

Table 6.43

Mean maximum sentence, mean time served, and percent of sentence served for violent offenders^a

By State, 1993, 1996, and 1999

| | Mean maximum sentence (in months) ^b | | | Mean time served (in months) | | | Percent of sentence served ^c | | |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------|------|---------------------------------|------|------|--------------------------------------------|------|------|
| | 1993 | 1996 | 1999 | 1993 | 1996 | 1999 | 1993 | 1996 | 1999 |
| All States | 108 | 99 | 103 | 46 | 50 | 53 | 46% | 52% | 56% |
| Truth-in-sentencing States ^d | 89 | 88 | 93 | 41 | 46 | 50 | 50 | 54 | 58 |
| Arizona | 69 | 71 | 60 | 43 | 48 | 49 | 62 | 68 | 81 |
| California | 58 | 63 | 60 | 33 | 36 | 37 | 57 | 57 | 61 |
| Connecticut | 71 | 74 | 80 | 38 | 49 | 64 | 54 | 65 | 80 |
| Delaware | NA | NA | NA | 42 | 42 | 46 | NA | NA | NA |
| Florida | 74 | 84 | 91 | 31 | 45 | 53 | 42 | 54 | 58 |
| Georgia | 150 | 134 | 117 | 63 | 67 | 76 | 42 | 50 | 65 |
| Illinois | 91 | 99 | 107 | 40 | 45 | 48 | 44 | 45 | 45 |
| Iowa | 192 | 135 | 146 | 39 | 48 | 58 | 20 | 36 | 40 |
| Kansas | NA | NA | NA | 29 | 33 | 41 | NA | NA | NA |
| Louisiana | 104 | 98 | 96 | 67 | 68 | 45 | 64 | 69 | 48 |
| Maine | NA | NA | NA | 43 | 44 | 39 | NA | NA | NA |
| Michigan | 43 | 50 | 52 | 46 | 53 | 59 | (e) | (e) | (e) |
| Minnesota | 50 | 56 | 60 | 34 | 37 | 39 | 68 | 67 | 65 |
| Mississippi | 106 | 118 | 128 | 45 | 58 | 57 | 43 | 49 | 44 |
| Missouri | 96 | 98 | 99 | 74 | 78 | 85 | 77 | 80 | 86 |
| New Jersey | 121 | 108 | 120 | 47 | 46 | 53 | 39 | 43 | 44 |
| New Mexico | 70 | 67 | 77 | 38 | 37 | 57 | 54 | 56 | 74 |
| New York | 94 | 96 | 98 | 50 | 53 | 66 | 53 | 56 | 68 |
| North Carolina | 136 | 121 | 120 | 33 | 44 | 52 | 24 | 36 | 44 |
| North Dakota | 47 | 60 | 38 | 31 | 47 | 29 | 66 | 78 | 76 |
| Ohio | 237 | 226 | 165 | 61 | 71 | 64 | 26 | 32 | 39 |
| Oregon | 111 | 65 | 62 | 43 | 37 | 42 | 39 | 58 | 67 |
| Pennsylvania | 117 | 119 | 140 | 54 | 61 | 80 | 46 | 51 | 57 |
| South Carolina | 100 | 90 | 104 | 44 | 44 | 46 | 44 | 48 | 44 |
| Tennessee | 130 | 121 | 131 | 48 | 58 | 65 | 37 | 48 | 50 |
| Utah | 121 | 90 | 100 | 43 | 36 | 35 | 36 | 40 | 36 |
| Virginia | 107 | 97 | 113 | 41 | 50 | 62 | 38 | 51 | 55 |
| Washington | 41 | 47 | 49 | 31 | 34 | 38 | 76 | 72 | 78 |
| Wisconsin | 84 | 82 | 80 | 41 | 43 | 51 | 49 | 52 | 64 |
| Other States | 129 | 113 | 104 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 42 | 48 | 54 |
| Alabama | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Alaska | 115 | 124 | 88 | 65 | 71 | 63 | 57 | 57 | 72 |
| Arkansas | 131 | 109 | 157 | 35 | 37 | 56 | 27 | 34 | 36 |
| Colorado | 98 | 89 | 96 | 39 | 40 | 50 | 40 | 45 | 52 |
| Hawaii | 138 | 124 | 125 | 64 | 57 | 59 | 47 | 46 | 47 |
| Idaho | 104 | 90 | 98 | 59 | 80 | 36 | 57 | 89 | 37 |
| Indiana | 108 | 111 | 102 | 54 | 56 | 46 | 50 | 51 | 45 |
| Kentucky | 242 | 156 | 196 | 77 | 71 | (e) | 32 | 45 | (e) |
| Maryland | 118 | 106 | 99 | 63 | 59 | 57 | 53 | 56 | 58 |
| Massachusetts | 123 | 110 | 98 | 51 | 61 | 61 | 42 | 55 | 63 |
| Montana | 89 | 119 | NA | 61 | 54 | 60 | 69 | 46 | NA |
| Nebraska | 118 | 123 | 140 | 55 | 49 | 61 | 47 | 40 | 44 |
| Nevada | NA | 86 | 107 | NA | 34 | 41 | NA | 40 | 39 |
| New Hampshire | 98 | 89 | 100 | 36 | 39 | 48 | 37 | 44 | 48 |
| Oklahoma | 104 | 110 | 111 | 34 | 42 | 47 | 33 | 38 | 42 |
| Rhode Island | 80 | 80 | 68 | 44 | 50 | 46 | 55 | 63 | 67 |
| South Dakota | 101 | 78 | 72 | 36 | 37 | 29 | 35 | 48 | 40 |
| Texas | 157 | 123 | 97 | 48 | 57 | 59 | 31 | 46 | 61 |
| Vermont | 100 | 113 | 121 | 29 | 56 | 54 | 29 | 50 | 45 |
| West Virginia | 171 | 108 | 139 | 76 | 50 | 62 | 44 | 46 | 45 |
| Wyoming | 140 | 123 | 137 | 69 | 69 | 55 | 49 | 56 | 40 |

Note: These data are from the Violent Offender Incarceration and Truth-in-Sentencing Incentive Grant Program. The data include only offenders with a sentence of more than 1 year that have been released for the first time on the current sentence. Excludes persons released from prison by transfer, appeal, or detainee, as well as escapees and deceased prisoners. "Truth-in-sentencing States" include the 29 States and the District of Columbia that had adopted the Federal truth-in-sentencing standard by yearend 2000. This standard requires that Part I violent offenders (defined as the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program offenses of murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) serve not less than 85% of their prison sentence before becoming eligible for release. The result of truth-in-sentencing practices has been to reduce discretionary release of offenders by parole boards in favor of mandatory release according to statutory provisions.

^aViolent offenders include those serving sentences for murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

^bExcludes sentences of life or death.

^cBased on States that reported both mean maximum sentence and mean time served.

^dThese States met Federal truth-in-sentencing standards. The District of Columbia is excluded.

^eNot calculated by the Source.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Trends in State Parole, 1990-2000*, Special Report NCJ 184735 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, October 2001), p. 6.