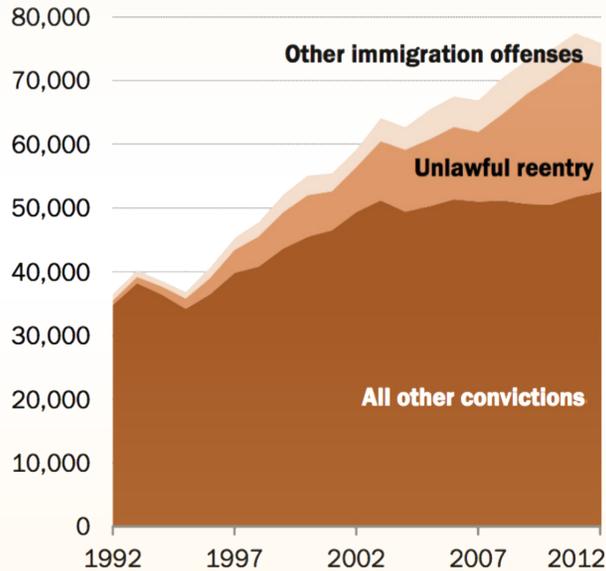


Rethinking Reentry: Prosecution, Defense and Human Rights Perspectives

Thursday, April 21 | 1 - 3 p.m. | Apfelbaum Courtroom, 110 Lewis Katz Building

Federal Convictions, 1992-2012

Number of convictions



The total number of offenders sentenced in federal court doubled, from over **36,000** in **1992** to over **75,000** in **2012**.

48% of the growth during that period is attributed to illegal reentry. Drug charges, as a group account for the next largest portion of growth, at **22%**.

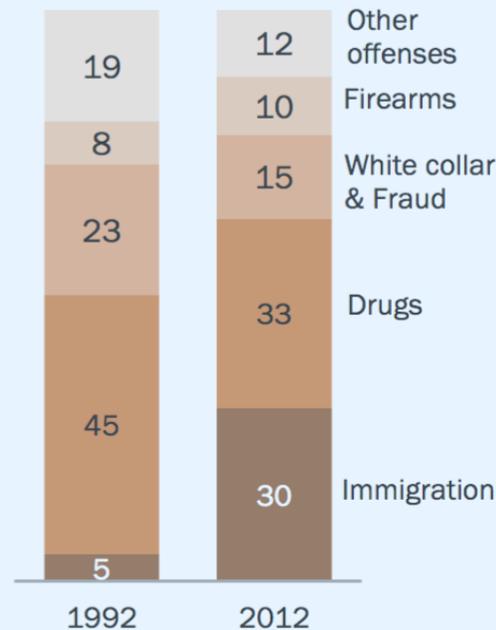
“... [T]he prosecutions of illegal entry offenses happening today are overbroad, reaching people who do not belong in prison, and are thus draining resources that could go to efforts to increase public safety and create a more secure, efficient, and humane immigration system.”

Human Rights Watch

“Turning Migrants Into Criminals: The Harmful Impact of US Border Prosecutions”

Offense Composition, 1992, 2012

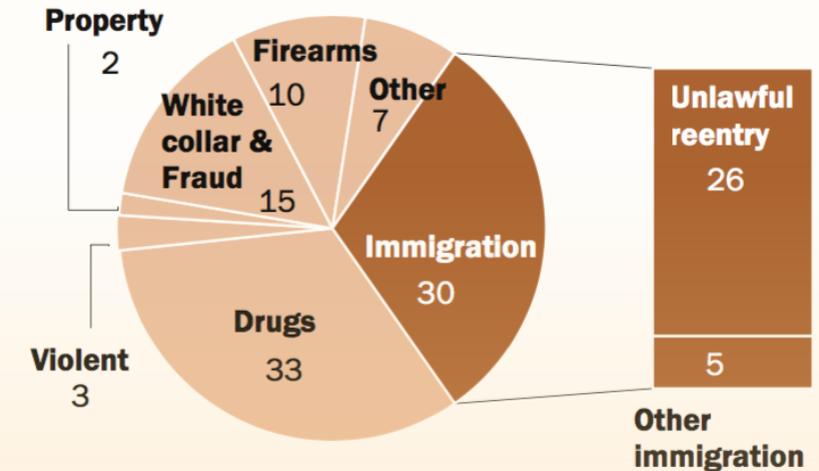
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In **1992**, **690** individuals were convicted in federal courts for illegal reentry. In **2012**, the number of individuals convicted for illegal reentry was **19,463**.

Federal Convictions by Offense Type, 2012

%



Graphs/Chart Source: Light, Michael T., Mark Hugo Lopez and Ana Gonzalez-Barrera. 2014. “The Rise of Federal Immigration Crimes.” Washington, D.C.: Pew Research Center’s Hispanic Trends Project, March.

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Estimated annual cost of incarcerating those convicted of illegal reentry alone.

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2013 Reentry Data

Source: US Sentencing Commission, Illegal Reentry Offenses (Special Coding Project analyzing random sample of 1,897 individuals out of 18,948 convicted)

Most offenders (67.1%) had relatives, other than children, in the US at the time of their arrest for reentry.

Half (49.5%) of the offenders had at least one child in the US.

Three out of four (74.5%) offenders had worked in the US for at least one-year prior to their arrest for illegal reentry.

Most individuals charged with illegal reentry were male (96.8%).

Nearly all of the offenders (98.1%) were Hispanic.

The average age of individuals at the time charged was 36 years old.

The average offender was deported 3.2 times before conviction.



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