

Table 5.31

Length of sentences to imprisonment imposed in U.S. District Courts for U.S. Sentencing Commission guideline cases

By primary offense, fiscal year 2002

Primary offense	Total cases	Sentences to imprisonment	
		Average length (in months)	Median length (in months)
Total	52,694	55.4	33.0
Murder	82	237.2	180.5
Manslaughter	56	39.6	27.0
Kidnaping, hostage-taking	62	181.5	120.0
Sexual abuse	185	62.0	36.0
Assault	378	39.3	27.0
Robbery	1,589	92.2	71.0
Arson	60	93.0	60.0
Drug offenses			
Trafficking	23,976	74.4	57.0
Communication facility	381	50.9	48.0
Simple possession	164	19.2	6.0
Firearms	4,673	70.8	44.0
Burglary, breaking and entering	37	21.1	16.0
Auto theft	124	60.6	24.0
Larceny	936	15.2	12.0
Fraud	4,498	20.0	15.0
Embezzlement	389	7.8	4.0
Forgery, counterfeiting	876	17.4	14.0
Bribery	78	26.4	13.5
Tax	327	17.3	12.0
Money laundering	729	47.6	33.0
Racketeering, extortion	744	87.8	60.0
Gambling, lottery	30	11.9	10.0
Civil rights	56	42.1	24.0
Immigration	10,254	26.0	24.0
Pornography, prostitution	605	53.3	33.0
Prison offenses	283	18.8	14.0
Administration of justice offenses	666	23.5	15.5
Environmental, wildlife	43	10.6	10.0
National defense	8	149.0	56.5
Antitrust	9	14.3	12.0
Food and drug	21	20.1	12.0
Other	375	20.9	12.0

Note: See Notes, [tables 5.26](#) and [5.30](#). Of the 64,366 guideline cases, 9,373 cases with 0 months of prison ordered were excluded. In addition, 2,299 cases were excluded due to one or more of the following conditions: missing primary offense category, 384; missing criminal history category, 1,444; and missing or indeterminable sentencing information, 1,051.

Source: U.S. Sentencing Commission, *2002 Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics* (Washington, DC: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2004), p. 30.