

U.S. Sentencing Commission Compassionate Release Data Report

**Preliminary Fiscal Year 2026 Cumulative Data through 2nd Quarter
(October 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026)**



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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 the first and second quarter of fiscal year 2026. 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 2025 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

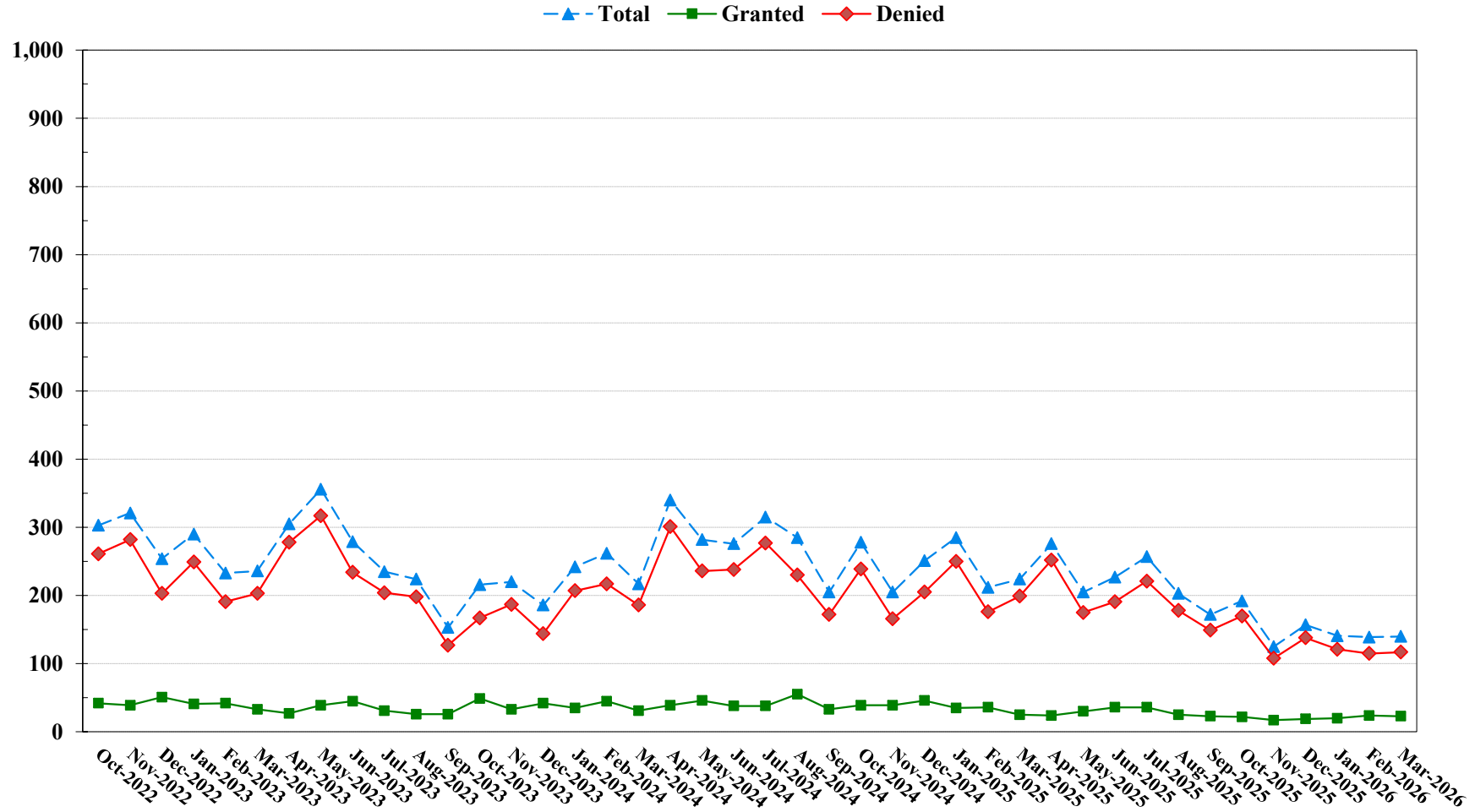
**MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE
BY MONTH OF COURT DECISION¹
Fiscal Years 2023 - 2025,
2nd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

Year	Month	Total	Granted		Denied	
		N	N	%	N	%
TOTAL		9,924	1,445	14.6	8,479	85.4
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	340	39	11.5	301	88.5
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
2025	October	192	22	11.5	170	88.5
2025	November	125	17	13.6	108	86.4
2025	December	157	19	12.1	138	87.9
2026	January	141	20	14.2	121	85.8
2026	February	139	24	17.3	115	82.7
2026	March	140	23	16.4	117	83.6

¹ Of the 10,238 cases reported to the Commission, 314 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 2023 - 2025, 2nd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data



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

Table 2

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE BY DISTRICT¹
2nd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data

District	Total		Granted		Denied		District	Total		Granted		Denied	
	N		N	%	N	%		N		N	%	N	%
TOTAL	894		125	14.0	769	86.0							
Eastern Virginia	46		15	32.6	31	67.4	Southern California	5	5	100.0	0	0.0	
Western Missouri	43		2	4.7	41	95.3	Idaho	5	0	0.0	5	100.0	
Southern Florida	37		4	10.8	33	89.2	Eastern Washington	5	0	0.0	5	100.0	
South Carolina	33		7	21.2	26	78.8	Maine	4	0	0.0	4	100.0	
Middle Florida	33		5	15.2	28	84.8	Puerto Rico	4	4	100.0	0	0.0	
Maryland	31		9	29.0	22	71.0	Middle Louisiana	4	0	0.0	4	100.0	
Western Michigan	27		1	3.7	26	96.3	Oregon	4	2	50.0	2	50.0	
Eastern North Carolina	26		0	0.0	26	100.0	Kansas	4	1	25.0	3	75.0	
Middle North Carolina	26		3	11.5	23	88.5	District of Columbia	3	1	33.3	2	66.7	
Western Virginia	25		2	8.0	23	92.0	Southern New York	3	3	100.0	0	0.0	
Northern Iowa	25		0	0.0	25	100.0	Northern Mississippi	3	0	0.0	3	100.0	
Central California	25		1	4.0	24	96.0	Hawaii	3	1	33.3	2	66.7	
Western Texas	23		2	8.7	21	91.3	Nevada	3	3	100.0	0	0.0	
Eastern Kentucky	23		0	0.0	23	100.0	Southern Georgia	3	0	0.0	3	100.0	
Middle Pennsylvania	22		0	0.0	22	100.0	Vermont	2	1	50.0	1	50.0	
Northern Ohio	21		0	0.0	21	100.0	Eastern Pennsylvania	2	2	100.0	0	0.0	
Eastern Arkansas	20		0	0.0	20	100.0	Southern West Virginia	2	1	50.0	1	50.0	
Eastern Missouri	20		0	0.0	20	100.0	Western Louisiana	2	0	0.0	2	100.0	
Southern Iowa	19		0	0.0	19	100.0	Eastern Michigan	2	1	50.0	1	50.0	
Minnesota	19		1	5.3	18	94.7	Northern Mariana Islands	2	0	0.0	2	100.0	
Nebraska	18		0	0.0	18	100.0	Massachusetts	1	1	100.0	0	0.0	
South Dakota	17		2	11.8	15	88.2	Eastern Tennessee	1	1	100.0	0	0.0	
Southern Texas	16		4	25.0	12	75.0	Middle Tennessee	1	1	100.0	0	0.0	
Southern Illinois	16		1	6.3	15	93.8	Central Illinois	1	1	100.0	0	0.0	
Middle Georgia	16		1	6.3	15	93.8	Northern California	1	0	0.0	1	100.0	
Eastern New York	15		4	26.7	11	73.3	Western Washington	1	1	100.0	0	0.0	
Eastern Texas	15		0	0.0	15	100.0	Colorado	1	1	100.0	0	0.0	
New Jersey	14		4	28.6	10	71.4	Utah	1	1	100.0	0	0.0	
Eastern California	12		3	25.0	9	75.0	Southern Alabama	1	0	0.0	1	100.0	
Northern Oklahoma	12		1	8.3	11	91.7	Northern Florida	1	1	100.0	0	0.0	
Wyoming	12		0	0.0	12	100.0	Northern New York	0	0	--	0	--	
Southern Indiana	9		0	0.0	9	100.0	Western New York	0	0	--	0	--	
Eastern Wisconsin	9		0	0.0	9	100.0	Delaware	0	0	--	0	--	
Western Wisconsin	9		0	0.0	9	100.0	Western Pennsylvania	0	0	--	0	--	
Western Tennessee	8		0	0.0	8	100.0	Virgin Islands	0	0	--	0	--	
Middle Alabama	8		0	0.0	8	100.0	Western North Carolina	0	0	--	0	--	
Northern West Virginia	7		2	28.6	5	71.4	Eastern Louisiana	0	0	--	0	--	
Western Kentucky	7		2	28.6	5	71.4	Southern Mississippi	0	0	--	0	--	
Northern Indiana	7		0	0.0	7	100.0	Northern Texas	0	0	--	0	--	
Montana	7		4	57.1	3	42.9	Southern Ohio	0	0	--	0	--	
New Hampshire	6		2	33.3	4	66.7	Western Arkansas	0	0	--	0	--	
Rhode Island	6		3	50.0	3	50.0	Arizona	0	0	--	0	--	
Connecticut	6		2	33.3	4	66.7	Guam	0	0	--	0	--	
North Dakota	6		1	16.7	5	83.3	New Mexico	0	0	--	0	--	
Alaska	6		1	16.7	5	83.3	Eastern Oklahoma	0	0	--	0	--	
Northern Georgia	6		2	33.3	4	66.7	Western Oklahoma	0	0	--	0	--	
Northern Illinois	5		1	20.0	4	80.0	Northern Alabama	0	0	--	0	--	

¹ Of the 919 cases reported to the Commission in Fiscal Year 2026, 25 were excluded due to indeterminable motion status.

Table 3

**MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE
IN EACH CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT¹
2nd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

CIRCUIT District	TOTAL	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	894	125	14.0	769	86.0
D.C. CIRCUIT	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
District of Columbia	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
FIRST CIRCUIT	21	10	47.6	11	52.4
Maine	4	0	0.0	4	100.0
Massachusetts	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
New Hampshire	6	2	33.3	4	66.7
Puerto Rico	4	4	100.0	0	0.0
Rhode Island	6	3	50.0	3	50.0
SECOND CIRCUIT	26	10	38.5	16	61.5
Connecticut	6	2	33.3	4	66.7
New York					
Eastern	15	4	26.7	11	73.3
Northern	0	0	--	0	--
Southern	3	3	100.0	0	0.0
Western	0	0	--	0	--
Vermont	2	1	50.0	1	50.0
THIRD CIRCUIT	38	6	15.8	32	84.2
Delaware	0	0	--	0	--
New Jersey	14	4	28.6	10	71.4
Pennsylvania					
Eastern	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Middle	22	0	0.0	22	100.0
Western	0	0	--	0	--
Virgin Islands	0	0	--	0	--
FOURTH CIRCUIT	196	39	19.9	157	80.1
Maryland	31	9	29.0	22	71.0
North Carolina					
Eastern	26	0	0.0	26	100.0
Middle	26	3	11.5	23	88.5
Western	0	0	--	0	--
South Carolina	33	7	21.2	26	78.8
Virginia					
Eastern	46	15	32.6	31	67.4
Western	25	2	8.0	23	92.0
West Virginia					
Northern	7	2	28.6	5	71.4
Southern	2	1	50.0	1	50.0

Table 3 (cont.)

CIRCUIT District	TOTAL	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
FIFTH CIRCUIT	63	6	9.5	57	90.5
Louisiana					
Eastern	0	0	--	0	--
Middle	4	0	0.0	4	100.0
Western	2	0	0.0	2	100.0
Mississippi					
Northern	3	0	0.0	3	100.0
Southern	0	0	--	0	--
Texas					
Eastern	15	0	0.0	15	100.0
Northern	0	0	--	0	--
Southern	16	4	25.0	12	75.0
Western	23	2	8.7	21	91.3
SIXTH CIRCUIT	90	6	6.7	84	93.3
Kentucky					
Eastern	23	0	0.0	23	100.0
Western	7	2	28.6	5	71.4
Michigan					
Eastern	2	1	50.0	1	50.0
Western	27	1	3.7	26	96.3
Ohio					
Northern	21	0	0.0	21	100.0
Southern	0	0	--	0	--
Tennessee					
Eastern	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Middle	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Western	8	0	0.0	8	100.0
SEVENTH CIRCUIT	56	3	5.4	53	94.6
Illinois					
Central	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Northern	5	1	20.0	4	80.0
Southern	16	1	6.3	15	93.8
Indiana					
Northern	7	0	0.0	7	100.0
Southern	9	0	0.0	9	100.0
Wisconsin					
Eastern	9	0	0.0	9	100.0
Western	9	0	0.0	9	100.0
EIGHTH CIRCUIT	187	6	3.2	181	96.8
Arkansas					
Eastern	20	0	0.0	20	100.0
Western	0	0	--	0	--
Iowa					
Northern	25	0	0.0	25	100.0
Southern	19	0	0.0	19	100.0
Minnesota	19	1	5.3	18	94.7
Missouri					
Eastern	20	0	0.0	20	100.0
Western	43	2	4.7	41	95.3
Nebraska	18	0	0.0	18	100.0
North Dakota	6	1	16.7	5	83.3
South Dakota	17	2	11.8	15	88.2

Table 3 (cont.)

CIRCUIT District	TOTAL	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
NINTH CIRCUIT	79	21	26.6	58	73.4
Alaska	6	1	16.7	5	83.3
Arizona	0	0	--	0	--
California					
Central	25	1	4.0	24	96.0
Eastern	12	3	25.0	9	75.0
Northern	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Southern	5	5	100.0	0	0.0
Guam	0	0	--	0	--
Hawaii	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
Idaho	5	0	0.0	5	100.0
Montana	7	4	57.1	3	42.9
Nevada	3	3	100.0	0	0.0
Northern Mariana Islands	2	0	0.0	2	100.0
Oregon	4	2	50.0	2	50.0
Washington					
Eastern	5	0	0.0	5	100.0
Western	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
TENTH CIRCUIT	30	4	13.3	26	86.7
Colorado	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Kansas	4	1	25.0	3	75.0
New Mexico	0	0	--	0	--
Oklahoma					
Eastern	0	0	--	0	--
Northern	12	1	8.3	11	91.7
Western	0	0	--	0	--
Utah	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Wyoming	12	0	0.0	12	100.0
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT	105	13	12.4	92	87.6
Alabama					
Middle	8	0	0.0	8	100.0
Northern	0	0	--	0	--
Southern	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Florida					
Middle	33	5	15.2	28	84.8
Northern	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Southern	37	4	10.8	33	89.2
Georgia					
Middle	16	1	6.3	15	93.8
Northern	6	2	33.3	4	66.7
Southern	3	0	0.0	3	100.0

¹ Of the 919 cases reported to the Commission in Fiscal Year 2026, 25 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
2nd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

Fiscal Year	Total	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	890	124	13.9	766	86.1
2026	5	2	40.0	3	60.0
2025	59	13	22.0	46	78.0
2024	95	11	11.6	84	88.4
2023	97	5	5.2	92	94.8
2022	80	6	7.5	74	92.5
2021	51	3	5.9	48	94.1
2020	47	5	10.6	42	89.4
2019	53	6	11.3	47	88.7
2018	55	7	12.7	48	87.3
2017	41	6	14.6	35	85.4
2016	39	5	12.8	34	87.2
2015	30	4	13.3	26	86.7
2014	40	6	15.0	34	85.0
2013	16	4	25.0	12	75.0
2012	27	8	29.6	19	70.4
2011	19	2	10.5	17	89.5
2010	17	3	17.6	14	82.4
2009	23	6	26.1	17	73.9
2008	16	0	0.0	16	100.0
2007	14	2	14.3	12	85.7
2006	8	3	37.5	5	62.5
2005	10	3	30.0	7	70.0
2004	8	2	25.0	6	75.0
2003	2	0	0.0	2	100.0
2002	5	1	20.0	4	80.0
2001	3	0	0.0	3	100.0
2000	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
1999	6	2	33.3	4	66.7
1998	2	1	50.0	1	50.0
1997	5	3	60.0	2	40.0
1996	2	0	0.0	2	100.0
1995	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
1994	5	1	20.0	4	80.0
1993	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
1992	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
1991	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
1990	0	0	--	0	--
1989	1	1	100.0	0	0.0

¹ Of the 894 cases reported to the Commission with motion status information in Fiscal Year 2026, 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
2nd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data

CIRCUIT	Total	Defendant		Director BOP		Attorney for the Government		Joint Motion ²	
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	125	123	98.4	1	0.8	1	0.8	0	0.0
D.C. CIRCUIT	1	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
FIRST CIRCUIT	10	10	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SECOND CIRCUIT	10	10	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
THIRD CIRCUIT	6	6	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
FOURTH CIRCUIT	39	39	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
FIFTH CIRCUIT	6	6	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SIXTH CIRCUIT	6	5	83.3	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
SEVENTH CIRCUIT	3	3	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
EIGHTH CIRCUIT	6	5	83.3	0	0.0	1	16.7	0	0.0
NINTH CIRCUIT	21	21	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
TENTH CIRCUIT	4	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT	13	13	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

¹ Of the 125 cases in which the court granted a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2026, 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****2nd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

Demographics	Granted		Denied	
	N	%	N	%
Race/Ethnicity				
White	40	32.3	244	32.0
Black	46	37.1	343	45.0
Hispanic	34	27.4	145	19.0
Other	4	3.2	31	4.1
Total	124	100.0	763	100.0
Citizenship				
U.S. Citizen	114	93.4	679	88.8
Non-Citizen	8	6.6	86	11.2
Total	122	100.0	765	100.0
Gender				
Male	111	89.5	699	90.9
Female	13	10.5	70	9.1
Total	124	100.0	769	100.0
Average Age at Original Sentence		40	39	
Average Age at Motion Decision		51	47	

¹ Of the 894 cases reported to the Commission with motion status information in Fiscal Year 2026, cases were excluded from each section of this table due to the following reasons: missing race information (7), missing citizenship information (7), missing gender information (1), and missing age information (8).

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

Table 7

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

2nd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data

Sentencing Factors	Granted	Denied
	%	%
Weapon^{2,3}	41.2	45.5
Weapon Specific Offense Characteristic	19.0	23.6
Firearms Mandatory Minimum Applied	28.2	25.0
Safety Valve²	10.4	5.3
Guideline Role Adjustments²		
Aggravating Role (USSG §3B1.1)	12.1	19.4
Mitigating Role (USSG §3B1.2)	2.6	1.6
Obstruction Adjustment (USSG §3C1.1)	6.0	13.2
Sentence Relative to the Guideline Range		
Within Range	48.4	50.5
Above Range	4.9	4.6
Below Range	46.7	44.9
Criminal History Category		
I	29.8	24.1
II	14.5	8.2
III	12.9	12.9
IV	12.1	10.7
V	9.7	9.7
VI	21.0	34.4
Career Offender (§4B1.1)²	14.4	17.0

¹ Of the 894 cases reported to the Commission with motion status information in Fiscal Year 2026, 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 859 cases with complete guideline application information.

³ In 28 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
2nd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

TYPE OF CRIME	N	%
TOTAL	123	100.0
Administration of Justice	0	0.0
Antitrust	0	0.0
Arson	3	2.4
Assault	3	2.4
Bribery/Corruption	0	0.0
Burglary/Trespass	0	0.0
Child Pornography	2	1.6
Commercialized Vice	0	0.0
Drug Possession	0	0.0
Drug Trafficking	61	49.6
Environmental	0	0.0
Extortion/Racketeering	1	0.8
Firearms	5	4.1
Food and Drug	0	0.0
Forgery/Counter/Copyright	0	0.0
Fraud/Theft/Embezzlement	8	6.5
Immigration	3	2.4
Individual Rights	0	0.0
Kidnapping	1	0.8
Manslaughter	0	0.0
Money Laundering	3	2.4
Murder	12	9.8
National Defense	0	0.0
Obscenity/Other Sex Offenses	0	0.0
Prison Offenses	0	0.0
Robbery	17	13.8
Sexual Abuse	3	2.4
Stalking/Harassing	0	0.0
Tax	1	0.8
Other	0	0.0

¹ Of the 125 cases in which the court granted a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2026, 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, one was excluded due to missing information on the type of crime.

Table 9

**TYPE OF CRIME FOR INDIVIDUALS
DENIED COMPASSIONATE RELEASE¹
2nd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

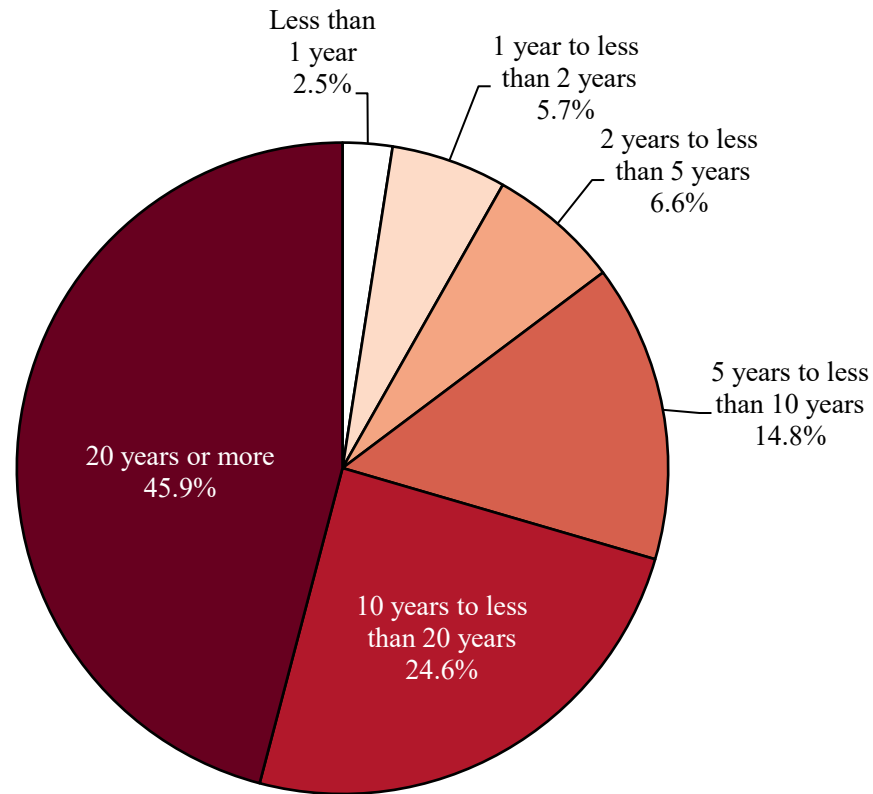
TYPE OF CRIME	N	%
TOTAL	766	100.0
Administration of Justice	3	0.4
Antitrust	0	0.0
Arson	1	0.1
Assault	14	1.8
Bribery/Corruption	1	0.1
Burglary/Trespass	1	0.1
Child Pornography	26	3.4
Commercialized Vice	0	0.0
Drug Possession	0	0.0
Drug Trafficking	361	47.1
Environmental	0	0.0
Extortion/Racketeering	1	0.1
Firearms	104	13.6
Food and Drug	0	0.0
Forgery/Counter/Copyright	1	0.1
Fraud/Theft/Embezzlement	38	5.0
Immigration	5	0.7
Individual Rights	1	0.1
Kidnapping	13	1.7
Manslaughter	0	0.0
Money Laundering	25	3.3
Murder	43	5.6
National Defense	4	0.5
Obscenity/Other Sex Offenses	0	0.0
Prison Offenses	5	0.7
Robbery	72	9.4
Sexual Abuse	43	5.6
Stalking/Harassing	2	0.3
Tax	0	0.0
Other	2	0.3

¹ Of the 769 cases in which the court denied a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2026, 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.

Figure 2

ORIGINAL SENTENCE LENGTH FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING COMPASSIONATE RELEASE¹
2nd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data



¹ Of the 125 cases in which the court granted a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2026, information on the original sentence length was missing in three cases.

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

Table 10

**REASONS GIVEN BY SENTENCING COURTS
FOR GRANTED MOTIONS¹
2nd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

REASONS	N	%
Rehabilitation ²	34	17.1
Serious physical or medical condition (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(B))	27	13.6
Unusually long sentence (10 or more years) and change in law (USSG §1B1.13(b)(6))	17	8.5
Terminal illness (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(A))	12	6.0
Missing	12	6.0
Multiple 18 U.S.C. § 924(c) penalties	11	5.5
Young age at time of offense	11	5.5
Other mandatory minimum penalties/long sentence	10	5.0
BOP failure to provide treatment (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(C))	9	4.5
Family circumstances - care for minor/disabled child (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(A))	7	3.5
Family circumstances – care for parent (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(C))	5	2.5
Career Offender issues	4	2.0
Age 65 and deteriorating health and served 10 years/75% (USSG §1B1.13(b)(2))	3	1.5
21 U.S.C. § 851 enhanced drug penalties	3	1.5
Deteriorating physical or mental health due to aging process (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(B))	2	1.0
COVID-19/pandemic (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(D))	2	1.0
Extraordinary and compelling (not specified)	2	1.0
Mandatory nature of guideline at sentencing	2	1.0
Conviction/sentencing errors	2	1.0
Family circumstances – care for other immediate family member (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(D))	2	1.0
Other	22	11.1
TOTAL	199	100.0

¹ The court granted a motion for compassionate release in 125 cases in Fiscal Year 2026. 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, 199 reasons were cited for the 125 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
2nd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

REASONS	N	%
18 U.S.C § 3553(a) factors	403	23.0
No extraordinary and compelling reason provided	235	13.4
Rehabilitation insufficient	207	11.8
Failure to exhaust administrative remedies	136	7.8
Insufficient proof of serious physical and medical condition	118	6.7
Defendant able to provide self-care in prison	107	6.1
Other care available for minor child	58	3.3
Does not meet age or length of time served requirement under 18 U.S.C. § 3559	56	3.2
Protection of the public	47	2.7
Not at risk from COVID/pandemic	41	2.3
Insufficient proof of deteriorating physical or mental health	27	1.5
Post-sentencing/post-conviction conduct	12	0.7
Missing/no reason provided	11	0.6
Other care available for spouse or partner	9	0.5
Mandatory minimum penalty	6	0.3
Insufficient proof of serious functional or cognitive impairment	3	0.2
Other	276	15.8
TOTAL	1,752	100.0

¹ The court denied a motion for compassionate release in 769 cases in Fiscal Year 2026. 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, 1,752 reasons were cited for the 769 cases.

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