

Table 5.21

Sentences imposed in cases terminated in U.S. District Courts

By offense, United States, fiscal year 1994

Most serious conviction offense	Total offenders sentenced	Percent of offenders convicted and sentenced to:					Sentence length (in months)			
		Incarceration ^a	Probation ^b	Split or mixed sentence ^c	Fine	Incarceration ^d		Probation ^{b,d}		
						Mean	Median	Mean	Median	
All offenses	50,701	65.1%	30.1%	4.9%	8.0%	61.2	36.0	34.0	36.0	
Felonies	39,624	78.4	25.1	5.8	0.6	64.3	37.0	40.0	36.0	
Violent offenses	2,704	93.1	13.6	7.6	0.1	89.8	63.0	43.0	36.0	
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	161	91.3	10.6	2.5	B	133.5	97.0	41.4	36.0	
Negligent manslaughter	20	70.0	30.0	5.0	B	17.6	13.5	44.0	36.0	
Assault	311	82.3	21.9	6.4	1.0	49.0	36.0	38.7	36.0	
Robbery	1,872	96.7	11.0	8.2	B	93.9	70.0	44.5	36.0	
Rape	171	89.5	20.5	9.9	B	68.5	33.0	47.7	48.0	
Other sex offenses ^e	76	68.4	34.2	5.3	B	54.9	37.0	36.0	36.0	
Kidnaping	75	92.0	10.7	5.3	B	162.1	136.0	43.5	36.0	
Threats against the President	18	94.4	16.7	11.1	B	26.2	18.0	44.0	36.0	
Property offenses	11,113	57.7	44.6	5.6	1.1	26.0	15.0	38.9	36.0	
Fraudulent offenses	8,671	56.1	45.7	5.6	1.3	19.7	12.0	38.6	36.0	
Embezzlement	1,051	50.8	46.7	5.6	1.8	12.6	6.0	37.8	36.0	
Fraud ^f	6,547	57.1	45.3	5.8	1.4	21.0	14.0	38.6	36.0	
Forgery	409	48.7	56.2	5.1	B	20.8	12.0	41.6	36.0	
Counterfeiting	664	59.6	42.3	4.4	0.6	17.1	12.0	37.3	36.0	
Other offenses	2,442	63.2	40.4	5.6	0.5	45.9	23.0	40.3	36.0	
Burglary	146	89.7	16.4	6.8	B	53.8	37.0	43.0	36.0	
Larceny ^g	1,458	51.2	51.1	4.1	0.4	26.0	14.0	40.3	36.0	
Motor vehicle theft	405	85.7	22.2	9.1	0.2	89.2	60.0	39.0	36.0	
Arson and explosives	162	85.8	21.6	8.0	B	67.8	46.0	41.1	36.0	
Transportation of stolen property	234	67.1	32.5	5.1	0.9	25.4	20.0	41.4	36.0	
Other property offenses ^h	37	59.5	43.2	10.8	8.1	17.5	10.0	35.3	36.0	
Drug offenses	16,400	91.3	12.3	5.0	0.1	83.3	60.0	49.0	48.0	
Trafficking	16,197	91.6	12.0	5.0	0.1	83.7	60.0	49.6	48.0	
Possession and other	203	65.0	36.0	3.9	0.5	44.1	24.0	32.3	36.0	
Public-order offenses	9,407	76.2	27.8	6.8	1.1	50.7	24.0	34.7	36.0	
Regulatory offenses	1,309	49.2	47.7	3.8	4.9	29.9	18.0	36.4	36.0	
Agriculture	48	47.9	56.3	10.4	4.2	14.7	8.0	41.3	36.0	
Antitrust	82	7.3	53.7	1.2	40.2	3.2	3.0	38.1	36.0	
Food and drug	61	37.7	52.5	1.6	11.5	21.0	18.0	30.5	36.0	
Transportation	73	52.1	39.7	1.4	8.2	19.6	18.0	41.8	36.0	
Civil rights	62	72.6	41.9	14.5	B	49.7	37.0	37.7	36.0	
Communications	50	26.0	78.0	4.0	B	22.5	21.0	32.0	36.0	
Customs laws	75	46.7	45.3	4.0	10.7	21.0	15.0	37.4	36.0	
Postal laws	34	35.3	64.7	2.9	2.9	32.5	18.0	29.0	36.0	
Other regulatory offenses	824	54.5	45.1	3.3	0.8	31.2	18.0	36.7	36.0	
Other offenses	8,098	80.6	24.6	7.2	0.5	52.7	25.0	34.2	36.0	
Weapons	3,232	89.8	16.7	7.5	0.2	81.0	55.5	38.8	36.0	
Immigration offenses	2,152	86.3	19.0	8.9	0.3	23.5	24.0	27.2	24.0	
Tax law violations including tax fraud	712	44.1	63.5	9.0	1.1	15.6	12.0	35.9	36.0	
Bribery	275	44.7	52.4	0.7	0.7	22.0	13.0	33.0	36.0	
Perjury, contempt, intimidation	237	67.1	38.0	5.5	B	31.4	19.0	34.1	36.0	
National defense	27	66.7	40.7	11.1	3.7	48.9	19.5	42.5	48.0	
Escape	451	91.8	11.8	4.4	B	22.8	15.0	29.2	36.0	
Racketeering and extortion	779	84.2	19.1	5.3	0.3	62.1	44.0	39.7	36.0	
Gambling offenses	166	30.7	70.5	3.0	0.6	34.8	12.0	27.3	24.0	
Mail or transport of obscene material	25	20.0	56.0	8.0	32.0	33.8	38.0	37.7	36.0	
Migratory birds	5	40.0	40.0	B	B	33.0	33.0	42.0	42.0	
Other felonies ⁱ	37	64.9	37.8	5.4	2.7	11.3	4.0	29.4	30.0	
Misdemeanors ^j	11,072	17.6	48.1	2.0	34.2	11.9	4.0	22.8	12.0	

Note: See Note, table 5.11. The data for this table were derived from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts' criminal master data files. Only records with cases terminated in 1994 were selected. Total exceeds sum of individual sanctions because split and mixed sentences are counted in both prison and probation. Total includes defendants for whom offense category or sentence could not be determined. For methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 13.

^aAll sentences to incarceration, including split, mixed, life, and indeterminate sentences.
^bIncludes offenders with split and mixed sentences.
^cSentences to probation combined with incarceration.
^dExcludes life, death, and indeterminate sentences. These excluded cases represent 1% of all incarcerations.

^eMay include some non-violent offenses.
^fExcludes tax fraud.
^gExcludes transportation of stolen property.
^hExcludes fraudulent property offenses; includes destruction of property and trespass.
ⁱIncludes felonies with unknown or unclassifiable offense type.
^jIncludes misdemeanors, petty offenses, and unknown offense level.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Compendium of Federal Justice Statistics, 1994*, NCJ-163063 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 1997), pp. 79, 80. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.