

Table 5.19.2002

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

By offense, United States, fiscal year 2002

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	71,798	74.8%	17.0%	4.0%	57.1	33.0	34.4	36.0
Felonies	63,238	82.6	12.9	0.4	58.4	36.0	40.8	36.0
Violent offenses	2,578	93.4	5.1	0.2	88.5	60.0	49.9	36.0
Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	274	93.1	6.2	0.4	108.8	46.0	45.4	60.0
Negligent manslaughter	1	B	B	B	B	B	X	X
Assault	271	78.6	15.9	1.1	38.3	27.0	36.7	36.0
Robbery	1,591	96.9	2.5	0.0	90.9	70.0	45.8	36.0
Sexual abuse ^f	313	90.4	8.0	0.0	96.0	52.5	84.1	57.0
Kidnaping	101	93.1	5.0	0.0	105.8	51.0	B	B
Threats against the President	27	77.8	11.1	0.0	29.9	33.0	B	B
Property offenses	13,101	59.1	33.7	0.8	25.0	15.0	41.2	36.0
Fraudulent offenses	11,107	59.9	32.4	0.9	23.4	15.0	40.7	36.0
Embezzlement	763	49.9	35.0	1.6	15.3	6.0	38.1	36.0
Fraud ^g	8,926	60.8	31.5	0.9	24.4	16.0	40.6	36.0
Forgery	90	47.8	50.0	0.0	14.8	12.0	42.7	36.0
Counterfeiting	1,328	60.5	35.8	0.7	21.4	15.0	42.6	36.0
Other offenses	1,994	54.8	41.0	0.6	34.7	18.0	43.7	36.0
Burglary	49	73.5	26.5	0.0	33.4	16.0	73.6	48.0
Larceny ^h	1,431	47.9	47.4	0.6	29.1	15.0	44.0	36.0
Motor vehicle theft	99	72.7	27.3	0.0	30.8	24.0	45.3	48.0
Arson and explosives	178	75.8	18.5	0.6	74.6	37.0	40.3	36.0
Transportation of stolen property	196	71.9	24.5	1.0	30.8	21.0	38.4	36.0
Other property offenses ⁱ	41	53.7	43.9	2.4	16.6	8.0	31.7	36.0
Drug offenses	26,234	91.3	5.7	0.1	76.0	57.0	42.6	36.0
Trafficking	24,174	91.4	5.5	0.1	75.7	57.0	43.1	36.0
Possession and other	2,060	89.5	8.7	0.2	79.4	60.0	38.9	36.0
Public-order offenses	4,630	65.9	29.4	1.3	38.5	24.0	37.1	36.0
Regulatory offenses	1,403	45.7	45.0	2.9	25.9	18.0	33.9	36.0
Agriculture	6	B	B	B	B	B	X	X
Antitrust	37	24.3	45.9	29.7	B	B	41.6	36.0
Food and drug	54	16.7	77.8	5.6	B	B	33.3	36.0
Transportation	146	35.6	54.1	4.1	28.6	15.5	24.9	24.0
Civil rights	66	86.4	13.6	0.0	63.8	41.0	B	B
Communications	48	31.3	56.3	8.3	26.2	12.0	37.3	36.0
Customs laws	123	50.4	26.0	3.3	21.1	13.0	33.8	36.0
Postal laws	34	20.6	73.5	2.9	B	B	31.7	36.0
Other regulatory offenses	889	47.7	45.1	1.3	21.8	18.0	35.3	36.0
Other offenses	3,227	74.7	22.6	0.7	41.9	27.0	39.9	36.0
Tax law violations including tax fraud	517	56.9	41.4	0.4	22.2	15.0	39.3	36.0
Bribery	137	44.5	48.9	1.5	27.7	15.0	37.6	36.0
Perjury, contempt, intimidation	245	69.8	25.3	1.6	39.1	24.0	34.7	36.0
National defense	37	56.8	37.8	5.4	40.3	18.0	29.1	30.0
Escape	474	89.9	7.2	0.4	19.9	13.5	34.0	36.0
Racketeering and extortion	949	80.0	17.3	0.5	65.3	48.0	41.1	36.0
Gambling offenses	18	72.2	27.8	0.0	14.5	14.0	B	B
Liquor offenses	2	B	B	B	X	X	B	B
Nonviolent sex offenses	574	91.1	8.9	0.0	44.7	33.0	45.9	48.0
Mail or transport of obscene material	23	60.9	26.1	0.0	29.5	22.5	B	B
Traffic offenses	15	100.0	0.0	0.0	18.3	15.0	X	X
Wildlife	30	36.7	53.3	3.3	17.5	20.0	34.5	36.0
Environmental	21	38.1	47.6	14.3	B	B	B	B
Other felonies ^j	185	51.9	45.9	0.0	30.7	18.0	48.2	60.0
Weapons offenses	5,563	92.3	7.2	0.2	83.9	51.0	39.7	36.0
Immigration offenses	11,132	89.4	3.2	0.3	27.9	24.0	39.9	36.0
Misdemeanors ^k	8,499	16.6	46.8	31.0	9.8	4.0	21.1	12.0

Note: See Notes, tables 5.13.2002 and 5.17.2002. 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 61 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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