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Sentence length and time served for first releases from State prison

By offense, United States, 2009

(In months)

| Most serious offense | First releases from State prison | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| | Maximum sentence length (in months) ^a | | | Time served in prison (in months) | |
| | Percent of releases | Median ^b | Mean ^c | Median | Mean |
| All offenses | 100% | 36 | 60 | 16 | 28 |
| Violent offenses | 26.5 | 60 | 81 | 28 | 50 |
| Homicide | 2.1 | 120 | 159 | 94 | 116 |
| Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter | 1.3 | 182 | 209 | 146 | 158 |
| Murder | 1.0 | 240 | 232 | 163 | 172 |
| Nonnegligent manslaughter | 0.3 | 132 | 151 | 106 | 110 |
| Negligent manslaughter | 0.8 | 72 | 94 | 37 | 52 |
| Unspecified homicide | (d) | 96 | 138 | 53 | 73 |
| Kidnapping | 0.5 | 53 | 77 | 30 | 56 |
| Rape | 1.5 | 108 | 132 | 74 | 92 |
| Other sexual assault | 3.8 | 60 | 82 | 38 | 51 |
| Robbery | 7.1 | 60 | 91 | 35 | 53 |
| Assault | 9.5 | 36 | 56 | 18 | 30 |
| Other violent | 1.9 | 36 | 50 | 15 | 24 |
| Property offenses | 27.4 | 36 | 51 | 13 | 20 |
| Burglary | 10.3 | 48 | 61 | 15 | 25 |
| Larceny | 6.5 | 32 | 43 | 11 | 17 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 2.4 | 24 | 39 | 11 | 18 |
| Arson | 0.4 | 60 | 76 | 22 | 35 |
| Fraud | 4.8 | 36 | 46 | 12 | 17 |
| Stolen property | 1.7 | 36 | 48 | 12 | 18 |
| Other property | 1.3 | 36 | 42 | 10 | 15 |
| Drug offenses | 29.7 | 40 | 58 | 14 | 20 |
| Possession | 10.6 | 36 | 49 | 11 | 16 |
| Trafficking | 13.4 | 48 | 68 | 16 | 23 |
| Other/unspecified drug | 5.6 | 36 | 51 | 15 | 23 |
| Public-order offenses | 16.0 | 36 | 45 | 14 | 21 |
| Weapons | 4.3 | 36 | 47 | 18 | 24 |
| Driving while intoxicated | 5.0 | 36 | 43 | 11 | 15 |
| Other public-order | 6.7 | 36 | 46 | 14 | 23 |
| Other offenses | 0.5 | 60 | 79 | 18 | 30 |
| Number of releases | X | 265,700 | 264,025 | 265,700 | 265,700 |

Note: These data are from the National Corrections Reporting Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. Data are based on all first releases with a total sentence of more than 1 year for whom the most serious offense, sentence length, and time served in prison were reported. All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainee.

^aSentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

^bIncludes sentences of life without parole, life plus additional years, life, and death.

^cExcludes sentences of life without parole, life plus additional years, life, and death.

^dLess than 0.05%.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *National Corrections Reporting Program, 2009--Statistical Tables*, Table 9 [Online.] Available: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/data/ncrpt09.zip> file ncrp0909.csv [June 21, 2011].