

Table 39

**WEAPON INVOLVEMENT OF DRUG OFFENDERS FOR EACH DRUG TYPE¹
Fiscal Year 1997**

DRUG TYPE	TOTAL	No Weapon Involved		Weapon Involved²	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	18,813	16,493	87.7	2,320	12.3
Powder Cocaine	4,761	4,285	90.0	476	10.0
Crack Cocaine	4,624	3,609	78.0	1,015	22.0
Heroin	1,811	1,715	94.7	96	5.3
Marijuana	5,156	4,855	94.2	301	5.8
Methamphetamine	1,934	1,539	79.6	395	20.4
Other	527	490	93.0	37	7.0

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¹Of the 48,848 cases, 18,922 were sentenced under USSG Chapter Two, Part D (drugs). Of these, 18,835 were sentenced under §§2D1.1 (Drug Trafficking), 2D1.2 (Protected Locations), 2D1.5 (Continuing Criminal Enterprise), 2D1.8 (Rent/Manage Drug Establishment), or 2D2.1 (Simple Possession). Additionally, 22 cases were excluded due to missing drug type. Descriptions of variables used in this table are provided in Appendix A.

²Includes an adjustment for weapon possession under §2D1.1(b)(1) or a conviction under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 1997 Datafile, USSCFY97.