Statistics on immigration-lawbreaking (primarily illegal immigration) in Montana, 2005 - 2011

Year ==>	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Totals
Sentences for immigration violations* [I]	52	40	60	33	25	16	13	**239**
Total sentences [T]**	308	359	347	315	275	255	252	**2,111**
Fraction [I/T]	16.9%	11.1%	17.3%	10.5%	9.1%	6.3%	5.2%	**11.3%**

* The numbers of sentences for immigration violations include all cases in the category "Illegal Aliens and Immigration Offenses" plus a few cases listed in other categories (primarily "Drugs") that also mention immigration violations.

A high percentage of the sentences in this category are for the felony offense of illegal re-entry by a previously-deported alien (8 USC 1325 and 1326). Listed sentences range from a few months' incarceration (time already served in some cases) to eight years.

** The numbers for total sentences omit "Indian Country" cases that aren't intrinsically federal crimes and that wouldn't be handled by the U.S. Attorney except for the fact that the incidents happened on Indian reservations. (Examples: Burglary, assault manslaughter.)

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