

# "Tough on Crime?" - Pardons and Commutations by President

President	Term of Office	Political Affiliation	TOTAL	PARDONS			COMMUTATION		
				Requests	Approved	Percent Approved	Requests	Approved	Percent Approved
Biden	2021-July 2024	Democrat	153	980	24	2.4%	8,414	129	1.5%
Trump	2017-2021	Republican	237	1,854	143	7.7%	9,757	94	1.0%
Obama	2009-2017*	Democrat	742	3,395	70	2.1%	22,121	672	3.0%
Obama	2009-Nov.2015*	Democrat	153	2,128	64	3.0%	18,448	89	0.5%
Bush Jr	2001-2009	Republican	200	2498	189	7.6%	8576	11	0.1%
Clinton	1993-2001	Democrat	459	2001	396	19.8%	5488	63	1.1%
Bush Sr	1989-1993	Republican	77	731	74	10.1%	735	3	0.4%
Reagan	1981-1989	Republican	406	2099	393	18.7%	393	13	3.3%
Carter	1977-1981	Democrat	566	1581	534	33.8%	1046	32	3.1%
Ford	1974-1977	Republican	409	978	382	39.1%	549	27	4.9%
Nixon	1969-1974	Republican	926	1699	863	50.8%	892	63	7.1%
* The dates reflect the Presidents approach before/after Marijuana legalization									
			TOTAL	Combined Requests	PARDONS Approved	COMMU. Approved	Percent Approved		
L.Johnson	1963-1969	Democrat	1187	4537	960	227	26.2%		
Kennedy	1961-1963	Democrat	575	1749	472	103	32.9%		
Eisenhower	1953-1961	Republican	1157	4100	1110	47	28.2%		
Truman	1945-1953	Democrat	2044	5030	1913	131	40.6%		
F.Roosevelt	1933-1945	Democrat	3319	13541	2819	500	24.5%		
Hoover	1929-1933	Republican	1078	4774	672	406	22.6%		
Coolidge	1923-1929	Republican	1565	8046	773	792	19.5%		
Harding	1921-1923	Republican	773	2461	300	473	31.4%		
Wilson	1913-1921	Democrat	2827	7454	1087	1740	37.9%		
Taft	1909-1913	Republican	759	2111	383	376	36.0%		
T.Roosevelt	1901-1909	Republican	1040	4513	668	372	23.0%		
McKinley	1897-1901	Republican	918						
Harrison	1889-1893	Republican	613						
Cleveland	1885-1889,1893-1897	Democrat	1107						
Arthur	1881-1885	Republican	337						
Garfield	1881 (7 months)	Republican	0						
Hayes	1877-1881	Republican	893						
Grant	1869-1877	Republican	1332				Pardoning of a "class" of people count as a single pardon, not multiple		
A.Johnson	1865-1869	Democratic Nat'l Union	654						
Lincoln	1861-1865	Republican Nat'l Union	343						
Buchanan	1857-1861	Democrat	150						
Pierce	1853-1857	Democrat	142						
Fillmore	1850-1853	Whig	170						
Taylor	1849-1850	Whig	38						
Polk	1845-1849	Democrat	268						
Tyler	1841-1845	Whig	209						
Harrison	1841 (1 month)	Whig	0						
Van Buren	1837-1841	Democrat	168						
Jackson	1829-1837	Democrat	386						
J.Q.Adams	1825-1829	Demo.-Rep; Nat'l Republican	183						
Monroe	1817-1825	Democratic-Republican	419						
Madison	1809-1817	Democratic-Republican	196						
Jefferson	1801-1809	Democratic-Republican	119						
J.Adams	1797-1801	Federalist	21						
Washington	1789-1797	No political party	16						

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Most days in office to start a Presidency without issuing a Pardon

- 700 Bush Jr
- 682 Obama
- 672 Cinton
- 669 Washington
- 536 John Adams
- 133 Average for all Presidents