

Table 6.44

Mean sentence length and mean time served for first releases from State prison

By offense, United States, 1990 and 1999

	Mean sentence length (in months) ^a		Mean time served (in months)				Total time served (in months) ^c		Percent of sentence served ^d	
	1990	1999	Jail ^b		Prison		1990	1999	1990	1999
			1990	1999	1990	1999				
All offenses	69	65	6	5	22	29	28	34	38.0%	48.7%
Violent offenses	99	87	7	6	39	45	46	51	43.8	55.0
Murder ^e	209	192	9	10	83	96	92	106	43.1	53.1
Manslaughter	88	102	5	6	31	49	37	56	41.0	52.5
Rape	128	124	7	6	55	73	62	79	45.5	58.3
Other sexual assault	77	76	5	6	30	42	36	47	43.8	57.0
Robbery	104	97	7	6	41	48	48	55	42.8	51.6
Assault	64	62	6	6	23	33	30	39	43.9	58.7
Property offenses	65	58	6	5	18	25	24	29	34.4	45.6
Burglary	79	73	6	5	22	31	29	36	33.9	44.3
Larceny/theft	52	45	6	4	14	19	20	24	35.5	46.9
Motor vehicle theft	56	44	7	5	13	20	20	25	33.1	52.5
Fraud	56	49	6	4	14	19	20	23	33.2	41.7
Drug offenses	57	59	6	5	14	22	20	27	32.9	42.8
Possession	61	56	6	5	12	20	18	25	29.0	42.4
Trafficking	60	64	6	5	16	24	22	29	34.8	42.0
Public-order offenses	40	42	5	4	14	19	18	23	42.6	51.1

Note: See Note, table 6.43.

^aMaximum sentence length for the most serious offense. Excludes sentences of life, life without parole, life plus additional years, and death.

^bTime served in jail and credited toward the current sentence.

^cBased on time served in jail and in prison. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

^dBased on total sentence length (not shown) for all consecutive sentences.

^eIncludes nonnegligent manslaughter.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Trends in State Parole, 1990-2000*, Special Report NCJ 184735 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, October 2001), p. 5, Table 5.