

U.S. Sentencing Commission Compassionate Release Data Report

Fiscal Year 2025



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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 sentence.

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 1995-2025 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. 2025) [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.”

In 2023, the Commission revised its policy statement regarding reductions in a term of imprisonment under 18 U.S.C. §3582(c)(1)(A).⁵ Amendment 814⁶ 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 decided by the courts during fiscal year 2025. Table 1 and Figure 1, combine this data with data on compassionate release motions from prior fiscal years to facilitate trend analyses. Complete data on compassionate release motions decided by the courts from fiscal year 2020 to fiscal year 2024 is available at the Commission's website at www.ussc.gov. The data in this report is limited to motions for which the Commission received or obtained court documentation and completed its analysis by April 27, 2026.

⁵ USSG §1B1.13.

⁶ Amendment 814 became effective on November 1, 2023.

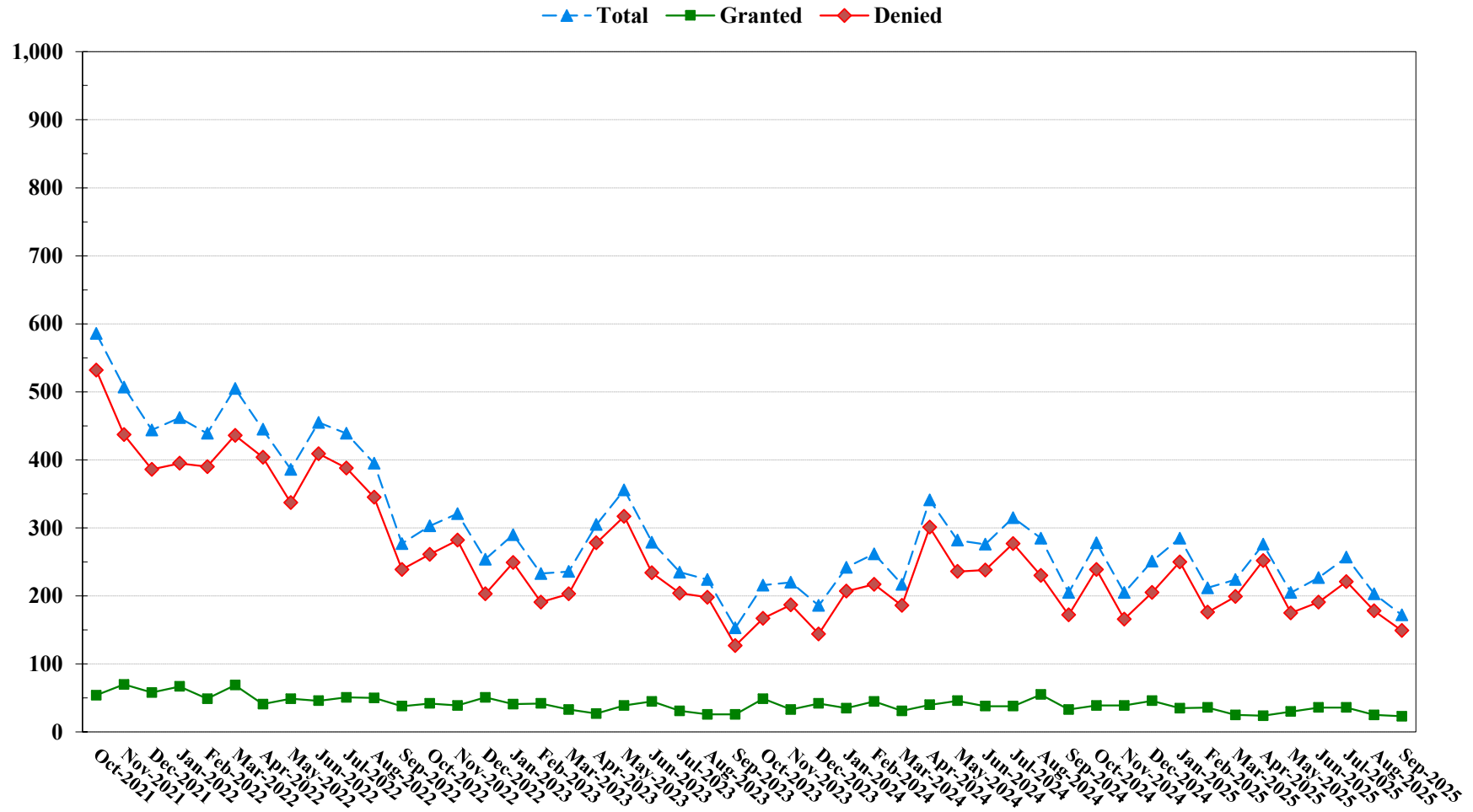
Table 1

**MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE
BY MONTH OF COURT DECISION¹
Fiscal Years 2022 - 2025**

Year	Month	Total	Granted		Denied	
		N	N	%	N	%
TOTAL		14,371	1,963	13.7	12,408	86.3
2021	October	586	54	9.2	532	90.8
2021	November	507	70	13.8	437	86.2
2021	December	444	58	13.1	386	86.9
2022	January	462	67	14.5	395	85.5
2022	February	439	49	11.2	390	88.8
2022	March	505	69	13.7	436	86.3
2022	April	445	41	9.2	404	90.8
2022	May	386	49	12.7	337	87.3
2022	June	455	46	10.1	409	89.9
2022	July	439	51	11.6	388	88.4
2022	August	395	50	12.7	345	87.3
2022	September	277	38	13.7	239	86.3
2022	October	303	42	13.9	261	86.1
2022	November	321	39	12.1	282	87.9
2022	December	254	51	20.1	203	79.9
2023	January	290	41	14.1	249	85.9
2023	February	233	42	18.0	191	82.0
2023	March	236	33	14.0	203	86.0
2023	April	305	27	8.9	278	91.1
2023	May	356	39	11.0	317	89.0
2023	June	279	45	16.1	234	83.9
2023	July	235	31	13.2	204	86.8
2023	August	224	26	11.6	198	88.4
2023	September	153	26	17.0	127	83.0
2023	October	216	49	22.7	167	77.3
2023	November	220	33	15.0	187	85.0
2023	December	186	42	22.6	144	77.4
2024	January	242	35	14.5	207	85.5
2024	February	262	45	17.2	217	82.8
2024	March	217	31	14.3	186	85.7
2024	April	341	40	11.7	301	88.3
2024	May	282	46	16.3	236	83.7
2024	June	276	38	13.8	238	86.2
2024	July	315	38	12.1	277	87.9
2024	August	285	55	19.3	230	80.7
2024	September	205	33	16.1	172	83.9
2024	October	278	39	14.0	239	86.0
2024	November	205	39	19.0	166	81.0
2024	December	251	46	18.3	205	81.7
2025	January	285	35	12.3	250	87.7
2025	February	212	36	17.0	176	83.0
2025	March	224	25	11.2	199	88.8
2025	April	276	24	8.7	252	91.3
2025	May	205	30	14.6	175	85.4
2025	June	227	36	15.9	191	84.1
2025	July	257	36	14.0	221	86.0
2025	August	203	25	12.3	178	87.7
2025	September	172	23	13.4	149	86.6

¹ Of the 14,866 cases reported to the Commission, 495 were excluded due to indeterminable motion status.

Figure 1
MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE
BY MONTH OF COURT DECISION
Fiscal Years 2022 - 2025



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

Table 2

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE BY DISTRICT¹
Fiscal Year 2025

District	Total		Granted		Denied		District	Total		Granted		Denied	
	N		N	%	N	%		N		N	%	N	%
TOTAL	2,795		394	14.1	2,401	85.9							
Southern Florida	187		24	12.8	163	87.2	Northern West Virginia	18	2	11.1	16	88.9	
Middle Florida	147		14	9.5	133	90.5	Southern California	17	13	76.5	4	23.5	
Eastern Virginia	135		17	12.6	118	87.4	Maine	16	1	6.3	15	93.8	
Western Missouri	114		4	3.5	110	96.5	Western Tennessee	16	1	6.3	15	93.8	
Eastern North Carolina	103		6	5.8	97	94.2	Northern Georgia	16	9	56.3	7	43.8	
Maryland	95		30	31.6	65	68.4	New Hampshire	15	1	6.7	14	93.3	
Minnesota	83		9	10.8	74	89.2	Southern West Virginia	15	0	0.0	15	100.0	
Southern Iowa	81		0	0.0	81	100.0	Northern Mississippi	15	0	0.0	15	100.0	
Northern Ohio	80		2	2.5	78	97.5	Alaska	14	5	35.7	9	64.3	
South Carolina	79		9	11.4	70	88.6	Northern Florida	14	11	78.6	3	21.4	
Central California	72		11	15.3	61	84.7	Western North Carolina	12	4	33.3	8	66.7	
Western Texas	62		4	6.5	58	93.5	Hawaii	12	2	16.7	10	83.3	
Eastern Missouri	61		2	3.3	59	96.7	Middle Louisiana	11	0	0.0	11	100.0	
Eastern New York	58		11	19.0	47	81.0	Eastern Washington	11	1	9.1	10	90.9	
Western Virginia	58		6	10.3	52	89.7	Massachusetts	10	2	20.0	8	80.0	
Middle North Carolina	57		7	12.3	50	87.7	Puerto Rico	9	9	100.0	0	0.0	
Western Michigan	57		2	3.5	55	96.5	Eastern Michigan	9	3	33.3	6	66.7	
Northern Iowa	54		5	9.3	49	90.7	Oregon	9	3	33.3	6	66.7	
Southern Texas	48		6	12.5	42	87.5	Northern California	7	4	57.1	3	42.9	
Middle Pennsylvania	47		2	4.3	45	95.7	Utah	7	1	14.3	6	85.7	
Eastern Tennessee	43		5	11.6	38	88.4	Rhode Island	6	1	16.7	5	83.3	
South Dakota	42		5	11.9	37	88.1	Southern Alabama	6	5	83.3	1	16.7	
Kansas	40		9	22.5	31	77.5	Vermont	5	0	0.0	5	100.0	
New Jersey	39		6	15.4	33	84.6	Eastern Pennsylvania	5	2	40.0	3	60.0	
Eastern Kentucky	38		1	2.6	37	97.4	Western Louisiana	5	2	40.0	3	60.0	
Eastern Wisconsin	35		0	0.0	35	100.0	Arizona	5	3	60.0	2	40.0	
Nebraska	35		1	2.9	34	97.1	Nevada	5	1	20.0	4	80.0	
Eastern Texas	34		1	2.9	33	97.1	Western Washington	5	1	20.0	4	80.0	
Southern Illinois	34		1	2.9	33	97.1	Western Oklahoma	5	1	20.0	4	80.0	
Southern Indiana	31		2	6.5	29	93.5	Western Pennsylvania	4	2	50.0	2	50.0	
Connecticut	30		10	33.3	20	66.7	Southern Ohio	4	3	75.0	1	25.0	
Eastern Arkansas	30		0	0.0	30	100.0	Central Illinois	4	1	25.0	3	75.0	
Southern Georgia	29		1	3.4	28	96.6	Eastern Louisiana	3	3	100.0	0	0.0	
North Dakota	28		0	0.0	28	100.0	Northern Texas	3	1	33.3	2	66.7	
Eastern California	28		7	25.0	21	75.0	Colorado	3	2	66.7	1	33.3	
Northern Oklahoma	26		5	19.2	21	80.8	Northern Alabama	3	1	33.3	2	66.7	
Montana	25		14	56.0	11	44.0	Northern New York	2	2	100.0	0	0.0	
Western Kentucky	24		7	29.2	17	70.8	Western New York	2	2	100.0	0	0.0	
Northern Illinois	24		7	29.2	17	70.8	Southern Mississippi	1	1	100.0	0	0.0	
Northern Indiana	24		2	8.3	22	91.7	Eastern Oklahoma	1	0	0.0	1	100.0	
Middle Georgia	23		4	17.4	19	82.6	Delaware	0	0	--	0	--	
Idaho	22		7	31.8	15	68.2	Virgin Islands	0	0	--	0	--	
Middle Alabama	22		6	27.3	16	72.7	Middle Tennessee	0	0	--	0	--	
Southern New York	21		7	33.3	14	66.7	Western Arkansas	0	0	--	0	--	
Western Wisconsin	21		1	4.8	20	95.2	Guam	0	0	--	0	--	
District of Columbia	20		5	25.0	15	75.0	Northern Mariana Islands	0	0	--	0	--	
Wyoming	19		3	15.8	16	84.2	New Mexico	0	0	--	0	--	

¹ Of the 2,881 cases reported to the Commission in Fiscal Year 2025, 86 were excluded due to indeterminable motion status.

Table 3

**MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE
IN EACH CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT¹
Fiscal Year 2025**

CIRCUIT District	TOTAL	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	2,795	394	14.1	2,401	85.9
D.C. CIRCUIT	20	5	25.0	15	75.0
District of Columbia	20	5	25.0	15	75.0
FIRST CIRCUIT	56	14	25.0	42	75.0
Maine	16	1	6.3	15	93.8
Massachusetts	10	2	20.0	8	80.0
New Hampshire	15	1	6.7	14	93.3
Puerto Rico	9	9	100.0	0	0.0
Rhode Island	6	1	16.7	5	83.3
SECOND CIRCUIT	118	32	27.1	86	72.9
Connecticut	30	10	33.3	20	66.7
New York					
Eastern	58	11	19.0	47	81.0
Northern	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Southern	21	7	33.3	14	66.7
Western	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Vermont	5	0	0.0	5	100.0
THIRD CIRCUIT	95	12	12.6	83	87.4
Delaware	0	0	--	0	--
New Jersey	39	6	15.4	33	84.6
Pennsylvania					
Eastern	5	2	40.0	3	60.0
Middle	47	2	4.3	45	95.7
Western	4	2	50.0	2	50.0
Virgin Islands	0	0	--	0	--
FOURTH CIRCUIT	572	81	14.2	491	85.8
Maryland	95	30	31.6	65	68.4
North Carolina					
Eastern	103	6	5.8	97	94.2
Middle	57	7	12.3	50	87.7
Western	12	4	33.3	8	66.7
South Carolina	79	9	11.4	70	88.6
Virginia					
Eastern	135	17	12.6	118	87.4
Western	58	6	10.3	52	89.7
West Virginia					
Northern	18	2	11.1	16	88.9
Southern	15	0	0.0	15	100.0

Table 3 (cont.)

CIRCUIT District	TOTAL	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
FIFTH CIRCUIT	182	18	9.9	164	90.1
Louisiana					
Eastern	3	3	100.0	0	0.0
Middle	11	0	0.0	11	100.0
Western	5	2	40.0	3	60.0
Mississippi					
Northern	15	0	0.0	15	100.0
Southern	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Texas					
Eastern	34	1	2.9	33	97.1
Northern	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
Southern	48	6	12.5	42	87.5
Western	62	4	6.5	58	93.5
SIXTH CIRCUIT	271	24	8.9	247	91.1
Kentucky					
Eastern	38	1	2.6	37	97.4
Western	24	7	29.2	17	70.8
Michigan					
Eastern	9	3	33.3	6	66.7
Western	57	2	3.5	55	96.5
Ohio					
Northern	80	2	2.5	78	97.5
Southern	4	3	75.0	1	25.0
Tennessee					
Eastern	43	5	11.6	38	88.4
Middle	0	0	--	0	--
Western	16	1	6.3	15	93.8
SEVENTH CIRCUIT	173	14	8.1	159	91.9
Illinois					
Central	4	1	25.0	3	75.0
Northern	24	7	29.2	17	70.8
Southern	34	1	2.9	33	97.1
Indiana					
Northern	24	2	8.3	22	91.7
Southern	31	2	6.5	29	93.5
Wisconsin					
Eastern	35	0	0.0	35	100.0
Western	21	1	4.8	20	95.2
EIGHTH CIRCUIT	528	26	4.9	502	95.1
Arkansas					
Eastern	30	0	0.0	30	100.0
Western	0	0	--	0	--
Iowa					
Northern	54	5	9.3	49	90.7
Southern	81	0	0.0	81	100.0
Minnesota	83	9	10.8	74	89.2
Missouri					
Eastern	61	2	3.3	59	96.7
Western	114	4	3.5	110	96.5
Nebraska	35	1	2.9	34	97.1
North Dakota	28	0	0.0	28	100.0
South Dakota	42	5	11.9	37	88.1

Table 3 (cont.)

CIRCUIT District	TOTAL	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
NINTH CIRCUIT	232	72	31.0	160	69.0
Alaska	14	5	35.7	9	64.3
Arizona	5	3	60.0	2	40.0
California					
Central	72	11	15.3	61	84.7
Eastern	28	7	25.0	21	75.0
Northern	7	4	57.1	3	42.9
Southern	17	13	76.5	4	23.5
Guam	0	0	--	0	--
Hawaii	12	2	16.7	10	83.3
Idaho	22	7	31.8	15	68.2
Montana	25	14	56.0	11	44.0
Nevada	5	1	20.0	4	80.0
Northern Mariana Islands	0	0	--	0	--
Oregon	9	3	33.3	6	66.7
Washington					
Eastern	11	1	9.1	10	90.9
Western	5	1	20.0	4	80.0
TENTH CIRCUIT	101	21	20.8	80	79.2
Colorado	3	2	66.7	1	33.3
Kansas	40	9	22.5	31	77.5
New Mexico	0	0	--	0	--
Oklahoma					
Eastern	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Northern	26	5	19.2	21	80.8
Western	5	1	20.0	4	80.0
Utah	7	1	14.3	6	85.7
Wyoming	19	3	15.8	16	84.2
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT	447	75	16.8	372	83.2
Alabama					
Middle	22	6	27.3	16	72.7
Northern	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
Southern	6	5	83.3	1	16.7
Florida					
Middle	147	14	9.5	133	90.5
Northern	14	11	78.6	3	21.4
Southern	187	24	12.8	163	87.2
Georgia					
Middle	23	4	17.4	19	82.6
Northern	16	9	56.3	7	43.8
Southern	29	1	3.4	28	96.6

¹ Of the 2,881 cases reported to the Commission in Fiscal Year 2025, 86 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 2025

Fiscal Year	Total	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	2,785	393	14.1	2,392	85.9
2025	44	9	20.5	35	79.5
2024	197	26	13.2	171	86.8
2023	257	29	11.3	228	88.7
2022	255	20	7.8	235	92.2
2021	183	20	10.9	163	89.1
2020	142	10	7.0	132	93.0
2019	193	22	11.4	171	88.6
2018	180	13	7.2	167	92.8
2017	131	14	10.7	117	89.3
2016	116	9	7.8	107	92.2
2015	103	7	6.8	96	93.2
2014	113	19	16.8	94	83.2
2013	110	16	14.5	94	85.5
2012	95	12	12.6	83	87.4
2011	67	13	19.4	54	80.6
2010	75	13	17.3	62	82.7
2009	82	13	15.9	69	84.1
2008	69	19	27.5	50	72.5
2007	42	12	28.6	30	71.4
2006	35	9	25.7	26	74.3
2005	48	15	31.3	33	68.8
2004	37	11	29.7	26	70.3
2003	31	10	32.3	21	67.7
2002	21	9	42.9	12	57.1
2001	20	3	15.0	17	85.0
2000	17	4	23.5	13	76.5
1999	22	8	36.4	14	63.6
1998	23	11	47.8	12	52.2
1997	20	2	10.0	18	90.0
1996	11	3	27.3	8	72.7
1995	20	6	30.0	14	70.0
1994	11	0	0.0	11	100.0
1993	5	1	20.0	4	80.0
1992	4	1	25.0	3	75.0
1991	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
1990	0	0	--	0	--
1989	3	3	100.0	0	0.0

¹ Of the 2,795 cases reported to the Commission with motion status information in Fiscal Year 2025, 10 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 2025

CIRCUIT	Total		Defendant		Director BOP		Attorney for the Government		Joint Motion ²	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	394		369	93.7	16	4.1	0	0.0	9	2.3
D.C. CIRCUIT	5		4	80.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
FIRST CIRCUIT	14		12	85.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	14.3
SECOND CIRCUIT	32		32	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
THIRD CIRCUIT	12		11	91.7	1	8.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
FOURTH CIRCUIT	81		80	98.8	1	1.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
FIFTH CIRCUIT	18		16	88.9	2	11.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
SIXTH CIRCUIT	24		21	87.5	3	12.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
SEVENTH CIRCUIT	14		14	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
EIGHTH CIRCUIT	26		24	92.3	1	3.8	0	0.0	1	3.8
NINTH CIRCUIT	72		67	93.1	1	1.4	0	0.0	4	5.6
TENTH CIRCUIT	21		17	81.0	2	9.5	0	0.0	2	9.5
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT	75		71	94.7	4	5.3	0	0.0	0	0.0

¹ Of the 394 cases in which the court granted a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2025, none 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****Fiscal Year 2025**

Demographics	Granted		Denied	
	N	%	N	%
Race/Ethnicity				
White	110	28.1	683	28.6
Black	180	45.9	1,194	50.0
Hispanic	77	19.6	429	18.0
Other	25	6.4	80	3.4
Total	392	100.0	2,386	100.0
Citizenship				
U.S. Citizen	346	89.6	2,100	88.1
Non-Citizen	40	10.4	285	11.9
Total	386	100.0	2,385	100.0
Gender				
Male	349	88.6	2,211	92.2
Female	45	11.4	187	7.8
Total	394	100.0	2,398	100.0
Average Age at Original Sentence		38	38	
Average Age at Motion Decision		51	47	

¹ Of the 2,795 cases reported to the Commission with motion status information in Fiscal Year 2025, 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 (16).

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

Table 7

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

Fiscal Year 2025

Sentencing Factors	Granted	Denied
	%	%
Weapon^{2,3}	48.8	44.4
Weapon Specific Offense Characteristic	15.6	21.6
Firearms Mandatory Minimum Applied	37.6	27.0
Safety Valve²	8.7	5.8
Guideline Role Adjustments²		
Aggravating Role (USSG §3B1.1)	20.8	17.5
Mitigating Role (USSG §3B1.2)	4.4	0.9
Obstruction Adjustment (USSG §3C1.1)	12.8	10.5
Sentence Relative to the Guideline Range		
Within Range	55.5	50.5
Above Range	3.1	5.9
Below Range	41.4	43.7
Criminal History Category		
I	27.5	23.1
II	7.2	8.0
III	14.7	13.3
IV	9.5	10.8
V	5.4	8.6
VI	35.7	36.3
Career Offender (§4B1.1)²	20.7	18.4

¹ Of the 2,795 cases reported to the Commission with motion status information in Fiscal Year 2025, 10 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 2,664 cases with complete guideline application information.

³ In 109 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 2025**

TYPE OF CRIME	N	%
TOTAL	390	100.0
Administration of Justice	1	0.3
Antitrust	0	0.0
Arson	2	0.5
Assault	6	1.5
Bribery/Corruption	4	1.0
Burglary/Trespass	0	0.0
Child Pornography	0	0.0
Commercialized Vice	0	0.0
Drug Possession	0	0.0
Drug Trafficking	181	46.4
Environmental	0	0.0
Extortion/Racketeering	1	0.3
Firearms	52	13.3
Food and Drug	0	0.0
Forgery/Counter/Copyright	0	0.0
Fraud/Theft/Embezzlement	21	5.4
Immigration	2	0.5
Individual Rights	0	0.0
Kidnapping	2	0.5
Manslaughter	0	0.0
Money Laundering	10	2.6
Murder	26	6.7
National Defense	1	0.3
Obscenity/Other Sex Offenses	0	0.0
Prison Offenses	2	0.5
Robbery	63	16.2
Sexual Abuse	12	3.1
Stalking/Harassing	0	0.0
Tax	2	0.5
Other	2	0.5

¹ Of the 394 cases in which the court granted a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2025, one was excluded from this analysis because the case could not 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.

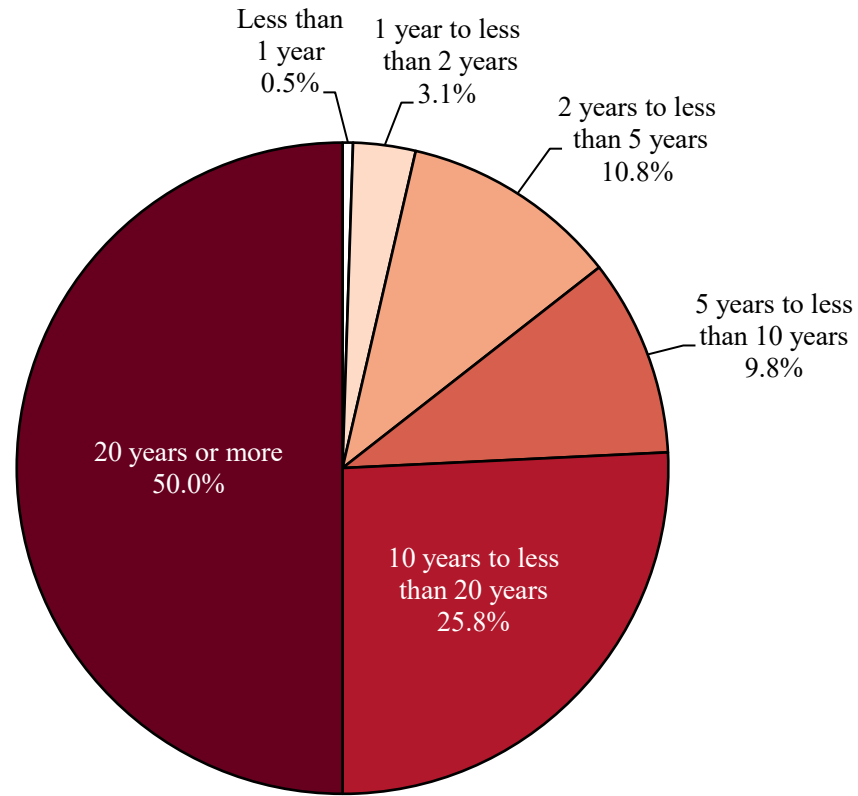
Table 9**TYPE OF CRIME FOR INDIVIDUALS
DENIED COMPASSIONATE RELEASE¹
Fiscal Year 2025**

TYPE OF CRIME	N	%
TOTAL	2,386	100.0
Administration of Justice	2	0.1
Antitrust	0	0.0
Arson	6	0.3
Assault	43	1.8
Bribery/Corruption	9	0.4
Burglary/Trespass	0	0.0
Child Pornography	82	3.4
Commercialized Vice	0	0.0
Drug Possession	1	0.0
Drug Trafficking	1,088	45.6
Environmental	0	0.0
Extortion/Racketeering	13	0.5
Firearms	362	15.2
Food and Drug	0	0.0
Forgery/Counter/Copyright	1	0.0
Fraud/Theft/Embezzlement	120	5.0
Immigration	15	0.6
Individual Rights	5	0.2
Kidnapping	26	1.1
Manslaughter	5	0.2
Money Laundering	81	3.4
Murder	144	6.0
National Defense	3	0.1
Obscenity/Other Sex Offenses	4	0.2
Prison Offenses	3	0.1
Robbery	244	10.2
Sexual Abuse	113	4.7
Stalking/Harassing	8	0.3
Tax	8	0.3
Other	0	0.0

¹ Of the 2,401 cases in which the court denied a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2025, nine were excluded from this analysis because the cases cannot be matched with an original case in the Commission's records. Of the remaining cases, six were excluded due to missing information on the type of crime.

Figure 2

ORIGINAL SENTENCE LENGTH FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING COMPASSIONATE RELEASE¹
Fiscal Year 2025



¹ Of the 394 cases in which the court granted a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2025, information on the original sentence length was missing in six cases.

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

Table 10

**REASONS GIVEN BY SENTENCING COURTS
FOR GRANTED MOTIONS¹
Fiscal Year 2025**

REASONS	N	%
Rehabilitation ²	95	15.1
Unusually long sentence (10 or more years) and change in law (USSG §1B1.13(b)(6))	80	12.7
Serious physical or medical condition (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(B))	71	11.3
Missing	53	8.4
Multiple 18 U.S.C. § 924(c) penalties	45	7.1
Other mandatory minimum penalties/long sentence	31	4.9
Terminal illness (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(A))	28	4.4
Family circumstances – care for parent (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(C))	23	3.6
Young age at time of offense	19	3.0
Family circumstances - care for minor/disabled child (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(A))	18	2.9
21 U.S.C. § 851 enhanced drug penalties	18	2.9
Age 65 and deteriorating health and served 10 years/75% (USSG §1B1.13(b)(2))	16	2.5
Career Offender issues	16	2.5
Family circumstances – care for other immediate family member (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(D))	14	2.2
BOP failure to provide treatment (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(C))	12	1.9
Deteriorating physical or mental health due to aging process (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(B))	11	1.7
Extraordinary and compelling (not specified)	9	1.4
Nearly meets requirements of USSG §1B1.13	5	0.8
Abuse by corrections officer/BOP contractor (USSG §1B1.13(b)(4))	5	0.8
Serious functional or cognitive impairment (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(B))	4	0.6
Mandatory nature of guideline at sentencing	4	0.6
Guideline amendment (not yet in effect)	4	0.6
COVID-19/pandemic (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(D))	3	0.5
Family circumstances - care for spouse or registered partner (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(B))	2	0.3
ACCA issues	2	0.3
Conviction/sentencing errors	2	0.3
Other	41	6.5
TOTAL	631	100.0

¹ The court granted a motion for compassionate release in 394 cases in Fiscal Year 2025. 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, 631 reasons were cited for the 394 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.

Table 11

**REASONS GIVEN BY SENTENCING COURTS
FOR DENIAL OF MOTION¹
Fiscal Year 2025**

REASONS	N	%
18 U.S.C § 3553(a) factors	1,260	24.9
Rehabilitation insufficient	524	10.3
No extraordinary and compelling reason provided	512	10.1
Failure to exhaust administrative remedies	447	8.8
Insufficient proof of serious physical and medical condition	352	6.9
Defendant able to provide self-care in prison	260	5.1
Not at risk from COVID/pandemic	191	3.8
Protection of the public	143	2.8
Other care available for minor child	142	2.8
Does not meet age or length of time served requirement under 18 U.S.C. § 3559	120	2.4
Insufficient proof of deteriorating physical or mental health	66	1.3
Post-sentencing/post-conviction conduct	55	1.1
Mandatory minimum penalty	40	0.8
Missing/no reason provided	31	0.6
Other care available for spouse or partner	23	0.5
Insufficient proof of serious functional or cognitive impairment	15	0.3
Binding plea agreement	4	0.1
Other	882	17.4
TOTAL	5,067	100.0

¹ The court denied a motion for compassionate release in 2,401 cases in Fiscal Year 2025. 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, 5,067 reasons were cited for the 2,401 cases.

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