

**United States Attorney’s Office**

**Northern District of Alabama**

**FY 2017 Data**

According to Department of Justice records, the relevant prosecutorial and litigation data to be considered for publication is as follows:

* **Criminal Division (Overall)**
	+ ZERO acquittals;
	+ Defendants charged[[1]](#footnote-1) rose 32.4% (FY16/408; FY17/540) and 540 Defendants is the highest number since FY11;
	+ 94.4% conviction rate, highest since at least FY04;
	+ The number of Defendants sentenced to incarceration rose 15% (FY16/283; FY17/325), which is the highest percentage increase since FY11;
	+ Illegal Firearms prosecutions[[2]](#footnote-2) rose 36% since FY16 (FY16/165; FY17/225) and Illegal Firearms prosecutions are 57.9% higher than the average of the previous four fiscal years (FY13-FY16).
* **White Collar Crime:**
	+ Defendants charged rose 31.7% (FY16/60; FY17/79).
* **OCDETF:**
	+ Defendants found guilty rose 63.5% (FY16/52; FY17/85) rose 286% when compared to FY15 (FY15/22; FY17/85);
	+ Highest number of Defendants (47) sentenced to 61+ months in prison since FY06.
* **Non-OCDETF[[3]](#footnote-3) Drugs:**
	+ Defendants charged increased 49.1% (FY16/57; FY17/85), which is the highest increase in Defendants charged (49.1%) since at least FY04.[[4]](#footnote-4)
* **Violent Crime:**
	+ Defendants charged rose 39.8% (FY16/171; FY17/239).
* **All Drugs:**
	+ Conviction rate in drug cases was 97.2%, which is the highest conviction rate since at least FY04;
	+ Opioid-related defendants charged rose 65% (FY16/20; FY17/33).
* **Immigration (Criminal):**
	+ Defendants charged (50) is the largest number of defendants since at least FY04;
	+ Defendants charged rose 212.5% (FY16/16; FY17/50).
* **Civil & Appellate Divisions (Overall)**
	+ In nearly every category, all judgments[[5]](#footnote-5) handled by the Civil Division, after fair and impartial considerations, resulted in favor of the United States;
	+ 95.4% of all civil and criminal appeals resulted in favor of the United States.
1. The term “charged” or “charge” is a general term and is substituted in the DOJ reports as “filed”, without any difference. Also, the general term “charge”, as used in this context, includes both indictments and informations as charging instruments. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. These are cases prosecuted under 18 USC 922 and 924, *et seq*. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The OCDETF Program (Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force) is the centerpiece of the United States Attorney General's drug strategy to reduce the availability of drugs by disrupting and dismantling major drug trafficking organizations and money laundering organizations and related criminal enterprises. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Due to recent software changes, coupled with differences in scoring techniques, the information provided by EOUSA only dates back to 2004. The information prior to 2004 is most certainly available in archives but not readily available for the purposes of this report and thus excluded from calculation. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. The term “judgments”, as used in this context, does not refer to settlements of various claims (e.g., torts). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)