

Table 7
Authorized Intercepts Granted Pursuant to
18 U.S.C. § 2519 as Reported in Wiretap Reports
for Calendar Years 2001 - 2011

Wiretap Report Date	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Intercept applications requested	1,491	1,359	1,442	1,710	1,774	1,839	2,208	1,891	2,376	3,195	2,734
Intercept applications authorized	1,491	1,358	1,442	1,710	1,773	1,839	2,208	1,891	2,376	3,194	2,732
Federal	486	497	578	730	625	461	457	386	663	1,207	792
State	1,005	861	864	980	1,148	1,378	1,751	1,505	1,713	1,987	1,940
Avg. days of original authorization	27	29	29	28	28	29	29	29	29	29	29
Number of extensions	1,008	889	1,145	1,341	1,360	1,228	1,701	1,266	1,627	1,925	1,777
Average length of extensions (in days)	29	29	29	28	28	29	29	29	28	29	29
Location of authorized intercepts:											
Personal residence	206	154	118	83	57	48	27	31	19	13	13
Business	60	37	35	30	21	13	7	6	10	7	6
Portable device	1,007	1,046	1,165	1,507	1,610	1,685	2,078	1,793	2,276	3,053	2,674
Multiple locations	117	85	95	65	49	53	36	38	55	37	20
Not indicated or other ¹	101	36	29	25	36	40	60	23	16	84	19
Major offense specified:											
Arson, explosives, and weapons	5	-	5	12	3	2	4	1	18	16	2
Bribery	1	3	9	16	4	1	1	3	2	1	1
Extortion (includes usury and loan-sharking)	28	18	6	5	8	6	5	-	3	3	4
Gambling	82	82	49	90	42	56	55	54	35	31	46
Homicide and assault	52	58	80	48	82	119	132	92	82	175	113
Larceny and theft	47	8	48	30	11	19	32	37	35	53	67
Narcotics	1,167	1,052	1,104	1,308	1,433	1,473	1,792	1,593	2,046	2,673	2,334
Robbery and burglary	8	3	3	9	7	1	4	7	9	11	10
Racketeering	70	72	96	138	94	90	98	58	61	110	51
Other or unspecified	31	62	42	54	89	72	85	46	85	121	104
Intercept applications installed ²	1,405	1,273	1,367	1,633	1,694	1,714	2,119	1,809	1,764	2,311	2,189
Federal	481	490	576	723	624	461	454	384	337	641	367
State	924	783	791	910	1,070	1,253	1,665	1,425	1,427	1,670	1,822
For intercepts installed:											
Total days in operation	53,574	50,025	60,198	69,980	72,897	68,380	93,117	73,509	73,799	93,078	91,240
Avg. number of persons intercepted ³	86	92	116	126	107	122	94	92	113	118	113
Average number of intercepted communications ³	1,565	1,708	3,004	3,017	2,835	2,685	3,106	2,707	3,673	3,199	3,716
Average number of incriminating intercepted communications ³	333	403	993	619	629	547	920	514	688	603	868
Authorizations where costs reported	1,327	1,193	1,236	1,559	1,525	1,576	2,043	1,703	1,564	2,211	2,034
Average cost of intercepts for which costs reported	48,198	54,586	62,164	63,011	55,530	52,551	48,477	47,624	52,200	50,085	49,629
Intercept applications authorized but reported after publication ⁴	204	185	347	282	348	624	719	740	667	601	-
Total authorized, by year (reported through March 2012)	1,695	1,543	1,789	1,992	2,121	2,463	2,927	2,631	3,043	3,795	2,732

¹ Starting in 2000, location categories were revised to improve reporting and reduce the number of instances in which "other" location was reported.

² Installed intercepts include only those intercepts for which reports were received from prosecuting officials.

³ As of 1998, the average excludes those reports in which the number of persons intercepted, the number of intercepts, or the number of incriminating intercepts was not reported or could not be determined.

⁴ Some wiretaps terminated in a given year are not reported until a subsequent year because they are part of ongoing investigations.