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**Time served to first release by Federal prisoners**

By offense, United States, fiscal year 2003

(In months)

	All prisoners			Prisoners with sentences of 1 year or less			Prisoners with sentences over 1 year			Percent of sentence served
	Number of prisoners released	Mean time served	Median time served	Number of prisoners released	Mean time served	Median time served	Number of prisoners released	Mean time served	Median time served	
Most serious conviction offense										
All offenses <sup>a</sup>	40,780	32.9	22.7	8,974	5.2	5.0	31,806	40.7	29.4	88.0%
Violent offenses	1,971	63.5	49.7	122	5.5	5.9	1,849	67.3	53.2	87.7
Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	82	85.6	43.6	13	6.3	5.0	69	100.5	49.6	88.5
Assault	300	30.7	25.6	64	5.1	5.9	236	37.6	28.8	88.9
Robbery	1,370	69.0	57.1	33	6.2	5.9	1,337	70.5	58.6	87.6
Sexual abuse <sup>b</sup>	150	53.5	33.6	12	5.3	5.0	138	57.7	44.4	87.2
Kidnaping	57	106.1	73.2	0	X	X	57	106.1	73.2	83.3
Threats against the President	12	26.9	24.2	0	X	X	12	26.9	24.2	90.5
Property offenses	6,533	16.4	12.2	2,457	5.0	5.0	4,076	23.3	18.3	88.2
Fraudulent offenses	5,422	15.9	12.2	2,023	5.0	5.0	3,399	22.4	18.0	88.2
Embezzlement	305	9.7	7.0	168	3.7	4.9	137	17.0	13.9	87.5
Fraud <sup>c</sup>	4,533	16.4	12.2	1,675	5.0	5.0	2,858	23.0	18.3	88.1
Forgery	104	14.5	11.9	43	5.7	6.0	61	20.7	15.7	88.3
Counterfeiting	480	16.0	13.1	137	6.3	6.0	343	19.8	15.7	88.7
Other offenses	1,111	18.6	12.5	434	4.8	5.0	677	27.5	20.9	88.5
Burglary	61	28.7	18.3	11	4.9	5.0	50	33.9	22.5	87.7
Larceny <sup>d</sup>	547	13.3	10.5	257	5.2	5.0	290	20.5	17.0	89.1
Motor vehicle theft	75	23.0	18.2	15	7.5	7.4	60	26.9	22.4	87.6
Arson and explosives	39	49.5	52.4	2	B	B	37	51.9	52.6	87.7
Transportation of stolen property	89	19.4	15.7	22	6.2	5.0	67	23.7	18.3	88.1
Other property offenses <sup>e</sup>	300	20.9	15.7	127	3.5	3.0	173	33.7	26.2	88.3
Drug offenses	15,052	44.3	32.3	1,515	6.7	6.0	13,537	48.6	36.6	87.7
Trafficking	14,744	45.0	32.3	1,267	7.0	6.0	13,477	48.6	36.6	87.6
Possession and other	308	11.6	6.0	248	5.1	6.0	60	38.7	24.9	89.9
Public-order offenses	3,013	25.4	15.7	894	4.2	4.0	2,119	34.4	23.6	87.7
Regulatory offenses	683	20.6	15.6	187	5.6	5.0	496	26.3	18.3	88.1
Other offenses	2,330	26.8	18.3	707	3.8	4.0	1,623	36.8	26.2	87.6
Tax law violations including tax fraud	258	14.0	10.5	93	5.6	5.0	165	18.7	15.7	87.9
Bribery	50	24.4	13.1	18	5.2	5.0	32	35.3	22.3	87.4
Perjury, contempt, intimidation	74	14.7	12.0	30	4.3	4.0	44	21.9	18.3	88.7
National defense	28	30.4	20.9	9	B	B	19	42.4	27.1	85.9
Escape	176	17.7	13.1	59	6.1	6.0	117	23.5	15.7	88.8
Racketeering and extortion	973	42.4	35.6	104	5.7	5.9	869	46.8	40.1	87.3
Gambling offenses	1	B	B	0	X	X	1	B	B	B
Liquor offenses	4	B	B	2	B	B	2	B	B	B
Nonviolent sex offenses	45	28.1	21.0	5	B	B	40	31.2	25.2	89.2
Mail or transport of obscene material	274	27.1	23.6	19	6.6	6.0	255	28.6	23.6	86.9
Traffic offenses	334	2.7	0.9	312	1.6	0.5	22	17.5	12.8	92.0
Wildlife	11	14.0	10.4	5	B	B	6	B	B	B
Environmental	16	13.5	10.0	9	B	B	7	B	B	B
Other	86	14.5	10.5	42	4.5	5.9	44	24.0	16.6	89.3
Weapons offenses	3,184	42.7	32.1	252	6.4	6.0	2,932	45.8	33.1	88.3
Immigration offenses	10,479	21.1	17.4	3,476	4.9	5.0	7,003	29.2	26.1	88.5

Note: See Note, table 6.4.2003. These data are from the Federal Bureau of Prisons data files. Prisoners and the length of their sentences are classified according to the offense associated with the longest single sentence actually imposed. Prisoners serving consecutive sentences may have total imposed sentences exceeding the longest single sentence length. Accordingly, the time actually served may exceed the longest single imposed sentence. "Time served" is the number of months from the prisoner's arrival into jurisdiction of the Bureau of Prisons until first release from prison, plus any jail time served and credited. The total reported for "all offenses" includes prisoners whose offense category could not be determined. These data exclude prisoners who left Federal prison by extraordinary means, such as death, sentence commutation, and treaty transfer: 5,040 prisoners in fiscal year 2003. For methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 11.

<sup>a</sup>Includes 548 prisoners whose offense was unclassifiable or not a violation of U.S. Code.

<sup>b</sup>Includes only violent sex offenses.

<sup>c</sup>Excludes tax fraud.

<sup>d</sup>Excludes transportation of stolen property.

<sup>e</sup>Excludes fraudulent property offenses; includes destruction of property and trespass.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Compendium of Federal Justice Statistics, 2003*, NCJ 210299 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2005), p. 110.