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

By primary offense, fiscal year 2004

Primary offense	Total cases	Sentences to imprisonment	
		Average length (in months)	Median length (in months)
Total	42,632	59.6	37.0
Murder	53	217.2	168.0
Manslaughter	45	35.7	18.0
Kidnaping, hostage-taking	26	118.6	87.0
Sexual abuse	190	99.5	78.0
Assault	356	39.5	28.5
Robbery	923	97.9	72.0
Arson	57	69.4	48.0
<b>Drug offenses</b>			
Trafficking	16,797	84.3	60.0
Communication facility	230	47.5	48.0
Simple possession	218	14.9	6.0
Firearms	5,496	82.7	51.0
Burglary, breaking and entering	45	23.6	24.0
Auto theft	53	76.1	24.0
Larceny	642	18.4	12.0
Fraud	3,583	22.7	15.0
Embezzlement	226	11.4	6.0
Forgery, counterfeiting	577	20.8	15.0
Bribery	62	21.5	15.0
Tax	229	18.7	15.0
Money laundering	478	46.4	33.0
Racketeering, extortion	418	101.7	60.0
Gambling, lottery	23	8.3	6.0
Civil rights	50	43.7	33.0
Immigration	10,164	25.4	21.0
Pornography, prostitution	613	65.4	41.0
Prison offenses	253	17.8	14.0
Administration of justice offenses	468	24.9	15.0
Environmental, wildlife	29	18.8	12.0
National defense	23	107.4	30.0
Antitrust	1	NA	NA
Food and drug	9	31.0	30.0
Other	295	30.6	16.0

Note: See Note, [table 5.26.2004](#). These data include prison sentences only and exclude any imposition of home detention, community confinement, or intermittent confinement (Source, p. 345). Of the 51,865 guideline cases, 7,052 cases with 0 months of prison ordered were excluded. In addition, 2,181 cases were excluded due to one or more of the following conditions: missing primary offense category, 105; missing criminal history category, 1,761; and missing or indeterminable sentencing information, 846.

Source: U.S. Sentencing Commission, *2004 Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics* (Washington, DC: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2006), p. 48.