

Table 5.60.2004

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

By conviction offense, United States, 2004<sup>a</sup>

Most serious felony conviction offense	Number of defendants	Felony defendants sentenced to prison								
		Number of months <sup>b</sup>		Percent receiving a maximum sentence length in months of:						
		Mean	Median	Total	1 to 24	25 to 48	49 to 72	73 to 120	Over 120 <sup>c</sup>	Life
All offenses	10,156	51	30	100%	48%	26%	11%	7%	6%	1%
Violent offenses	2,246	93	48	100	26	24	16	14	16	3
Murder	109	268	226	100	0	12	0	15	50	24
Rape	100	157	120	100	0	13	16	29	33	9
Robbery	749	101	60	100	17	26	17	21	17	3
Assault	874	68	36	100	36	25	19	9	10	1
Other violent	415	72	36	100	37	24	14	8	16	1
Property offenses	3,483	39	24	100	57	25	9	5	4	(d)
Burglary	1,045	55	36	100	42	29	14	9	5	1
Larceny/theft	997	25	16	100	74	19	4	2	2	0
Motor vehicle theft	504	35	24	100	52	32	10	4	2	0
Forgery	224	43	30	100	49	26	15	2	8	0
Fraud	277	38	24	100	57	16	16	7	4	0
Other property	435	38	24	100	63	24	4	4	6	0
Drug offenses	3,145	38	24	100	51	29	11	7	3	0
Trafficking	1,452	48	36	100	37	33	17	9	4	0
Other drug	1,692	31	24	100	63	25	6	4	2	0
Public-order offenses	1,252	38	24	100	56	28	10	3	3	0
Weapons	514	43	30	100	46	31	13	6	3	0
Driving-related	409	34	24	100	58	28	11	2	2	0
Other public-order	330	34	19	100	71	21	2	0	5	0

Note: See Note, table 5.51.2004. Data on length of prison sentence were available for 99% of all cases in which a convicted defendant received a prison sentence. Seven percent of prison sentences included a probation term and 7% included a fine. 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.

<sup>a</sup>Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup>All prison sentences were rounded to the nearest month.

<sup>c</sup>Excludes life sentences.

<sup>d</sup>Less than 0.5%.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Felony Defendants in Large Urban Counties, 2004 Statistical Tables*, NCJ 221374, Table 26 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/html/fdluc/2004/tables/fdluc04st26.htm> [May 19, 2008].