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Immigration offenders in Federal prison and average time to be served

United States, 1985-2000

| | Immigration offenders in Federal prison | |
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| | Number | Average time to be served (in months) ^a |
| 1985 | 1,593 | NA |
| 1986 | 1,799 | 3.6 |
| 1987 | 1,667 | 3.6 |
| 1988 | 1,631 | 4.1 |
| 1989 | 1,729 | 3.7 |
| 1990 | 1,673 | 3.6 |
| 1991 | 1,667 | 4.6 |
| 1992 | 1,654 | 5.4 |
| 1993 | 2,198 | 7.3 |
| 1994 | 2,486 | 9.5 |
| 1995 | 3,420 | 11.0 |
| 1996 | 4,476 | 13.9 |
| 1997 | 5,454 | 15.1 |
| 1998 | 7,430 | 16.5 |
| 1999 | 10,156 | 20.0 |
| 2000 | 13,676 | 20.6 |

Note: These data are from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics' (BJS) Federal Justice Statistics Program, a database comprised of information from various Federal agencies. Immigration offenses are defined according to the BJS filing offense classification procedure followed by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. The category is composed largely of the following offense types: smuggling, transporting, and harboring aliens; unlawful entry and reentry of aliens; and misuse of visa and other documents. (Source, p. 8.) The data presented are for offenders for whom an immigration offense was the most serious offense.

^aEstimates of time to be served are subject to change. Once committed to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, the term an offender is required to serve may be adjusted for reasons such as assistance to Federal prosecutors and appellate review.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Immigration Offenders in the Federal Criminal Justice System, 2000*, Special Report NCJ 191745 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, August 2002), p. 10, Appendix for figure 5 and Appendix for figure 6. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.