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Sentence length and time served for first releases from State prison

By offense, United States, 2009

(In months)

Most serious offense	First releases from State prison				
	Maximum sentence length (in months) ^a			Time served in prison (in months)	
	Percent of releases	Median ^b	Mean ^c	Median	Mean
All offenses	100%	36	60	16	28
Violent offenses	26.5	60	81	28	50
Homicide	2.1	120	159	94	116
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	1.3	182	209	146	158
Murder	1.0	240	232	163	172
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.3	132	151	106	110
Negligent manslaughter	0.8	72	94	37	52
Unspecified homicide	(d)	96	138	53	73
Kidnapping	0.5	53	77	30	56
Rape	1.5	108	132	74	92
Other sexual assault	3.8	60	82	38	51
Robbery	7.1	60	91	35	53
Assault	9.5	36	56	18	30
Other violent	1.9	36	50	15	24
Property offenses	27.4	36	51	13	20
Burglary	10.3	48	61	15	25
Larceny	6.5	32	43	11	17
Motor vehicle theft	2.4	24	39	11	18
Arson	0.4	60	76	22	35
Fraud	4.8	36	46	12	17
Stolen property	1.7	36	48	12	18
Other property	1.3	36	42	10	15
Drug offenses	29.7	40	58	14	20
Possession	10.6	36	49	11	16
Trafficking	13.4	48	68	16	23
Other/unspecified drug	5.6	36	51	15	23
Public-order offenses	16.0	36	45	14	21
Weapons	4.3	36	47	18	24
Driving while intoxicated	5.0	36	43	11	15
Other public-order	6.7	36	46	14	23
Other offenses	0.5	60	79	18	30
Number of releases	X	265,700	264,025	265,700	265,700

Note: These data are from the National Corrections Reporting Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. Data are based on all first releases with a total sentence of more than 1 year for whom the most serious offense, sentence length, and time served in prison were reported. All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainee.

^aSentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

^bIncludes sentences of life without parole, life plus additional years, life, and death.

^cExcludes sentences of life without parole, life plus additional years, life, and death.

^dLess than 0.05%.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *National Corrections Reporting Program, 2009--Statistical Tables*, Table 9 [Online.] Available: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/data/ncrpt09.zip> file ncrp0909.csv [June 21, 2011].