1	32	88.9

¹ Of the 2,995 cases reported to the Commission in Fiscal Year 2024, 94 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**

Preliminary Fiscal Year 2024 Cumulative Data through 4th Quarter

Fiscal Year	Total	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	2,897	466	16.1	2,431	83.9
2024	45	8	17.8	37	82.2
2023	265	47	17.7	218	82.3
2022	301	44	14.6	257	85.4
2021	236	28	11.9	208	88.1
2020	212	27	12.7	185	87.3
2019	238	21	8.8	217	91.2
2018	193	21	10.9	172	89.1
2017	147	20	13.6	127	86.4
2016	138	8	5.8	130	94.2
2015	122	16	13.1	106	86.9
2014	124	18	14.5	106	85.5
2013	129	26	20.2	103	79.8
2012	100	21	21.0	79	79.0
2011	90	21	23.3	69	76.7
2010	72	11	15.3	61	84.7
2009	68	13	19.1	55	80.9
2008	58	11	19.0	47	81.0
2007	50	12	24.0	38	76.0
2006	35	12	34.3	23	65.7
2005	29	8	27.6	21	72.4
2004	33	7	21.2	26	78.8
2003	21	3	14.3	18	85.7
2002	26	9	34.6	17	65.4
2001	26	6	23.1	20	76.9
2000	21	5	23.8	16	76.2
1999	20	9	45.0	11	55.0
1998	16	4	25.0	12	75.0
1997	25	10	40.0	15	60.0
1996	13	6	46.2	7	53.8
1995	14	7	50.0	7	50.0
1994	11	1	9.1	10	90.9
1993	7	2	28.6	5	71.4
1992	2	1	50.0	1	50.0
1991	6	2	33.3	4	66.7
1990	2	1	50.0	1	50.0
1989	2	0	0.0	2	100.0

¹ Of the 2,901 cases reported to the Commission with motion status information in Fiscal Year 2024, four 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
Preliminary Fiscal Year 2024 Cumulative Data through 4th Quarter

CIRCUIT	Total		Defendant		Director BOP		Attorney for the Government		Joint Motion ²	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	463		446	96.3	8	1.7	1	0.2	8	1.7
D.C. CIRCUIT	1		1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
FIRST CIRCUIT	18		16	88.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	11.1
SECOND CIRCUIT	35		35	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
THIRD CIRCUIT	12		12	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
FOURTH CIRCUIT	97		96	99.0	1	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
FIFTH CIRCUIT	22		21	95.5	1	4.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
SIXTH CIRCUIT	25		23	92.0	1	4.0	0	0.0	1	4.0
SEVENTH CIRCUIT	33		33	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
EIGHTH CIRCUIT	39		33	84.6	4	10.3	0	0.0	2	5.1
NINTH CIRCUIT	75		73	97.3	1	1.3	0	0.0	1	1.3
TENTH CIRCUIT	34		34	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT	72		69	95.8	0	0.0	1	1.4	2	2.8

¹ Of the 467 cases in which the court granted a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2024, four cases were 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
Preliminary Fiscal Year 2024 Cumulative Data through 4th Quarter**

Demographics	Granted		Denied	
	N	%	N	%
Race/Ethnicity				
White	141	30.3	716	29.6
Black	215	46.2	1,157	47.8
Hispanic	94	20.2	459	19.0
Other	15	3.2	87	3.6
Total	465	100.0	2,419	100.0
Citizenship				
U.S. Citizen	422	91.3	2,130	88.2
Non-Citizen	40	8.7	285	11.8
Total	462	100.0	2,415	100.0
Gender				
Male	405	86.7	2,205	90.7
Female	62	13.3	226	9.3
Total	467	100.0	2,431	100.0
Average Age at Original Sentence		39	39	
Average Age at Motion Decision		50	47	

¹ Of the 2,901 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 (17), missing citizenship information (24), missing gender information (3), and missing age information (17).

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

Table 7

**SELECTED SENTENCING FACTORS FOR INDIVIDUALS
MAKING MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE¹
Preliminary Fiscal Year 2024 Cumulative Data through 4th Quarter**

Sentencing Factors	Granted %	Denied %
Weapon^{2,3}	42.5	42.8
Weapon Specific Offense Characteristic	19.6	20.9
Firearms Mandatory Minimum Applied	27.8	25.2
Safety Valve²	8.0	7.6
Guideline Role Adjustments²		
Aggravating Role (USSG §3B1.1)	17.3	17.7
Mitigating Role (USSG §3B1.2)	2.7	1.5
Obstruction Adjustment (USSG §3C1.1)	10.4	10.1
Sentence Relative to the Guideline Range		
Within Range	53.2	48.9
Above Range	2.6	4.7
Below Range	44.2	46.5
Criminal History Category		
I	26.0	23.0
II	9.3	8.2
III	13.7	13.1
IV	10.8	11.1
V	7.6	7.7
VI	32.5	36.8
Career Offender (§4B1.1)²	20.5	20.8

¹ Of the 2,901 cases reported to the Commission with motion status information in Fiscal Year 2024, four 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 2,788 cases with complete guideline application information.

³ In 96 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
Preliminary Fiscal Year 2024 Cumulative Data through 4th Quarter**

TYPE OF CRIME	N	%
TOTAL	464	100.0
Administration of Justice	3	0.6
Antitrust	0	0.0
Arson	1	0.2
Assault	5	1.1
Bribery/Corruption	2	0.4
Burglary/Trespass	0	0.0
Child Pornography	11	2.4
Commercialized Vice	0	0.0
Drug Possession	0	0.0
Drug Trafficking	257	55.4
Environmental	0	0.0
Extortion/Racketeering	2	0.4
Firearms	43	9.3
Food and Drug	0	0.0
Forgery/Counter/Copyright	0	0.0
Fraud/Theft/Embezzlement	23	5.0
Immigration	0	0.0
Individual Rights	2	0.4
Kidnapping	4	0.9
Manslaughter	0	0.0
Money Laundering	13	2.8
Murder	16	3.4
National Defense	0	0.0
Obscenity/Other Sex Offenses	1	0.2
Prison Offenses	2	0.4
Robbery	66	14.2
Sexual Abuse	10	2.2
Stalking/Harassing	0	0.0
Tax	3	0.6
Other	0	0.0

¹ Of the 467 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, two were excluded due to missing information on the type of crime.

Table 9

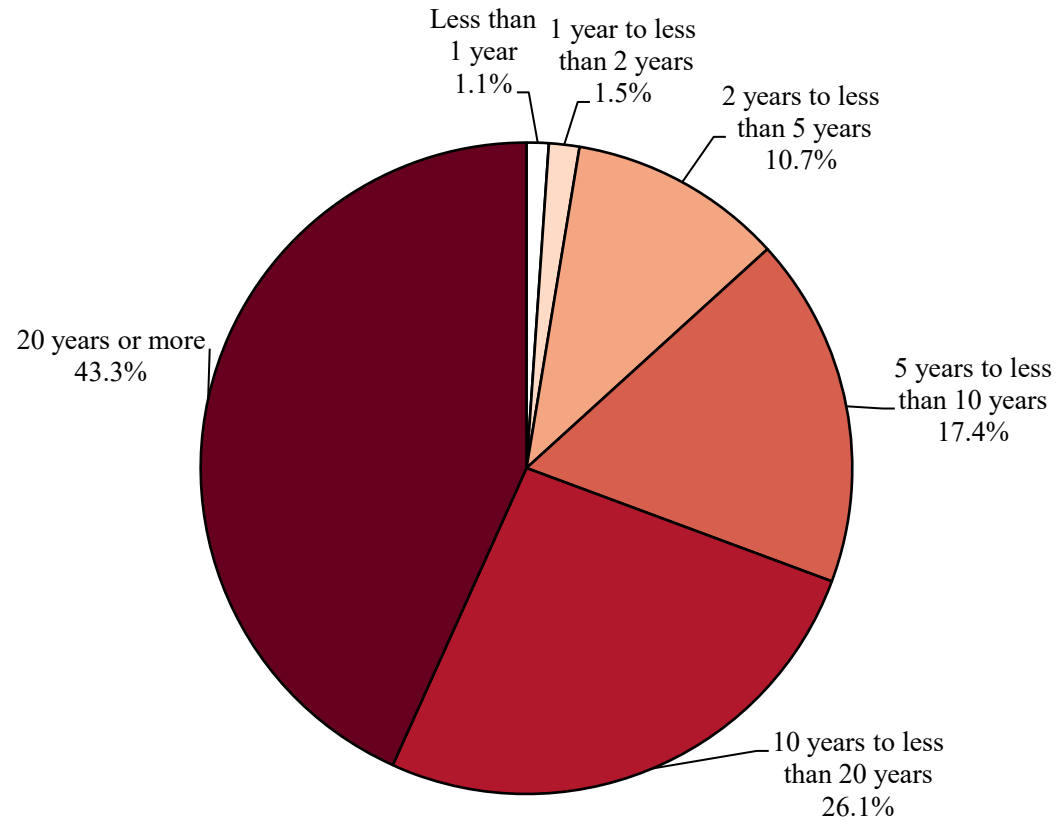
**TYPE OF CRIME FOR INDIVIDUALS
DENIED COMPASSIONATE RELEASE¹
Preliminary Fiscal Year 2024 Cumulative Data through 4th Quarter**

TYPE OF CRIME	N	%
TOTAL	2,428	100.0
Administration of Justice	3	0.1
Antitrust	0	0.0
Arson	10	0.4
Assault	31	1.3
Bribery/Corruption	5	0.2
Burglary/Trespass	0	0.0
Child Pornography	66	2.7
Commercialized Vice	3	0.1
Drug Possession	0	0.0
Drug Trafficking	1,246	51.3
Environmental	0	0.0
Extortion/Racketeering	8	0.3
Firearms	342	14.1
Food and Drug	1	0.0
Forgery/Counter/Copyright	1	0.0
Fraud/Theft/Embezzlement	134	5.5
Immigration	16	0.7
Individual Rights	1	0.0
Kidnapping	17	0.7
Manslaughter	3	0.1
Money Laundering	61	2.5
Murder	95	3.9
National Defense	4	0.2
Obscenity/Other Sex Offenses	2	0.1
Prison Offenses	8	0.3
Robbery	255	10.5
Sexual Abuse	98	4.0
Stalking/Harassing	11	0.5
Tax	7	0.3
Other	0	0.0

¹ Of the 2,434 cases in which the court denied a motion for compassionate release 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. 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
Preliminary Fiscal Year 2024 Cumulative Data through 4th Quarter



¹ Of the 467 cases in which the court granted a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2024, information on the original sentence length was missing in seven cases.

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

Table 10

**REASONS GIVEN BY SENTENCING COURTS
FOR GRANTED MOTIONS¹
Preliminary Fiscal Year 2024 Cumulative Data through 4th Quarter**

REASONS	N	%
Rehabilitation ²	110	15.2
Serious physical or medical condition (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(B))	94	12.9
Unusually long sentence (10 or more years) and change in law (USSG §1B1.13(b)(6))	92	12.7
Terminal illness (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(A))	58	8.0
Multiple 18 U.S.C. § 924(c) penalties	47	6.5
Missing	39	5.4
Family circumstances – care for parent (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(C))	25	3.4
COVID-19/pandemic (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(D))	24	3.3
Other mandatory minimum penalties/long sentence	24	3.3
Family circumstance - care for minor/disabled child (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(A))	21	2.9
21 U.S.C. § 851 enhanced drug penalties	21	2.9
Career Offender issues	21	2.9
Extraordinary and compelling (not specified)	17	2.3
Deteriorating physical or mental health due to aging process (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(B))	11	1.5
Age 65 and deteriorating health and served 10 years/75% (USSG §1B1.13(b)(2))	11	1.5
BOP failure to provide treatment (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(C))	11	1.5
Abuse by corrections officer/BOP contractor (USSG §1B1.13(b)(4))	11	1.5
Family circumstances – care for other immediate family member (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(D))	10	1.4
Nearly meets requirements of USSG §1B1.13	6	0.8
Serious functional or cognitive impairment (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(B))	5	0.7
Mandatory nature of guideline at sentencing	5	0.7
Guideline amendment (not yet in effect)	4	0.6
ACCA issues	3	0.4
Safety Valve disqualification	3	0.4
Family circumstance - care for spouse or registered partner (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(B))	2	0.3
Conviction/sentencing errors	1	0.1
Other	50	6.9
TOTAL	726	100.0

¹ The court granted a motion for compassionate release in 467 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, 726 reasons were cited for the 467 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
Preliminary Fiscal Year 2024 Cumulative Data through 4th Quarter**

REASONS	N	%
18 U.S.C § 3553(a) factors	1,306	24.6
No extraordinary and compelling reason provided	509	9.6
Rehabilitation insufficient	482	9.1
Not at risk from COVID/pandemic	462	8.7
Failure to exhaust administrative remedies	449	8.5
Insufficient proof of serious physical and medical condition	379	7.1
Defendant able to provide self-care in prison	248	4.7
Other care available for minor child	162	3.1
Does not meet age or length of time served requirement under 18 U.S.C. § 3559	122	2.3
Protection of the public	109	2.1
Insufficient proof of deteriorating physical or mental health	60	1.1
Missing/no reason provided	42	0.8
Mandatory minimum penalty	31	0.6
Other care available for spouse or partner	27	0.5
Post-sentencing/post-conviction conduct	27	0.5
Insufficient proof of serious functional or cognitive impairment	13	0.2
Binding plea agreement	6	0.1
Other	869	16.4
TOTAL	5,303	100.0

¹ The court denied a motion for compassionate release in 2,434 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, 5,303 reasons were cited for the 2,434 cases.

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