

Table 5.31.2003

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

By primary offense, fiscal year 2003

Primary offense	Total cases	Sentences to imprisonment	
		Average length (in months)	Median length (in months)
Total	57,661	56.8	33.0
Murder	78	246.2	180.0
Manslaughter	44	34.8	21.0
Kidnaping, hostage-taking	56	166.2	121.0
Sexual abuse	250	78.6	49.5
Assault	407	39.2	30.0
Robbery	1,497	103.0	72.0
Arson	74	96.2	60.0
Drug offenses			
Trafficking	23,666	80.2	60.0
Communication facility	332	47.4	48.0
Simple possession	602	8.9	6.0
Firearms	6,159	76.0	46.0
Burglary, breaking and entering	48	25.4	24.0
Auto theft	117	73.0	27.0
Larceny	991	16.8	12.0
Fraud	4,661	20.7	15.0
Embezzlement	394	9.6	5.0
Forgery, counterfeiting	824	17.9	15.0
Bribery	85	16.2	12.0
Tax	269	18.7	12.0
Money laundering	672	54.7	33.0
Racketeering, extortion	741	77.7	46.0
Gambling, lottery	27	12.9	13.3
Civil rights	44	57.1	24.0
Immigration	13,483	24.5	21.0
Pornography, prostitution	727	69.1	37.0
Prison offenses	341	18.1	14.0
Administration of justice offenses	608	25.0	15.1
Environmental, wildlife	34	13.1	6.5
National defense	18	81.5	30.0
Antitrust	5	12.8	10.0
Food and drug	21	43.6	13.0
Other	386	26.6	14.5

Note: See Note, [table 5.26.2003](#). These data include prison sentences only and exclude any imposition of home detention, community confinement, or intermittent confinement (Source, p. A-4). Of the 70,258 guideline cases, 10,134 cases with 0 months of prison ordered were excluded. In addition, 2,463 cases were excluded due to one or more of the following conditions: missing primary offense category, 571; missing criminal history category, 1,830; and missing or indeterminable sentencing information, 1,281.

Source: U.S. Sentencing Commission, *2003 Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics* (Washington, DC: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2005), p. 32.