

Table 5.19.2003

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

By offense, United States, fiscal year 2003

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	75,805	76.0%	15.6%	3.8%	58.7	36.0	33.1	36.0
Felonies	67,036	83.3	11.7	0.4	60.3	37.0	39.7	36.0
Violent offenses	2,643	93.2	5.8	0.1	97.2	64.0	40.9	36.0
Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	229	90.4	7.4	0.4	129.4	72.0	35.1	36.0
Negligent manslaughter	1	B	B	B	B	B	X	X
Assault	374	84.8	12.8	0.0	38.4	30.0	38.3	36.0
Robbery	1,544	96.4	3.4	0.1	100.7	75.0	41.7	36.0
Sexual abuse ^f	381	92.4	7.3	0.0	116.7	71.5	47.1	48.0
Kidnaping	85	87.1	8.2	0.0	128.2	94.5	B	B
Threats against the President	29	79.3	3.4	0.0	32.8	35.0	B	B
Property offenses	13,311	59.7	31.7	0.9	27.3	18.0	40.3	36.0
Fraudulent offenses	11,323	59.5	30.9	1.0	24.8	16.0	40.0	36.0
Embezzlement	786	49.7	36.4	2.0	16.9	12.0	38.1	36.0
Fraud ^g	9,373	59.7	30.4	0.9	25.4	16.0	40.3	36.0
Forgery	77	42.9	50.6	2.6	20.3	18.0	47.1	36.0
Counterfeiting	1,087	65.7	30.2	0.4	24.5	18.0	38.7	36.0
Other offenses	1,988	60.9	36.0	0.6	41.1	21.0	41.7	36.0
Burglary	44	86.4	9.1	0.0	29.3	30.0	B	B
Larceny ^h	1,442	54.2	42.2	0.6	31.7	16.0	41.7	36.0
Motor vehicle theft	86	77.9	18.6	1.2	34.4	27.0	36.9	36.0
Arson and explosives	200	85.5	14.0	0.0	99.3	60.0	42.9	38.5
Transportation of stolen property	186	73.7	24.7	0.5	33.0	24.0	42.6	36.0
Other property offenses ⁱ	30	56.7	40.0	3.3	20.9	18.0	40.2	36.0
Drug offenses	25,582	92.0	5.4	0.3	81.4	60.0	41.6	36.0
Trafficking	23,521	92.3	5.2	0.3	81.2	60.0	42.4	36.0
Possession and other	2,061	89.3	8.2	0.4	82.7	63.0	35.7	36.0
Public-order offenses	4,331	70.1	25.9	0.9	42.9	26.0	36.7	36.0
Regulatory offenses	1,136	47.7	42.3	1.9	33.2	18.0	34.2	36.0
Agriculture	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Antitrust	17	23.5	47.1	29.4	B	B	B	B
Food and drug	41	31.7	61.0	4.9	188.0	33.0	27.8	30.0
Transportation	126	31.0	50.0	2.4	57.6	12.0	35.7	36.0
Civil rights	57	87.7	12.3	0.0	55.8	28.5	B	B
Communications	26	34.6	65.4	0.0	B	B	28.7	36.0
Customs laws	91	50.5	24.2	3.3	17.3	12.0	34.1	36.0
Postal laws	35	17.1	74.3	2.9	B	B	29.2	36.0
Other regulatory offenses	743	50.5	42.1	1.1	24.0	18.0	35.2	36.0
Other offenses	3,195	78.1	20.1	0.5	45.0	27.0	38.7	36.0
Tax law violations including tax fraud	404	61.9	37.6	0.2	21.9	15.0	36.0	36.0
Bribery	112	53.6	41.1	0.0	20.0	15.0	37.7	36.0
Perjury, contempt, intimidation	208	69.2	28.8	0.5	43.2	27.0	34.1	36.0
National defense	43	60.5	37.2	0.0	59.2	30.0	42.8	30.0
Escape	505	91.1	5.9	0.2	19.4	15.0	25.9	24.0
Racketeering and extortion	965	80.3	15.9	0.9	72.5	46.0	38.4	36.0
Gambling offenses	17	82.4	23.5	0.0	19.4	17.0	B	B
Liquor offenses	1	B	B	B	X	X	B	B
Nonviolent sex offenses	638	92.3	9.1	0.2	47.0	33.0	48.7	60.0
Mail or transport of obscene material	58	65.5	34.5	0.0	42.7	37.0	44.4	36.0
Traffic offenses	30	86.7	13.3	0.0	20.5	18.0	B	B
Wildlife	22	36.4	54.5	9.1	B	B	41.0	36.0
Environmental	26	30.8	69.2	0.0	B	B	34.3	36.0
Other felonies ^j	166	57.8	41.0	0.6	24.1	14.0	46.0	60.0
Weapons offenses	6,970	92.3	7.2	0.2	83.7	54.0	38.1	36.0
Immigration offenses	14,199	87.3	3.1	0.2	26.7	24.0	35.8	36.0
Misdemeanors ^k	8,767	20.7	45.4	29.4	9.1	5.0	20.2	12.0

Note: See Notes, tables 5.13.2003 and 5.17.2003. 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 2 defendants for whom offense category could not be determined, both of whom received a sentence of probation.

^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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