

# **U.S. Sentencing Commission Compassionate Release Data Report**

**Preliminary Fiscal Year 2025 Cumulative Data through 2nd Quarter  
(October 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025)**



**April 2025**

## 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.<sup>1</sup> Data is reported on an annual basis in the Commission's *Annual Report* and *Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics*.<sup>2</sup>

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.”<sup>3</sup>

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.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

<sup>2</sup> Electronic copies of the 1995-2024 ANNUAL REPORT and SOURCEBOOK OF FEDERAL SENTENCING STATISTICS are available at the Commission's website at [www.ussc.gov](http://www.ussc.gov).

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

<sup>4</sup> 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,<sup>5</sup> 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 2024 is available at the Commission's website at [www.ussc.gov](http://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).<sup>6</sup> Amendment 814<sup>7</sup> 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 the first and second quarter of 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. The data in this report is limited to motions for which the Commission received or obtained court documentation and completed its analysis by April 18, 2025.

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<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> USSG §1B1.13.

<sup>7</sup> Amendment 814 became effective on November 1, 2023.

Table 1

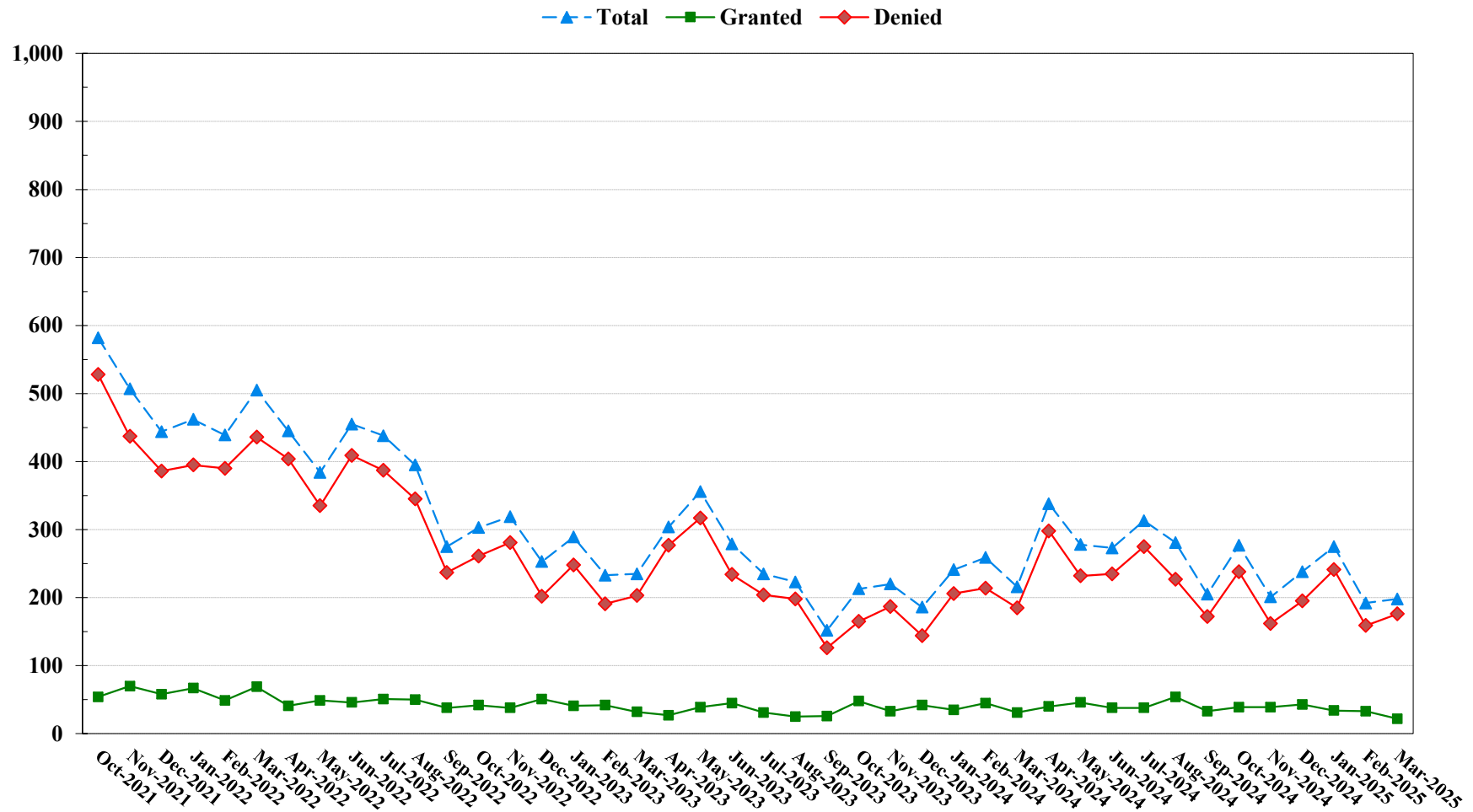
**MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE  
BY MONTH OF COURT DECISION<sup>1</sup>  
Fiscal Years 2022 - 2024, 2nd Quarter 2025 Preliminary Cumulative  
Data**

Year	Month	Total	Granted		Denied	
		N	N	%	N	%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>12,916</b>	<b>1,774</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>11,142</b>	<b>86.3</b>
2021	October	582	54	9.3	528	90.7
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	384	49	12.8	335	87.2
2022	June	455	46	10.1	409	89.9
2022	July	438	51	11.6	387	88.4
2022	August	395	50	12.7	345	87.3
2022	September	275	38	13.8	237	86.2
2022	October	303	42	13.9	261	86.1
2022	November	319	38	11.9	281	88.1
2022	December	253	51	20.2	202	79.8
2023	January	289	41	14.2	248	85.8
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	279	45	16.1	234	83.9
2023	July	235	31	13.2	204	86.8
2023	August	223	25	11.2	198	88.8
2023	September	152	26	17.1	126	82.9
2023	October	213	48	22.5	165	77.5
2023	November	220	33	15.0	187	85.0
2023	December	186	42	22.6	144	77.4
2024	January	241	35	14.5	206	85.5
2024	February	259	45	17.4	214	82.6
2024	March	216	31	14.4	185	85.6
2024	April	338	40	11.8	298	88.2
2024	May	278	46	16.5	232	83.5
2024	June	273	38	13.9	235	86.1
2024	July	313	38	12.1	275	87.9
2024	August	281	54	19.2	227	80.8
2024	September	205	33	16.1	172	83.9
2024	October	277	39	14.1	238	85.9
2024	November	201	39	19.4	162	80.6
2024	December	238	43	18.1	195	81.9
2025	January	275	34	12.4	241	87.6
2025	February	192	33	17.2	159	82.8
2025	March	198	22	11.1	176	88.9

<sup>1</sup> Of the 13,360 cases reported to the Commission, 444 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**  
 Fiscal Years 2022 - 2024, 2nd Quarter 2025 Preliminary Cumulative Data



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

Table 2

**GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE BY DISTRICT<sup>1</sup>**  
**2nd Quarter 2025 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

District	Total	Granted		Denied		District	Total	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%		N	N	%	N	%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,381</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>1,171</b>	<b>84.8</b>						
Southern Florida	84	15	17.9	69	82.1	Middle Georgia	10	2	20.0	8	80.0
Eastern Virginia	76	7	9.2	69	90.8	Massachusetts	9	2	22.2	7	77.8
Middle Florida	71	10	14.1	61	85.9	Northern West Virginia	9	1	11.1	8	88.9
Western Missouri	66	4	6.1	62	93.9	Northern Mississippi	9	0	0.0	9	100.0
Eastern North Carolina	51	2	3.9	49	96.1	Western Tennessee	9	1	11.1	8	88.9
Maryland	50	17	34.0	33	66.0	Southern California	9	7	77.8	2	22.2
Southern Iowa	47	0	0.0	47	100.0	Maine	7	0	0.0	7	100.0
South Carolina	40	4	10.0	36	90.0	Middle Louisiana	7	0	0.0	7	100.0
Northern Ohio	39	2	5.1	37	94.9	Hawaii	7	1	14.3	6	85.7
Central California	39	10	25.6	29	74.4	Oregon	7	2	28.6	5	71.4
Minnesota	36	4	11.1	32	88.9	Alaska	6	2	33.3	4	66.7
Northern Iowa	29	4	13.8	25	86.2	Idaho	6	4	66.7	2	33.3
Middle Pennsylvania	28	2	7.1	26	92.9	Eastern Washington	6	0	0.0	6	100.0
Western Texas	27	2	7.4	25	92.6	Eastern Texas	5	0	0.0	5	100.0
Western Michigan	27	0	0.0	27	100.0	Eastern Michigan	5	2	40.0	3	60.0
Western Virginia	26	2	7.7	24	92.3	Utah	5	0	0.0	5	100.0
Southern Texas	23	3	13.0	20	87.0	Rhode Island	4	1	25.0	3	75.0
Eastern Missouri	23	1	4.3	22	95.7	Eastern Pennsylvania	4	2	50.0	2	50.0
Eastern New York	22	6	27.3	16	72.7	Western North Carolina	4	2	50.0	2	50.0
Eastern Kentucky	21	0	0.0	21	100.0	Nevada	4	1	25.0	3	75.0
Kansas	21	5	23.8	16	76.2	Wyoming	4	0	0.0	4	100.0
Southern Georgia	21	1	4.8	20	95.2	Puerto Rico	3	3	100.0	0	0.0
Middle North Carolina	20	1	5.0	19	95.0	Vermont	3	0	0.0	3	100.0
Southern Illinois	19	1	5.3	18	94.7	Western Louisiana	3	0	0.0	3	100.0
Nebraska	19	1	5.3	18	94.7	Southern Ohio	3	2	66.7	1	33.3
Eastern Wisconsin	17	0	0.0	17	100.0	Arizona	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
Connecticut	15	5	33.3	10	66.7	Northern New York	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Southern New York	15	5	33.3	10	66.7	Western Pennsylvania	2	1	50.0	1	50.0
New Jersey	15	1	6.7	14	93.3	Central Illinois	2	0	0.0	2	100.0
Western Wisconsin	15	1	6.7	14	93.3	Northern California	2	1	50.0	1	50.0
Eastern Arkansas	15	0	0.0	15	100.0	Western Washington	2	0	0.0	2	100.0
North Dakota	14	0	0.0	14	100.0	Colorado	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
District of Columbia	13	2	15.4	11	84.6	Western Oklahoma	2	1	50.0	1	50.0
Western Kentucky	13	5	38.5	8	61.5	Southern Alabama	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Northern Illinois	13	2	15.4	11	84.6	Western New York	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
South Dakota	13	1	7.7	12	92.3	Eastern Louisiana	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Eastern California	13	3	23.1	10	76.9	Southern Mississippi	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
New Hampshire	12	0	0.0	12	100.0	Northern Texas	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Eastern Tennessee	12	1	8.3	11	91.7	Northern Alabama	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Northern Oklahoma	12	1	8.3	11	91.7	Delaware	0	0	--	0	--
Northern Florida	12	9	75.0	3	25.0	Virgin Islands	0	0	--	0	--
Southern West Virginia	11	0	0.0	11	100.0	Middle Tennessee	0	0	--	0	--
Northern Indiana	11	2	18.2	9	81.8	Western Arkansas	0	0	--	0	--
Montana	11	7	63.6	4	36.4	Guam	0	0	--	0	--
Middle Alabama	11	4	36.4	7	63.6	Northern Mariana Islands	0	0	--	0	--
Northern Georgia	11	8	72.7	3	27.3	New Mexico	0	0	--	0	--
Southern Indiana	10	1	10.0	9	90.0	Eastern Oklahoma	0	0	--	0	--

<sup>1</sup> Of the 1,416 cases reported to the Commission in Fiscal Year 2025, 35 were excluded due to indeterminable motion status.

Table 3

**MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE  
IN EACH CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT<sup>1</sup>  
2nd Quarter 2025 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

<b>CIRCUIT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Granted</b>		<b>Denied</b>	
District	N	N	%	N	%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,381</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>1,171</b>	<b>84.8</b>
<b>D.C. CIRCUIT</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>84.6</b>
District of Columbia	13	2	15.4	11	84.6
<b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>82.9</b>
Maine	7	0	0.0	7	100.0
Massachusetts	9	2	22.2	7	77.8
New Hampshire	12	0	0.0	12	100.0
Puerto Rico	3	3	100.0	0	0.0
Rhode Island	4	1	25.0	3	75.0
<b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>67.2</b>
Connecticut	15	5	33.3	10	66.7
New York					
Eastern	22	6	27.3	16	72.7
Northern	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Southern	15	5	33.3	10	66.7
Western	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Vermont	3	0	0.0	3	100.0
<b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>87.8</b>
Delaware	0	0	--	0	--
New Jersey	15	1	6.7	14	93.3
Pennsylvania					
Eastern	4	2	50.0	2	50.0
Middle	28	2	7.1	26	92.9
Western	2	1	50.0	1	50.0
Virgin Islands	0	0	--	0	--
<b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>87.5</b>
Maryland	50	17	34.0	33	66.0
North Carolina					
Eastern	51	2	3.9	49	96.1
Middle	20	1	5.0	19	95.0
Western	4	2	50.0	2	50.0
South Carolina	40	4	10.0	36	90.0
Virginia					
Eastern	76	7	9.2	69	90.8
Western	26	2	7.7	24	92.3
West Virginia					
Northern	9	1	11.1	8	88.9
Southern	11	0	0.0	11	100.0

Table 3 (cont.)

CIRCUIT District	TOTAL	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
<b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>90.9</b>
Louisiana					
Eastern	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Middle	7	0	0.0	7	100.0
Western	3	0	0.0	3	100.0
Mississippi					
Northern	9	0	0.0	9	100.0
Southern	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Texas					
Eastern	5	0	0.0	5	100.0
Northern	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Southern	23	3	13.0	20	87.0
Western	27	2	7.4	25	92.6
<b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>89.9</b>
Kentucky					
Eastern	21	0	0.0	21	100.0
Western	13	5	38.5	8	61.5
Michigan					
Eastern	5	2	40.0	3	60.0
Western	27	0	0.0	27	100.0
Ohio					
Northern	39	2	5.1	37	94.9
Southern	3	2	66.7	1	33.3
Tennessee					
Eastern	12	1	8.3	11	91.7
Middle	0	0	--	0	--
Western	9	1	11.1	8	88.9
<b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>92.0</b>
Illinois					
Central	2	0	0.0	2	100.0
Northern	13	2	15.4	11	84.6
Southern	19	1	5.3	18	94.7
Indiana					
Northern	11	2	18.2	9	81.8
Southern	10	1	10.0	9	90.0
Wisconsin					
Eastern	17	0	0.0	17	100.0
Western	15	1	6.7	14	93.3
<b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>94.3</b>
Arkansas					
Eastern	15	0	0.0	15	100.0
Western	0	0	--	0	--
Iowa					
Northern	29	4	13.8	25	86.2
Southern	47	0	0.0	47	100.0
Minnesota	36	4	11.1	32	88.9
Missouri					
Eastern	23	1	4.3	22	95.7
Western	66	4	6.1	62	93.9
Nebraska	19	1	5.3	18	94.7
North Dakota	14	0	0.0	14	100.0
South Dakota	13	1	7.7	12	92.3



**Table 3 (cont.)**

<b>CIRCUIT</b> District	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Granted</b>		<b>Denied</b>	
	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>NINTH CIRCUIT</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>66.1</b>
Alaska	6	2	33.3	4	66.7
Arizona	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
California					
Central	39	10	25.6	29	74.4
Eastern	13	3	23.1	10	76.9
Northern	2	1	50.0	1	50.0
Southern	9	7	77.8	2	22.2
Guam	0	0	--	0	--
Hawaii	7	1	14.3	6	85.7
Idaho	6	4	66.7	2	33.3
Montana	11	7	63.6	4	36.4
Nevada	4	1	25.0	3	75.0
Northern Mariana Islands	0	0	--	0	--
Oregon	7	2	28.6	5	71.4
Washington					
Eastern	6	0	0.0	6	100.0
Western	2	0	0.0	2	100.0
<b>TENTH CIRCUIT</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>80.4</b>
Colorado	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Kansas	21	5	23.8	16	76.2
New Mexico	0	0	--	0	--
Oklahoma					
Eastern	0	0	--	0	--
Northern	12	1	8.3	11	91.7
Western	2	1	50.0	1	50.0
Utah	5	0	0.0	5	100.0
Wyoming	4	0	0.0	4	100.0
<b>ELEVENTH CIRCUIT</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>77.1</b>
Alabama					
Middle	11	4	36.4	7	63.6
Northern	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Southern	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Florida					
Middle	71	10	14.1	61	85.9
Northern	12	9	75.0	3	25.0
Southern	84	15	17.9	69	82.1
Georgia					
Middle	10	2	20.0	8	80.0
Northern	11	8	72.7	3	27.3
Southern	21	1	4.8	20	95.2

<sup>1</sup> Of the 1,416 cases reported to the Commission in Fiscal Year 2025, 35 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 SENTENCE<sup>1</sup>  
2nd Quarter 2025 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Granted</b>		<b>Denied</b>	
	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,375</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>1,166</b>	<b>84.8</b>
2025	5	3	60.0	2	40.0
2024	86	13	15.1	73	84.9
2023	133	15	11.3	118	88.7
2022	117	10	8.5	107	91.5
2021	95	11	11.6	84	88.4
2020	71	5	7.0	66	93.0
2019	99	11	11.1	88	88.9
2018	98	6	6.1	92	93.9
2017	67	9	13.4	58	86.6
2016	57	2	3.5	55	96.5
2015	53	4	7.5	49	92.5
2014	66	15	22.7	51	77.3
2013	60	8	13.3	52	86.7
2012	45	8	17.8	37	82.2
2011	32	7	21.9	25	78.1
2010	32	7	21.9	25	78.1
2009	44	6	13.6	38	86.4
2008	31	10	32.3	21	67.7
2007	26	8	30.8	18	69.2
2006	22	6	27.3	16	72.7
2005	25	9	36.0	16	64.0
2004	18	3	16.7	15	83.3
2003	15	5	33.3	10	66.7
2002	7	4	57.1	3	42.9
2001	7	1	14.3	6	85.7
2000	7	2	28.6	5	71.4
1999	13	3	23.1	10	76.9
1998	14	6	42.9	8	57.1
1997	8	2	25.0	6	75.0
1996	6	2	33.3	4	66.7
1995	6	4	66.7	2	33.3
1994	2	0	0.0	2	100.0
1993	0	0	--	0	--
1992	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
1991	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
1990	0	0	--	0	--
1989	2	2	100.0	0	0.0

<sup>1</sup> Of the 1,381 cases reported to the Commission with motion status information in Fiscal Year 2025, six 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 RELEASE<sup>1</sup>

2nd Quarter 2025 Preliminary Cumulative Data

CIRCUIT	Total	Defendant		Director BOP		Attorney for the Government		Joint Motion <sup>2</sup>	
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>94.3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2.9</b>
D.C. CIRCUIT	2	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
FIRST CIRCUIT	6	5	83.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	16.7
SECOND CIRCUIT	19	19	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
THIRD CIRCUIT	6	5	83.3	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
FOURTH CIRCUIT	36	36	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
FIFTH CIRCUIT	7	7	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SIXTH CIRCUIT	13	12	92.3	1	7.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
SEVENTH CIRCUIT	7	7	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
EIGHTH CIRCUIT	15	15	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
NINTH CIRCUIT	39	35	89.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	10.3
TENTH CIRCUIT	9	8	88.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.1
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT	51	47	92.2	2	3.9	2	3.9	0	0.0

<sup>1</sup> Of the 210 cases in which the court granted a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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 RELEASE<sup>1</sup>**

**2nd Quarter 2025 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

<b>Demographics</b>	<b>Granted</b>		<b>Denied</b>	
	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b><u>Race/Ethnicity</u></b>				
White	56	26.8	324	27.9
Black	102	48.8	597	51.4
Hispanic	44	21.1	206	17.7
Other	7	3.3	35	3.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b><u>Citizenship</u></b>				
U.S. Citizen	184	89.3	1,023	88.0
Non-Citizen	22	10.7	139	12.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b><u>Gender</u></b>				
Male	188	89.5	1,087	92.8
Female	22	10.5	84	7.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,171</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b><u>Average Age at Original Sentence</u></b>				
		<b>39</b>		<b>38</b>
<b><u>Average Age at Motion Decision</u></b>				
		<b>52</b>		<b>47</b>

<sup>1</sup> Of the 1,381 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 (10), missing citizenship information (13), and missing age information (11).

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

Table 7

**SELECTED SENTENCING FACTORS FOR INDIVIDUALS  
MAKING MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE<sup>1</sup>**

**2nd Quarter 2025 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

<b>Sentencing Factors</b>	<b>Granted</b>	<b>Denied</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Weapon<sup>2,3</sup></b>	48.7	44.6
Weapon Specific Offense Characteristic	14.9	23.0
Firearms Mandatory Minimum Applied	37.8	26.4
<b>Safety Valve<sup>2</sup></b>	8.3	5.4
<b>Guideline Role Adjustments<sup>2</sup></b>		
Aggravating Role (USSG §3B1.1)	20.0	16.7
Mitigating Role (USSG §3B1.2)	3.6	0.6
Obstruction Adjustment (USSG §3C1.1)	12.8	10.1
<b>Sentence Relative to the Guideline Range</b>		
Within Range	55.7	48.6
Above Range	3.0	6.7
Below Range	41.4	44.7
<b>Criminal History Category</b>		
I	28.8	23.0
II	8.2	8.3
III	11.1	13.9
IV	8.7	9.5
V	5.8	9.0
VI	37.5	36.3
<b>Career Offender (§4B1.1)<sup>2</sup></b>	23.6	18.3

<sup>1</sup> Of the 1,381 cases reported to the Commission with motion status information in Fiscal Year 2025, six were excluded from this analysis because the cases cannot be matched with an original case in the Commission's records.

<sup>2</sup> This section was limited to the 1,319 cases with complete guideline application information.

<sup>3</sup> In 59 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 RELEASE<sup>1</sup>  
2nd Quarter 2025 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

<b>TYPE OF CRIME</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Administration of Justice	0	0.0
Antitrust	0	0.0
Arson	2	1.0
Assault	5	2.4
Bribery/Corruption	3	1.4
Burglary/Trespass	0	0.0
Child Pornography	0	0.0
Commercialized Vice	0	0.0
Drug Possession	0	0.0
Drug Trafficking	94	45.4
Environmental	0	0.0
Extortion/Racketeering	0	0.0
Firearms	25	12.1
Food and Drug	0	0.0
Forgery/Counter/Copyright	0	0.0
Fraud/Theft/Embezzlement	14	6.8
Immigration	1	0.5
Individual Rights	0	0.0
Kidnapping	1	0.5
Manslaughter	0	0.0
Money Laundering	6	2.9
Murder	13	6.3
National Defense	0	0.0
Obscenity/Other Sex Offenses	0	0.0
Prison Offenses	2	1.0
Robbery	33	15.9
Sexual Abuse	6	2.9
Stalking/Harassing	0	0.0
Tax	2	1.0
Other	0	0.0

<sup>1</sup> Of the 210 cases in which the court granted a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2025, 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 RELEASE<sup>1</sup>  
2nd Quarter 2025 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

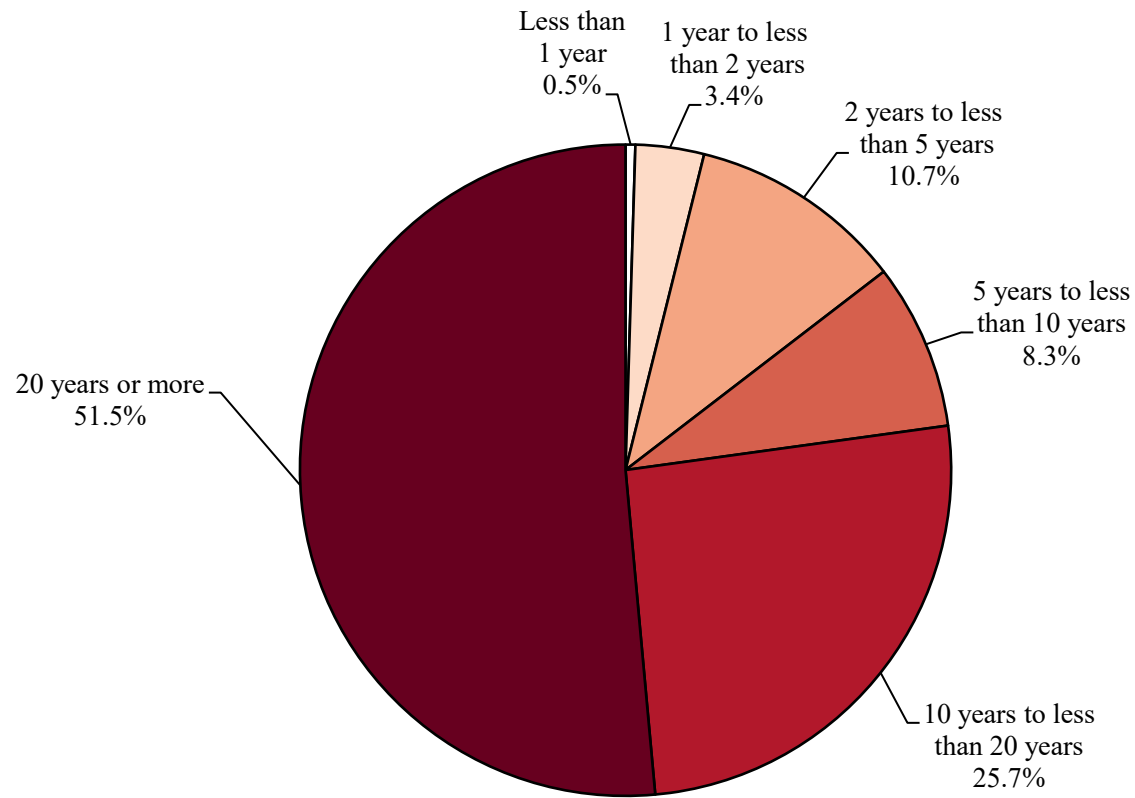
<b>TYPE OF CRIME</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Administration of Justice	0	0.0
Antitrust	0	0.0
Arson	2	0.2
Assault	20	1.7
Bribery/Corruption	6	0.5
Burglary/Trespass	0	0.0
Child Pornography	41	3.5
Commercialized Vice	0	0.0
Drug Possession	0	0.0
Drug Trafficking	542	46.6
Environmental	0	0.0
Extortion/Racketeering	7	0.6
Firearms	178	15.3
Food and Drug	0	0.0
Forgery/Counter/Copyright	0	0.0
Fraud/Theft/Embezzlement	51	4.4
Immigration	5	0.4
Individual Rights	3	0.3
Kidnapping	8	0.7
Manslaughter	2	0.2
Money Laundering	39	3.4
Murder	65	5.6
National Defense	2	0.2
Obscenity/Other Sex Offenses	0	0.0
Prison Offenses	2	0.2
Robbery	122	10.5
Sexual Abuse	59	5.1
Stalking/Harassing	5	0.4
Tax	4	0.3
Other	0	0.0

<sup>1</sup> Of the 1,171 cases in which the court denied a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2025, five 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 RELEASE<sup>1</sup>**

**2nd Quarter 2025 Preliminary Cumulative Data**



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<sup>1</sup> Of the 210 cases in which the court granted a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2025, 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 GRANTED MOTIONS<sup>1</sup>  
2nd Quarter 2025 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

<b>REASONS</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
Rehabilitation <sup>2</sup>	54	17.0
Unusually long sentence (10 or more years) and change in law (USSG §1B1.13(b)(6))	43	13.5
Serious physical or medical condition (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(B))	40	12.6
Missing	25	7.9
Multiple 18 U.S.C. § 924(c) penalties	24	7.5
Terminal illness (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(A))	18	5.7
Other mandatory minimum penalties/long sentence	17	5.3
Family circumstances – care for parent (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(C))	11	3.5
Family circumstance - care for minor/disabled child (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(A))	9	2.8
21 U.S.C. § 851 enhanced drug penalties	9	2.8
Career Offender issues	8	2.5
Age 65 and deteriorating health and served 10 years/75% (USSG §1B1.13(b)(2))	7	2.2
Deteriorating physical or mental health due to aging process (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(B))	6	1.9
Family circumstances – care for other immediate family member (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(D))	6	1.9
Young age at time of offense	6	1.9
BOP failure to provide treatment (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(C))	5	1.6
Extraordinary and compelling (not specified)	3	0.9
Serious functional or cognitive impairment (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(B))	2	0.6
COVID-19/pandemic (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(D))	2	0.6
Family circumstance - care for spouse or registered partner (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(B))	2	0.6
Nearly meets requirements of USSG §1B1.13	2	0.6
ACCA issues	2	0.6
Abuse by corrections officer/BOP contractor (USSG §1B1.13(b)(4))	2	0.6
Other	15	4.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> The court granted a motion for compassionate release in 210 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, 318 reasons were cited for the 210 cases.

<sup>2</sup> 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 MOTION<sup>1</sup>  
2nd Quarter 2025 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

<b>REASONS</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
18 U.S.C § 3553(a) factors	620	25.4
No extraordinary and compelling reason provided	284	11.6
Rehabilitation insufficient	231	9.5
Failure to exhaust administrative remedies	205	8.4
Insufficient proof of serious physical and medical condition	164	6.7
Not at risk from COVID/pandemic	125	5.1
Defendant able to provide self-care in prison	119	4.9
Protection of the public	74	3.0
Other care available for minor child	63	2.6
Does not meet age or length of time served requirement under 18 U.S.C. § 3559	42	1.7
Post-sentencing/post-conviction conduct	28	1.1
Mandatory minimum penalty	26	1.1
Insufficient proof of deteriorating physical or mental health	17	0.7
Missing/no reason provided	15	0.6
Other care available for spouse or partner	12	0.5
Insufficient proof of serious functional or cognitive impairment	7	0.3
Binding plea agreement	3	0.1
Other	404	16.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,439</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> The court denied a motion for compassionate release in 1,171 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, 2,439 reasons were cited for the 1,171 cases.

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