

Table 5.60

Length of prison sentence received by felony defendants in the 75 largest counties

By conviction offense, United States, 2000^a

Most serious felony conviction offense	Number of defendants	Felony defendants sentenced to prison								
		Number of months		Percent receiving a maximum sentence length in months of:						
		Mean ^b	Median	Total	1 to 24	25 to 48	49 to 72	73 to 120	Over 120 ^b	Life
All offenses	9,340	55	32	100%	46%	25%	13%	8%	6%	1%
Violent offenses	1,976	99	60	100	22	26	17	16	16	3
Murder	113	282	180	100	0	3	6	24	35	32
Rape	125	146	84	100	9	29	9	23	28	4
Robbery	642	97	60	100	15	21	24	18	21	1
Assault	748	77	48	100	25	31	16	17	9	2
Other violent	348	74	36	100	39	27	14	7	12	2
Property offenses	2,761	41	24	100	56	24	10	6	3	(c)
Burglary	851	56	36	100	42	28	13	10	6	1
Larceny/theft	696	32	24	100	64	22	8	4	2	0
Motor vehicle theft	386	26	24	100	71	19	7	2	0	0
Forgery	278	40	24	100	56	19	14	6	4	0
Fraud	155	37	24	100	60	24	12	0	4	0
Other property	394	38	24	100	56	25	8	9	2	0
Drug offenses	3,512	45	29	100	50	27	14	6	4	(c)
Trafficking	1,771	61	36	100	32	32	20	10	6	(c)
Other drug	1,741	30	24	100	67	21	7	2	1	(c)
Public-order offenses	1,059	39	24	100	54	25	13	6	2	(c)
Weapons	332	42	36	100	44	30	17	10	0	0
Driving-related	413	38	24	100	55	24	11	7	3	0
Other public-order	313	37	24	100	62	22	13	0	3	1

Note: See Note, table 5.51. Data on length of prison sentence were available for 100% of all cases in which a convicted defendant received a prison sentence. Twelve percent of prison sentences included a probation term and 16% included a fine. Table excludes portions of sentences that were suspended. Total for all offenses includes cases that could not be classified into one of the four major offense categories. For methodology, definitions of terms, and crimes within offense categories, see Appendix 13.

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.

^bExcludes life sentences.

^cLess than 0.5%.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Felony Defendants in Large Urban Counties, 2000*, NCJ 202021 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2003), p. 32, Table 31.