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**Time served to first release by Federal prisoners**

By offense, United States, fiscal year 2002

(In months)

	All prisoners			Prisoners with sentences of 1 year or less			Prisoners with sentences over 1 year			Percent of sentence served
	Number of prisoners released	Mean time served	Median time served	Number of prisoners released	Mean time served	Median time served	Number of prisoners released	Mean time served	Median time served	
Most serious conviction offense										
All offenses	39,568	31.6	20.9	9,393	5.1	5.0	30,175	39.8	28.7	88.0%
Violent offenses	1,959	58.8	48.8	158	5.8	6.0	1,801	63.5	52.3	87.5
Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	79	63.8	35.3	10	6.2	5.5	69	72.2	44.7	87.1
Assault	313	28.4	22.1	86	5.4	5.9	227	37.2	29.9	88.9
Robbery	1,329	65.3	55.1	43	6.4	6.0	1,286	67.3	55.9	87.4
Sexual abuse <sup>a</sup>	160	48.8	31.3	13	6.0	6.0	147	52.6	35.7	87.4
Kidnaping	63	100.5	83.6	3	7.8	6.9	60	105.2	86.2	84.9
Threats against the President	15	22.9	15.7	3	5.8	5.6	12	27.2	25.1	90.4
Property offenses	6,731	16.5	12.0	2,506	5.2	5.0	4,225	23.2	17.4	88.4
Fraudulent offenses	5,535	15.8	12.0	2,056	5.2	5.0	3,479	22.0	16.2	88.3
Embezzlement	388	9.6	6.0	237	4.0	4.0	151	18.3	15.5	88.0
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	4,540	16.5	12.2	1,592	5.3	5.0	2,948	22.5	17.4	88.3
Forgery	131	14.7	10.8	53	5.2	5.0	78	21.1	16.6	88.7
Counterfeiting	476	14.4	12.0	174	5.9	5.9	302	19.2	15.7	89.0
Other offenses	1,196	19.8	12.2	450	5.0	5.0	746	28.7	20.1	88.5
Burglary	77	28.9	17.4	19	6.8	7.1	58	36.2	21.8	86.3
Larceny <sup>c</sup>	641	13.3	10.5	298	5.2	5.0	343	20.4	15.7	89.9
Motor vehicle theft	78	22.9	20.8	17	6.8	6.1	61	27.3	23.5	87.9
Arson and explosives	51	49.8	44.5	3	7.5	8.0	48	52.5	49.9	85.0
Transportation of stolen property	83	24.8	15.7	18	6.8	6.0	65	29.8	20.9	87.7
Other property offenses <sup>d</sup>	266	24.4	15.9	95	3.2	2.9	171	36.2	26.2	87.8
Drug offenses	14,897	42.9	32.2	1,501	6.7	6.9	13,396	47.0	33.9	87.7
Trafficking	14,715	43.3	32.2	1,380	6.9	7.9	13,335	47.0	34.0	87.6
Possession and other	182	13.3	6.0	121	4.3	4.0	61	31.1	13.0	92.5
Public-order offenses	3,092	24.8	16.0	934	4.3	4.0	2,158	33.7	23.6	87.8
Regulatory offenses	628	19.8	15.0	177	5.8	5.9	451	25.3	18.3	88.4
Other offenses	2,464	26.1	18.2	757	3.9	4.0	1,707	36.0	26.2	87.7
Tax law violations including tax fraud	341	15.8	12.0	114	5.7	5.0	227	20.8	16.1	88.1
Bribery	63	18.1	10.7	20	4.8	4.9	43	24.3	15.7	87.4
Perjury, contempt, intimidation	63	13.4	10.0	33	4.4	4.0	30	23.2	16.3	88.4
National defense	12	36.9	22.2	1	8.0	8.0	11	39.5	23.5	74.8
Escape	209	16.8	12.2	79	5.9	6.0	130	23.4	17.2	90.3
Racketeering and extortion	994	42.9	35.7	86	6.5	6.0	908	46.3	40.1	87.2
Gambling offenses	4	B	B	4	B	B	0	X	X	X
Nonviolent sex offenses	51	34.4	23.9	4	4.7	4.5	47	36.9	26.2	87.0
Mail or transport of obscene material	234	25.5	23.5	17	5.2	5.0	217	27.1	23.6	87.1
Traffic offenses	352	2.6	0.9	329	1.7	0.5	23	16.4	14.0	93.0
Wildlife	25	8.9	6.0	17	3.8	3.3	8	19.7	12.4	88.9
Environmental	24	10.8	7.0	13	5.2	5.0	11	17.5	14.0	86.9
Other	92	13.5	11.6	40	5.0	4.0	52	20.1	15.6	90.4
Weapons offenses	2,582	42.9	32.2	229	6.3	5.6	2,353	46.4	34.8	88.2
Immigration offenses	9,808	19.2	15.7	3,863	4.7	4.8	5,945	28.7	26.2	88.7
Other offenses <sup>e</sup>	499	16.7	12.0	202	4.7	4.9	297	24.9	20.9	88.6

Note: See Note, table 6.4.2002. These data are from the Federal Bureau of Prisons data files. Prisoners and the length of their sentences are classified according to the offense associated with the longest single sentence actually imposed. Prisoners serving consecutive sentences may have total imposed sentences exceeding the longest single sentence length. Accordingly, the time actually served may exceed the longest single imposed sentence. "Time served" is the number of months from the prisoner's arrival into jurisdiction of the Bureau of Prisons until first release from prison, plus any jail time served and credited. The total reported for "all offenses" includes prisoners whose offense category could not be determined. These data exclude prisoners who left Federal prison by extraordinary means, such as death, sentence commutation, and treaty transfer: 4,771 prisoners in fiscal year 2002. For methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 11.

<sup>a</sup>Includes only violent sex offenses.

<sup>b</sup>Excludes tax fraud.

<sup>c</sup>Excludes transportation of stolen property.

<sup>d</sup>Excludes fraudulent property offenses; includes destruction of property and trespass.

<sup>e</sup>Offenses not classifiable or not a violation of the U.S. Code.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Compendium of Federal Justice Statistics, 2002*, NCJ 205368 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2004), p. 104.