

Table 5.19

Sentences imposed in cases terminated in U.S. District Courts

By offense, United States, fiscal year 2001

Most serious conviction offense	Total number of convicted offenders ^b	Percent of convicted offenders sentenced to:			Sentence length (in months)			
		Incarceration ^c	Probation ^d	Fine only	Incarceration ^a		Probation ^a	
					Mean	Median	Mean	Median
All offenses ^e	68,533	74.5%	17.5%	4.1%	56.5	35.0	33.8	36.0
Felonies	59,363	83.4	13.1	0.4	58.0	37.0	40.7	36.0
Violent offenses	2,604	92.1	6.9	0.1	90.8	63.0	41.2	36.0
Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	280	88.6	8.6	0.4	84.9	46.0	43.3	39.0
Assault	225	76.0	17.8	0.4	37.6	30.0	31.6	36.0
Robbery	1,659	96.4	3.8	0.0	98.3	70.0	43.5	36.0
Sexual abuse ^f	306	89.9	10.1	0.0	87.8	66.5	47.1	53.0
Kidnaping	121	79.3	15.7	0.0	88.2	60.0	41.3	36.0
Threats against the President	13	69.2	23.1	0.0	B	B	B	B
Property offenses	12,349	62.7	31.5	1.0	24.1	15.0	41.2	36.0
Fraudulent offenses	10,359	63.1	30.6	1.1	22.2	15.0	40.7	36.0
Embezzlement	780	59.4	30.4	1.9	16.5	8.0	39.9	36.0
Fraud ^g	8,328	63.9	29.7	1.1	22.9	15.0	41.0	36.0
Forgery	105	55.2	40.0	1.0	19.6	12.0	41.5	36.0
Counterfeiting	1,146	60.9	36.4	0.1	20.5	15.0	39.4	36.0
Other offenses	1,990	60.7	36.2	0.4	34.7	18.0	43.3	36.0
Burglary	59	88.1	6.8	0.0	23.2	19.5	B	B
Larceny ^h	1,393	54.2	41.8	0.5	28.3	18.0	44.4	36.0
Motor vehicle theft	101	77.2	23.8	0.0	26.9	19.5	29.3	33.0
Arson and explosives	159	85.5	13.2	0.0	86.2	48.0	38.0	36.0
Transportation of stolen property	234	69.7	29.1	0.0	33.7	23.0	42.8	36.0
Other property offenses ⁱ	44	52.3	47.7	0.0	20.1	12.0	38.3	36.0
Drug offenses	25,088	92.0	5.6	0.2	73.8	51.0	42.6	36.0
Trafficking	23,248	92.1	5.4	0.2	73.5	51.0	43.3	36.0
Possession and other	1,840	89.8	8.0	0.4	79.0	60.0	36.6	36.0
Public-order offenses	4,347	61.8	34.9	1.0	39.3	24.0	38.3	36.0
Regulatory offenses	1,410	42.3	51.1	1.8	23.5	15.0	33.9	36.0
Agriculture	67	41.8	55.2	1.5	22.5	13.5	36.0	36.0
Antitrust	28	25.0	67.9	7.1	B	B	40.4	36.0
Food and drug	52	34.6	61.5	1.9	17.7	13.5	37.5	36.0
Transportation	93	26.9	64.5	4.3	14.9	7.0	34.3	36.0
Civil rights	59	83.1	16.9	1.7	60.4	31.0	B	B
Communications	60	18.3	81.7	0.0	7.4	5.0	30.0	24.0
Customs laws	94	54.3	26.6	2.1	16.2	13.0	42.6	24.0
Postal laws	37	13.5	86.5	0.0	B	B	27.2	24.0
Other regulatory offenses	920	43.8	49.6	1.5	21.8	18.0	33.7	36.0
Other offenses	2,937	71.1	27.2	0.6	43.8	27.0	42.3	36.0
Tax law violations including tax fraud	492	56.1	44.3	0.6	21.8	15.0	38.6	36.0
Bribery	219	38.4	58.0	0.9	26.7	14.0	49.8	60.0
Perjury, contempt, intimidation	220	65.9	32.3	0.5	34.1	24.0	34.8	36.0
National defense	31	48.4	32.3	16.1	47.8	35.5	B	B
Escape	451	89.1	8.4	0.2	19.9	12.0	31.2	36.0
Racketeering and extortion	822	78.1	20.1	0.2	74.3	51.0	41.4	36.0
Gambling offenses	8	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Liquor offenses	5	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Nonviolent sex offenses	491	85.5	14.3	0.4	45.4	33.0	49.0	48.0
Mail or transport of obscene material	21	76.2	23.8	0.0	47.4	30.0	B	B
Traffic offenses	27	74.1	18.5	3.7	30.0	21.0	B	B
Migratory birds	3	B	B	B	X	X	B	B
Other felonies ^j	147	42.9	53.7	0.0	27.5	15.0	48.7	60.0
Weapons offenses	4,925	92.2	8.3	0.1	86.9	54.0	40.8	36.0
Immigration offenses	10,050	90.2	3.8	0.2	29.2	24.0	39.0	36.0
Misdemeanors ^k	9,100	16.6	45.4	28.4	10.0	6.0	20.6	12.0

Note: See Notes, tables 5.13 and 5.17. Total includes offenders whose offense category or sentence could not be determined. For methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 11.

^aExcludes life, death, and indeterminate sentences. These excluded cases represent 1% of all incarcerations.

^bIncludes offenders receiving incarceration, probation, split or mixed sentences, and fines. Not represented in the percentage columns, but also included in the totals, are offenders receiving deportation, suspended sentences, sealed sentences, imprisonment of 4 days or less, and no sentences.

^cAll sentences to incarceration, including split, mixed, life, and indeterminate sentences.

^dIncludes offenders with split and mixed sentences.

^eIncludes offenders whose sentence could not be determined and 70 defendants for whom offense category could not be determined.

^fIncludes only violent sex offenses.

^gExcludes tax fraud.

^hExcludes transportation of stolen property.

ⁱExcludes fraudulent property offenses; includes destruction of property and trespass.

^jIncludes felonies with unclassifiable offense type.

^kIncludes misdemeanors, petty offenses, and unknown offense level.

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