

Table 7
Authorized Intercepts Granted Pursuant to
18 U.S.C. 2519 as Reported in Wiretap Reports
for Calendar Years 1992 - 2002

Wiretap Report Date	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Intercept applications requested	919	976	1,154	1,058	1,150	1,186	1,331	1,350	1,190	1,491	1,359
Intercept applications authorized	919	976	1,154	1,058	1,149	1,186	1,329	1,350	1,190	1,491	1,358
Federal	340	450	554	532	581	569	566	601	479	486	497
State	579	526	600	526	568	617	763	749	711	1,005	861
Avg. days of original authorization	28	28	29	29	28	28	28	27	28	27	29
Number of extensions	646	825	861	834	887	1,028	1,164	1,367	926	1,008	889
Average length of extensions (in days)	30	29	29	29	28	28	27	29	28	29	29
Location of authorized intercepts*											
Personal Residence	441	410	451	428	434	382	436	341	244	206	154
Business	119	124	118	101	101	78	87	59	56	60	37
Portable device	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	719	1,007	1,046
Multiple locations	70	92	97	115	149	197	222	287	109	117	85
Not indicated or other*	289	350	488	414	465	529	584	663	62	101	36
Major offense specified:											
Arson, explosives, and weapons	-	-	-	4	-	3	3	8	5	5	-
Bribery	8	1	6	4	10	13	9	42	21	1	3
Extortion (includes usury and loan-sharking)	7	9	8	18	9	24	12	11	10	28	18
Gambling	66	96	86	95	114	98	93	60	49	82	82
Homicide and assault	35	28	19	30	41	31	55	62	72	52	58
Larceny and theft	16	13	18	12	7	22	19	9	15	47	8
Narcotics	634	679	876	732	821	870	955	978	894	1,167	1,052
Robbery and burglary	-	-	6	5	4	5	4	4	4	8	3
Racketeering	90	101	88	98	105	93	153	139	76	70	72
Other or unspecified	63	48	47	60	38	27	28	37	44	31	62
Intercept applications installed**	846	938	1,100	1,024	1,035	1,094	1,245	1,277	1,139	1,405	1,273
Federal	332	444	549	527	574	563	562	595	472	481	490
State	514	494	551	497	461	531	683	682	667	924	783
For intercepts installed:											
Total days in operation	32,430	39,819	44,500	43,179	43,635	48,871	53,411	63,243	47,729	53,574	50,025
Avg. number of persons intercepted	117	100	84	140	192	197	190	195	196	86	92
Average number of intercepted communications***	1,861	1,801	2,139	2,028	1,969	2,081	1,858	1,921	1,769	1,565	1,708
Average number of incriminating intercepted communications***	347	364	373	459	422	418	350	390	402	333	403
Authorizations where costs reported	829	912	1,042	983	1,007	1,029	1,184	1,232	1,080	1,327	1,193
Average cost of intercepts for which costs reported (in dollars)	46,492	57,256	49,478	56,454	61,436	61,176	57,669	57,511	54,829	48,198	54,586
Intercept applications authorized but reported after publication****	48	206	46	82	48	90	118	196	196	166	-
Total authorized by year (reported through December 2002)	967	1,182	1,200	1,140	1,197	1,276	1,447	1,546	1,386	1,657	1,358

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

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

*** 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.

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