

U.S. Sentencing Commission Compassionate Release Data Report

**Preliminary Fiscal Year 2026 Cumulative Data through 3rd Quarter
(October 1, 2025, through June 30, 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 through third quarters 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 August 25, 2026.

⁵ USSG §1B1.13.

⁶ Amendment 814 became effective on November 1, 2023.

Table 1

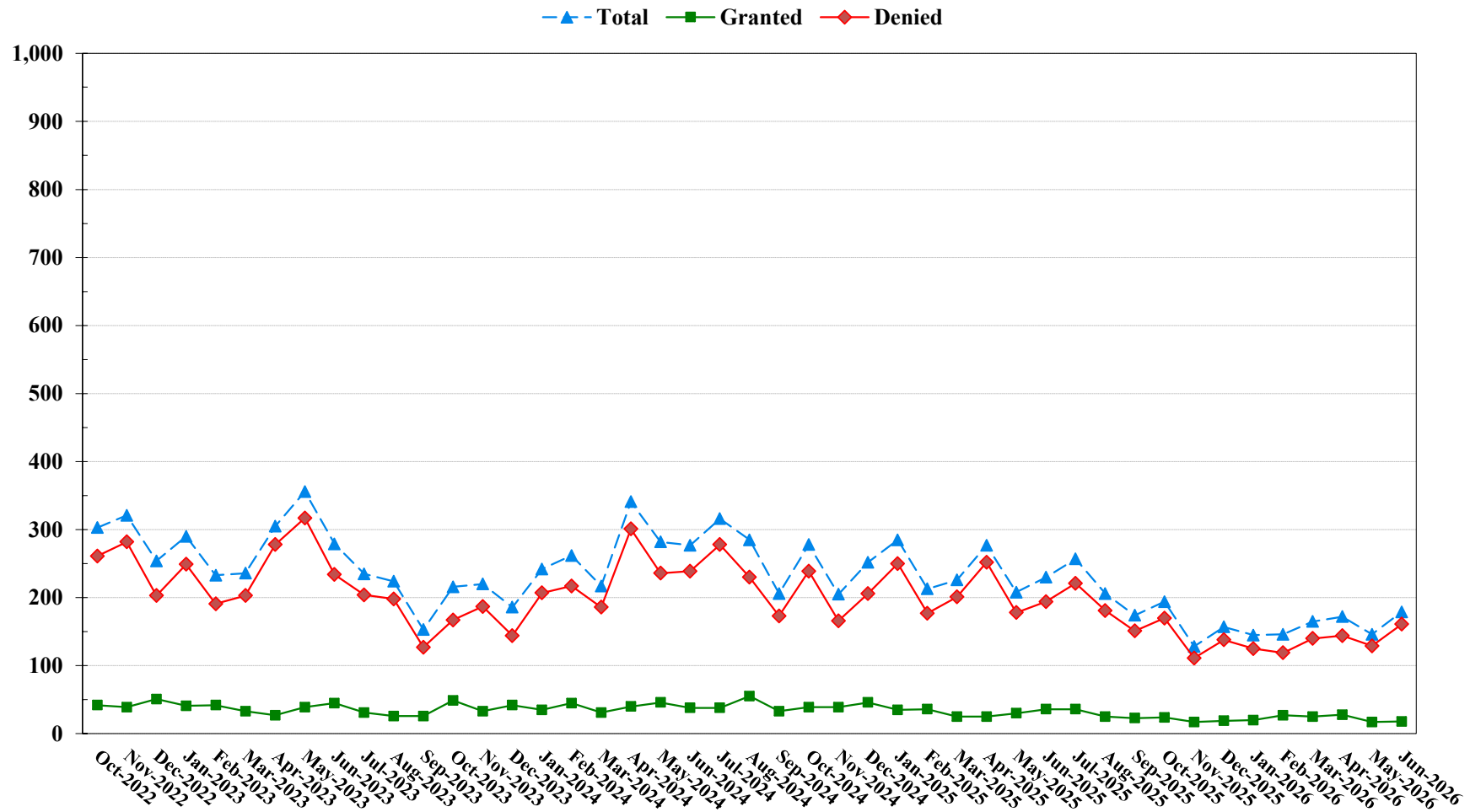
**MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE
BY MONTH OF COURT DECISION¹
Fiscal Years 2023 - 2025,
3rd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

Year	Month	Total	Granted		Denied	
		N	N	%	N	%
TOTAL		10,482	1,517	14.5	8,965	85.5
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	277	38	13.7	239	86.3
2024	July	316	38	12.0	278	88.0
2024	August	285	55	19.3	230	80.7
2024	September	206	33	16.0	173	84.0
2024	October	278	39	14.0	239	86.0
2024	November	205	39	19.0	166	81.0
2024	December	252	46	18.3	206	81.7
2025	January	285	35	12.3	250	87.7
2025	February	213	36	16.9	177	83.1
2025	March	226	25	11.1	201	88.9
2025	April	277	25	9.0	252	91.0
2025	May	208	30	14.4	178	85.6
2025	June	230	36	15.7	194	84.3
2025	July	257	36	14.0	221	86.0
2025	August	206	25	12.1	181	87.9
2025	September	174	23	13.2	151	86.8
2025	October	194	24	12.4	170	87.6
2025	November	128	17	13.3	111	86.7
2025	December	157	19	12.1	138	87.9
2026	January	145	20	13.8	125	86.2
2026	February	146	27	18.5	119	81.5
2026	March	165	25	15.2	140	84.8
2026	April	172	28	16.3	144	83.7
2026	May	146	17	11.6	129	88.4
2026	June	179	18	10.1	161	89.9

¹ Of the 10,818 cases reported to the Commission, 336 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, 3rd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data



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

Table 2

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE BY DISTRICT¹
3rd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data

District	Total	Granted		Denied		District	Total	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%		N	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	1,432	195	13.6	1,237	86.4						
Eastern Virginia	100	22	22.0	78	78.0	Northern Georgia	9	3	33.3	6	66.7
Southern Florida	65	5	7.7	60	92.3	Rhode Island	8	3	37.5	5	62.5
South Carolina	54	11	20.4	43	79.6	Northern Illinois	7	2	28.6	5	71.4
Western Missouri	54	2	3.7	52	96.3	Southern New York	6	4	66.7	2	33.3
Middle Florida	53	9	17.0	44	83.0	Southern California	6	6	100.0	0	0.0
Eastern North Carolina	52	0	0.0	52	100.0	Puerto Rico	5	5	100.0	0	0.0
Maryland	45	13	28.9	32	71.1	Eastern Washington	5	0	0.0	5	100.0
Middle Pennsylvania	42	1	2.4	41	97.6	Kansas	5	1	20.0	4	80.0
Western Michigan	42	1	2.4	41	97.6	Southern Georgia	5	0	0.0	5	100.0
Middle North Carolina	37	4	10.8	33	89.2	District of Columbia	4	2	50.0	2	50.0
Minnesota	37	3	8.1	34	91.9	Maine	4	0	0.0	4	100.0
Northern Iowa	36	0	0.0	36	100.0	Southern West Virginia	4	1	25.0	3	75.0
Central California	36	3	8.3	33	91.7	Middle Louisiana	4	0	0.0	4	100.0
Eastern New York	32	10	31.3	22	68.8	Oregon	4	2	50.0	2	50.0
Southern Iowa	32	1	3.1	31	96.9	Massachusetts	3	3	100.0	0	0.0
Western Virginia	31	4	12.9	27	87.1	Vermont	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
Northern Ohio	30	0	0.0	30	100.0	Western Louisiana	3	0	0.0	3	100.0
Eastern Kentucky	29	0	0.0	29	100.0	Northern Mississippi	3	0	0.0	3	100.0
Eastern Missouri	29	0	0.0	29	100.0	Eastern Tennessee	3	2	66.7	1	33.3
Middle Georgia	28	1	3.6	27	96.4	Nevada	3	3	100.0	0	0.0
New Jersey	27	5	18.5	22	81.5	Eastern Pennsylvania	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Eastern Texas	27	1	3.7	26	96.3	Western Pennsylvania	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Southern Texas	27	4	14.8	23	85.2	Eastern Michigan	2	1	50.0	1	50.0
Western Texas	25	3	12.0	22	88.0	Northern Mariana Islands	2	0	0.0	2	100.0
Southern Illinois	25	1	4.0	24	96.0	Western Washington	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Eastern Arkansas	25	0	0.0	25	100.0	Utah	2	1	50.0	1	50.0
Nebraska	25	1	4.0	24	96.0	Western New York	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
South Dakota	24	3	12.5	21	87.5	Delaware	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Northern Oklahoma	22	2	9.1	20	90.9	Southern Ohio	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Western North Carolina	18	2	11.1	16	88.9	Middle Tennessee	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Southern Indiana	17	0	0.0	17	100.0	Central Illinois	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Wyoming	16	1	6.3	15	93.8	Arizona	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Eastern Wisconsin	15	0	0.0	15	100.0	Northern California	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Eastern California	15	3	20.0	12	80.0	Guam	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Western Wisconsin	14	0	0.0	14	100.0	Colorado	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
North Dakota	14	1	7.1	13	92.9	Southern Alabama	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Middle Alabama	14	0	0.0	14	100.0	Northern Florida	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Connecticut	12	4	33.3	8	66.7	Northern New York	0	0	--	0	--
Idaho	12	2	16.7	10	83.3	Virgin Islands	0	0	--	0	--
Northern Indiana	11	0	0.0	11	100.0	Eastern Louisiana	0	0	--	0	--
Western Tennessee	10	1	10.0	9	90.0	Southern Mississippi	0	0	--	0	--
Hawaii	10	2	20.0	8	80.0	Northern Texas	0	0	--	0	--
Montana	10	7	70.0	3	30.0	Western Arkansas	0	0	--	0	--
New Hampshire	9	4	44.4	5	55.6	New Mexico	0	0	--	0	--
Northern West Virginia	9	2	22.2	7	77.8	Eastern Oklahoma	0	0	--	0	--
Western Kentucky	9	2	22.2	7	77.8	Western Oklahoma	0	0	--	0	--
Alaska	9	2	22.2	7	77.8	Northern Alabama	0	0	--	0	--

¹ Of the 1,478 cases reported to the Commission in Fiscal Year 2026, 46 were excluded due to indeterminable motion status.

Table 3

**MOTIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE
IN EACH CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT¹
3rd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

CIRCUIT	TOTAL	Granted		Denied	
District	N	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	1,432	195	13.6	1,237	86.4
D.C. CIRCUIT	4	2	50.0	2	50.0
District of Columbia	4	2	50.0	2	50.0
FIRST CIRCUIT	29	15	51.7	14	48.3
Maine	4	0	0.0	4	100.0
Massachusetts	3	3	100.0	0	0.0
New Hampshire	9	4	44.4	5	55.6
Puerto Rico	5	5	100.0	0	0.0
Rhode Island	8	3	37.5	5	62.5
SECOND CIRCUIT	54	20	37.0	34	63.0
Connecticut	12	4	33.3	8	66.7
New York					
Eastern	32	10	31.3	22	68.8
Northern	0	0	--	0	--
Southern	6	4	66.7	2	33.3
Western	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Vermont	3	1	33.3	2	66.7
THIRD CIRCUIT	74	10	13.5	64	86.5
Delaware	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
New Jersey	27	5	18.5	22	81.5
Pennsylvania					
Eastern	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Middle	42	1	2.4	41	97.6
Western	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
Virgin Islands	0	0	--	0	--
FOURTH CIRCUIT	350	59	16.9	291	83.1
Maryland	45	13	28.9	32	71.1
North Carolina					
Eastern	52	0	0.0	52	100.0
Middle	37	4	10.8	33	89.2
Western	18	2	11.1	16	88.9
South Carolina	54	11	20.4	43	79.6
Virginia					
Eastern	100	22	22.0	78	78.0
Western	31	4	12.9	27	87.1
West Virginia					
Northern	9	2	22.2	7	77.8
Southern	4	1	25.0	3	75.0

Table 3 (cont.)

CIRCUIT District	TOTAL	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
FIFTH CIRCUIT	89	8	9.0	81	91.0
Louisiana					
Eastern	0	0	--	0	--
Middle	4	0	0.0	4	100.0
Western	3	0	0.0	3	100.0
Mississippi					
Northern	3	0	0.0	3	100.0
Southern	0	0	--	0	--
Texas					
Eastern	27	1	3.7	26	96.3
Northern	0	0	--	0	--
Southern	27	4	14.8	23	85.2
Western	25	3	12.0	22	88.0
SIXTH CIRCUIT	127	8	6.3	119	93.7
Kentucky					
Eastern	29	0	0.0	29	100.0
Western	9	2	22.2	7	77.8
Michigan					
Eastern	2	1	50.0	1	50.0
Western	42	1	2.4	41	97.6
Ohio					
Northern	30	0	0.0	30	100.0
Southern	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Tennessee					
Eastern	3	2	66.7	1	33.3
Middle	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Western	10	1	10.0	9	90.0
SEVENTH CIRCUIT	90	4	4.4	86	95.6
Illinois					
Central	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Northern	7	2	28.6	5	71.4
Southern	25	1	4.0	24	96.0
Indiana					
Northern	11	0	0.0	11	100.0
Southern	17	0	0.0	17	100.0
Wisconsin					
Eastern	15	0	0.0	15	100.0
Western	14	0	0.0	14	100.0
EIGHTH CIRCUIT	276	11	4.0	265	96.0
Arkansas					
Eastern	25	0	0.0	25	100.0
Western	0	0	--	0	--
Iowa					
Northern	36	0	0.0	36	100.0
Southern	32	1	3.1	31	96.9
Minnesota	37	3	8.1	34	91.9
Missouri					
Eastern	29	0	0.0	29	100.0
Western	54	2	3.7	52	96.3
Nebraska	25	1	4.0	24	96.0
North Dakota	14	1	7.1	13	92.9
South Dakota	24	3	12.5	21	87.5

Table 3 (cont.)

CIRCUIT District	TOTAL	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
NINTH CIRCUIT	117	33	28.2	84	71.8
Alaska	9	2	22.2	7	77.8
Arizona	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
California					
Central	36	3	8.3	33	91.7
Eastern	15	3	20.0	12	80.0
Northern	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Southern	6	6	100.0	0	0.0
Guam	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Hawaii	10	2	20.0	8	80.0
Idaho	12	2	16.7	10	83.3
Montana	10	7	70.0	3	30.0
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	2	2	100.0	0	0.0
TENTH CIRCUIT	46	6	13.0	40	87.0
Colorado	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Kansas	5	1	20.0	4	80.0
New Mexico	0	0	--	0	--
Oklahoma					
Eastern	0	0	--	0	--
Northern	22	2	9.1	20	90.9
Western	0	0	--	0	--
Utah	2	1	50.0	1	50.0
Wyoming	16	1	6.3	15	93.8
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT	176	19	10.8	157	89.2
Alabama					
Middle	14	0	0.0	14	100.0
Northern	0	0	--	0	--
Southern	1	0	0.0	1	100.0
Florida					
Middle	53	9	17.0	44	83.0
Northern	1	1	100.0	0	0.0
Southern	65	5	7.7	60	92.3
Georgia					
Middle	28	1	3.6	27	96.4
Northern	9	3	33.3	6	66.7
Southern	5	0	0.0	5	100.0

¹ Of the 1,478 cases reported to the Commission in Fiscal Year 2026, 46 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
3rd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

Fiscal Year	Total	Granted		Denied	
	N	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	1,426	192	13.5	1,234	86.5
2026	12	3	25.0	9	75.0
2025	105	19	18.1	86	81.9
2024	163	19	11.7	144	88.3
2023	143	11	7.7	132	92.3
2022	110	10	9.1	100	90.9
2021	93	9	9.7	84	90.3
2020	71	7	9.9	64	90.1
2019	86	9	10.5	77	89.5
2018	83	9	10.8	74	89.2
2017	66	7	10.6	59	89.4
2016	57	8	14.0	49	86.0
2015	45	6	13.3	39	86.7
2014	58	11	19.0	47	81.0
2013	40	6	15.0	34	85.0
2012	39	11	28.2	28	71.8
2011	25	3	12.0	22	88.0
2010	24	3	12.5	21	87.5
2009	37	7	18.9	30	81.1
2008	29	1	3.4	28	96.6
2007	25	5	20.0	20	80.0
2006	14	4	28.6	10	71.4
2005	15	4	26.7	11	73.3
2004	12	2	16.7	10	83.3
2003	8	0	0.0	8	100.0
2002	10	2	20.0	8	80.0
2001	5	0	0.0	5	100.0
2000	5	2	40.0	3	60.0
1999	8	3	37.5	5	62.5
1998	6	2	33.3	4	66.7
1997	8	3	37.5	5	62.5
1996	5	0	0.0	5	100.0
1995	2	0	0.0	2	100.0
1994	7	2	28.6	5	71.4
1993	7	2	28.6	5	71.4
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 1,432 cases reported to the Commission with motion status information in Fiscal Year 2026, 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 RELEASE¹

3rd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data

CIRCUIT	Total	Defendant		Director BOP		Attorney for the Government		Joint Motion ²	
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	195	189	96.9	3	1.5	2	1.0	1	0.5
D.C. CIRCUIT	2	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
FIRST CIRCUIT	15	14	93.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	6.7
SECOND CIRCUIT	20	20	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
THIRD CIRCUIT	10	10	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
FOURTH CIRCUIT	59	59	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
FIFTH CIRCUIT	8	8	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SIXTH CIRCUIT	8	7	87.5	1	12.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
SEVENTH CIRCUIT	4	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
EIGHTH CIRCUIT	11	7	63.6	2	18.2	2	18.2	0	0.0
NINTH CIRCUIT	33	33	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
TENTH CIRCUIT	6	6	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT	19	19	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

¹ There were 195 cases in which the court granted a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2026.

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**

3rd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data

Demographics	Granted		Denied	
	N	%	N	%
Race/Ethnicity				
White	67	34.9	358	29.2
Black	78	40.6	582	47.4
Hispanic	42	21.9	230	18.7
Other	5	2.6	57	4.6
Total	192	100.0	1,227	100.0
Citizenship				
U.S. Citizen	178	93.7	1,080	87.7
Non-Citizen	12	6.3	151	12.3
Total	190	100.0	1,231	100.0
Gender				
Male	174	90.2	1,129	91.3
Female	19	9.8	107	8.7
Total	193	100.0	1,236	100.0
Average Age at Original Sentence				
		40		39
Average Age at Motion Decision				
		50		47

¹ Of the 1,432 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 (13), missing citizenship information (11), missing gender information (3), and missing age information (13).

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

Table 7

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

3rd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data

Sentencing Factors	Granted	Denied
	%	%
Weapon^{2,3}	42.5	44.6
Weapon Specific Offense Characteristic	20.7	23.5
Firearms Mandatory Minimum Applied	27.1	25.6
Safety Valve²	10.9	6.1
Guideline Role Adjustments²		
Aggravating Role (USSG §3B1.1)	11.5	19.8
Mitigating Role (USSG §3B1.2)	2.9	1.7
Obstruction Adjustment (USSG §3C1.1)	5.7	11.9
Sentence Relative to the Guideline Range		
Within Range	47.3	51.5
Above Range	4.8	4.5
Below Range	47.9	44.0
Criminal History Category		
I	28.8	23.9
II	11.5	8.3
III	14.1	13.9
IV	12.0	11.1
V	9.9	9.5
VI	23.6	33.3
Career Offender (§4B1.1)²	18.0	17.1

¹ Of the 1,432 cases reported to the Commission with motion status information in Fiscal Year 2026, six 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 1,367 cases with complete guideline application information.

³ 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 RELEASE¹
3rd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

TYPE OF CRIME	N	%
TOTAL	191	100.0
Administration of Justice	0	0.0
Antitrust	0	0.0
Arson	3	1.6
Assault	5	2.6
Bribery/Corruption	1	0.5
Burglary/Trespass	0	0.0
Child Pornography	4	2.1
Commercialized Vice	0	0.0
Drug Possession	0	0.0
Drug Trafficking	92	48.2
Environmental	0	0.0
Extortion/Racketeering	1	0.5
Firearms	19	9.9
Food and Drug	0	0.0
Forgery/Counter/Copyright	0	0.0
Fraud/Theft/Embezzlement	11	5.8
Immigration	3	1.6
Individual Rights	0	0.0
Kidnapping	1	0.5
Manslaughter	0	0.0
Money Laundering	7	3.7
Murder	15	7.9
National Defense	0	0.0
Obscenity/Other Sex Offenses	0	0.0
Prison Offenses	1	0.5
Robbery	24	12.6
Sexual Abuse	3	1.6
Stalking/Harassing	0	0.0
Tax	1	0.5
Other	0	0.0

¹ Of the 195 cases in which the court granted 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. 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
3rd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

TYPE OF CRIME	N	%
TOTAL	1,234	100.0
Administration of Justice	5	0.4
Antitrust	0	0.0
Arson	2	0.2
Assault	22	1.8
Bribery/Corruption	1	0.1
Burglary/Trespass	1	0.1
Child Pornography	43	3.5
Commercialized Vice	0	0.0
Drug Possession	0	0.0
Drug Trafficking	577	46.8
Environmental	0	0.0
Extortion/Racketeering	4	0.3
Firearms	161	13.0
Food and Drug	0	0.0
Forgery/Counter/Copyright	1	0.1
Fraud/Theft/Embezzlement	68	5.5
Immigration	7	0.6
Individual Rights	1	0.1
Kidnapping	15	1.2
Manslaughter	1	0.1
Money Laundering	41	3.3
Murder	84	6.8
National Defense	6	0.5
Obscenity/Other Sex Offenses	0	0.0
Prison Offenses	5	0.4
Robbery	126	10.2
Sexual Abuse	57	4.6
Stalking/Harassing	4	0.3
Tax	0	0.0
Other	2	0.2

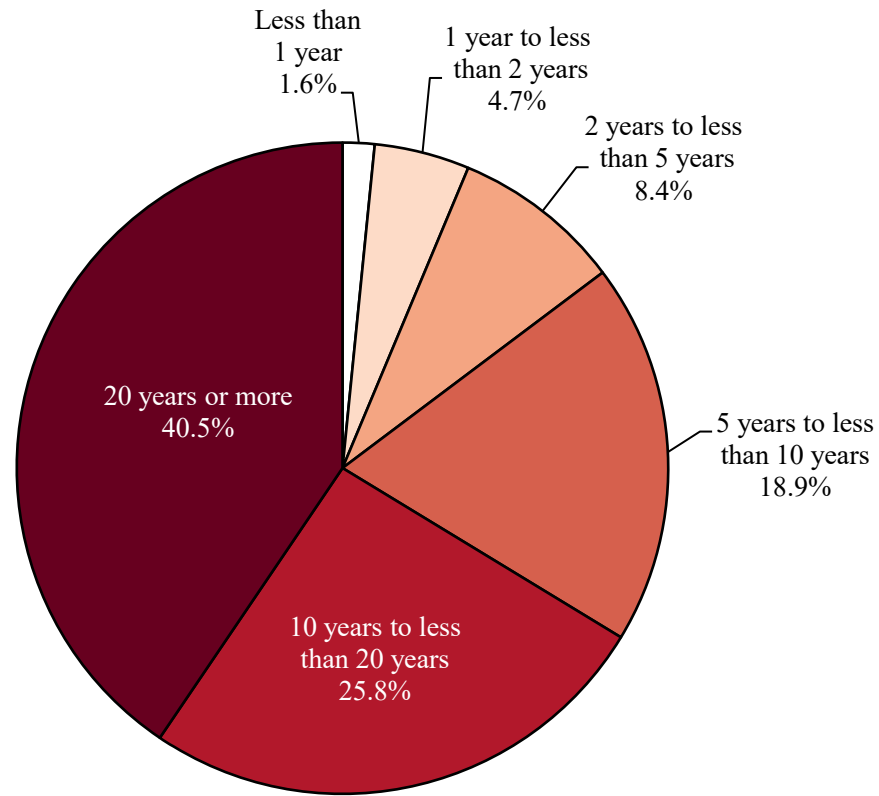
¹ Of the 1,237 cases in which the court denied a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2026, three were excluded from this analysis because the cases cannot be matched with an original case in the Commission's records.

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

Figure 2

ORIGINAL SENTENCE LENGTH FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING COMPASSIONATE RELEASE¹

3rd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data



¹ Of the 195 cases in which the court granted a motion for compassionate release in Fiscal Year 2026, information on the original sentence length was missing in five cases.

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

Table 10

**REASONS GIVEN BY SENTENCING COURTS
FOR GRANTED MOTIONS¹
3rd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

REASONS	N	%
Rehabilitation ²	55	17.9
Serious physical or medical condition (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(B))	39	12.7
Missing	27	8.8
Unusually long sentence (10 or more years) and change in law (USSG §1B1.13(b)(6))	24	7.8
Terminal illness (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(A))	23	7.5
Multiple 18 U.S.C. § 924(c) penalties	15	4.9
BOP failure to provide treatment (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(C))	14	4.5
Other mandatory minimum penalties/long sentence	14	4.5
Young age at time of offense	12	3.9
Family circumstances – care for parent (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(C))	10	3.2
Family circumstances - care for minor/disabled child (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(A))	9	2.9
Career Offender issues	7	2.3
Age 65 and deteriorating health and served 10 years/75% (USSG §1B1.13(b)(2))	6	1.9
Deteriorating physical or mental health due to aging process (USSG §1B1.13(b)(1)(B))	3	1.0
21 U.S.C. § 851 enhanced drug penalties	3	1.0
Conviction/sentencing errors	3	1.0
Family circumstances – care for other immediate family member (USSG §1B1.13(b)(3)(D))	3	1.0
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
Extraordinary and compelling (not specified)	2	0.6
Mandatory nature of guideline at sentencing	2	0.6
Abuse by corrections officer/BOP contractor (USSG §1B1.13(b)(4))	2	0.6
Other	31	10.1
TOTAL	308	100.0

¹ The court granted a motion for compassionate release in 195 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, 308 reasons were cited for the 195 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
3rd Quarter 2026 Preliminary Cumulative Data**

REASONS	N	%
18 U.S.C § 3553(a) factors	661	22.9
Rehabilitation insufficient	368	12.8
No extraordinary and compelling reason provided	272	9.4
Failure to exhaust administrative remedies	214	7.4
Insufficient proof of serious physical and medical condition	189	6.5
Defendant able to provide self-care in prison	178	6.2
Does not meet age or length of time served requirement under 18 U.S.C. § 3559	92	3.2
Other care available for minor child	87	3.0
Protection of the public	70	2.4
Not at risk from COVID/pandemic	63	2.2
Insufficient proof of deteriorating physical or mental health	48	1.7
Post-sentencing/post-conviction conduct	30	1.0
Missing/no reason provided	17	0.6
Other care available for spouse or partner	14	0.5
Mandatory minimum penalty	14	0.5
Insufficient proof of serious functional or cognitive impairment	6	0.2
Other	563	19.5
TOTAL	2,886	100.0

¹ The court denied a motion for compassionate release in 1,237 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, 2,886 reasons were cited for the 1,237 cases.

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