

Table 5.79

Arrests and convictions handled by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service

By type of offense, fiscal year 1996

Type of offense	Arrests	Convictions
Total	10,540	9,097
<u>Internal crime</u>		
Mail theft	499	548
Narcotics related	53	79
Miscellaneous	53	37
<u>External crime</u>		
Mail theft	4,278	3,676
Burglary	213	197
Robbery	165	125
Assault	519	394
Miscellaneous	533	457
<u>Prohibited mailings</u>		
Pornography/obscenity	187	184
Controlled substances	1,876	1,469
Bombs/explosive devices	82	107
Miscellaneous	86	63
<u>Revenue and Asset Protection Program</u>		
Expenditure investigations	14	18
Financial investigations	303	285
Workers' Compensation Fraud	52	40
Revenue investigations	80	76
Mail fraud	1,547	1,342

Note: See Note, table 5.78. Internal crimes are those involving employees of the U.S. Postal Service and external crimes are those committed by individuals or groups outside the organization. Internal mail theft involves contractors and some non-employees engaged in mail-related work such as mailroom employees. Narcotics cases include both employees and non-employees selling narcotics on postal property. Miscellaneous internal crimes include theft of postal property and sabotage of equipment. External mail theft includes theft and possession of stolen mail. Assault includes threats and assaults against on-duty postal employees. Miscellaneous external crimes include counterfeit and contraband postage, money order offenses, vandalism, and arson. Pornography/obscenity includes mailing of child pornography, obscenity, or sexually-oriented advertisements. Controlled substances include narcotics, steroids, drug-related proceeds, and drug paraphernalia. Miscellaneous prohibited mailings include hazardous material, firearms and weapons, intoxicants, explosives other than bombs, extortion, and false documents.

The Revenue and Asset Protection Program (RAPP) was established in 1995 and combines portions of the audit and criminal investigation activities. The objective of RAPP is to give priority to the protection of postal revenue and assets. Activities include reviewing internal controls, examining unfavorable trends and significant variations in activity, and pursuing information received through financial audits, customer complaints, and anonymous tips.

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