

Table 6.54

Prisoners granted parole by the U.S. Parole Commission

Fiscal years 1977-96

Fiscal year	Total	
	Number	Percent
1977	3,746	44.1%
1978	5,260	54.3
1979	6,427	65.8
1980	6,722	69.7
1981	5,436	64.8
1982	5,283	64.0
1983	6,214	64.0
1984	6,073	63.4
1985	5,667	59.0
1986	6,788	60.5
1987	7,561	62.9
1988	7,773	62.4
1989	7,718	65.8
1990	6,537	66.4
1991	5,459	69.3
1992	3,761	65.1
1993	3,425	69.8
1994	2,377	71.1
1995	2,203	72.5
1996	1,970	78.4

Note: The U.S. Parole Commission conducts parole hearings for inmates currently in the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons and exercises jurisdiction over Federal parolees. These data refer only to defendants sentenced as adults. The "percent" column refers to inmates who were granted parole as a proportion of the total number of inmates considered for parole. The Source notes, "while the percentage granted parole has traditionally served as an indicator of paroling policy, it has several limitations. First, it is affected by changes in types of offenders entering the system. For example, the rate of parole grants for auto thieves (whose number entering the Federal system had declined over the years) may not be the same as for narcotics dealers (whose number has risen). Second, the measure may be affected by changes in sentencing practices" (Source, **October 1, 1993 to September 30, 1994**, p. 8). The data do not reflect decisions modified under the Commission's appellate or reopening provisions.

Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Parole Commission, **Report of the U.S. Parole Commission, October 1, 1976 to September 30, 1978**, p. 18, Tables 11-A and 11-B; **October 1, 1978 to September 30, 1980**, p. 21, Tables 11-A and 11-B (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice); Patricia L. Hardyman, "Workload and Decision Trends: Statistical Highlights," Report 40, p. 3, U.S. Parole Commission, 1984. (Mimeographed.); U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Parole Commission, **Annual Report of the United States Parole Commission, October 1, 1986 to September 30, 1987** (Washington, DC: US-GPO, 1988), p. 9; **Annual Report of the United States Parole Commission, October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1991**, p. 11; **October 1, 1993 to September 30, 1994**, p. 8 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice); and data provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Parole Commission. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.