

Table 7
Authorized Intercepts Granted Pursuant to
18 U.S.C. § 2519 as Reported in Wiretap Reports
for Calendar Years 2002 - 2012

Wiretap Report Date	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Intercept applications requested	1,359	1,442	1,710	1,774	1,839	2,208	1,891	2,376	3,195	2,734	3,397
Intercept applications authorized	1,358	1,442	1,710	1,773	1,839	2,208	1,891	2,376	3,194	2,732	3,395
Federal	497	578	730	625	461	457	386	663	1,207	792	1,354
State	861	864	980	1,148	1,378	1,751	1,505	1,713	1,987	1,940	2,041
Avg. days of original authorization	29	29	28	28	29	29	29	29	29	29	30
Number of extensions	889	1,145	1,341	1,360	1,228	1,701	1,266	1,627	1,925	1,777	1,932
Average length of extensions (in days)	29	29	28	28	29	29	29	28	29	29	29
Location of authorized intercepts:											
Personal residence	154	118	83	57	48	27	31	19	13	13	14
Business	37	35	30	21	13	7	6	10	7	6	5
Portable device	1,046	1,165	1,507	1,610	1,685	2,078	1,793	2,276	3,053	2,674	3,292
Multiple locations	85	95	65	49	53	36	38	55	37	20	53
Not indicated or other ¹	36	29	25	36	40	60	23	16	84	19	31
Major offense specified:											
Arson, explosives, and weapons	-	5	12	3	2	4	1	18	16	2	4
Bribery	3	9	16	4	1	1	3	2	1	1	5
Extortion (includes usury and loan-sharking)	18	6	5	8	6	5	-	3	3	4	3
Gambling	82	49	90	42	56	55	54	35	31	46	67
Homicide and assault	58	80	48	82	119	132	92	82	175	113	116
Larceny and theft	8	48	30	11	19	32	37	35	53	67	34
Narcotics	1,052	1,104	1,308	1,433	1,473	1,792	1,593	2,046	2,673	2,334	2,967
Robbery and burglary	3	3	9	7	1	4	7	9	11	10	12
Racketeering	72	96	138	94	90	98	58	61	110	51	83
Other or unspecified	62	42	54	89	72	85	46	85	121	104	104
Intercept applications installed ²	1,273	1,367	1,633	1,694	1,714	2,119	1,809	1,764	2,311	2,189	2,501
Federal	490	576	723	624	461	454	384	337	641	367	633
State	783	791	910	1,070	1,253	1,665	1,425	1,427	1,670	1,822	1,868
For intercepts installed:											
Total days in operation	50,025	60,198	69,980	72,897	68,380	93,117	73,509	73,799	93,078	91,240	98,562
Avg. number of persons intercepted ³	92	116	126	107	122	94	92	113	118	113	104
Average number of intercepted communications ³	1,708	3,004	3,017	2,835	2,685	3,106	2,707	3,673	3,199	3,716	3,584
Average number of incriminating intercepted communications ³	403	993	619	629	547	920	514	688	603	868	703
Authorizations where costs reported	1,193	1,236	1,559	1,525	1,576	2,043	1,703	1,564	2,211	2,034	2,247
Average cost of intercepts for which costs reported	54,586	62,164	63,011	55,530	52,551	48,477	47,624	52,200	50,085	49,629	50,452
Intercept applications authorized but reported after publication⁴	185	347	282	348	625	723	753	691	814	829	-
Total authorized by year (reported through March 2013)	1,543	1,789	1,992	2,121	2,464	2,931	2,644	3,067	4,008	3,561	3,395

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.