

Table 6.38

Time served to first release by Federal prisoners

By offense, United States, fiscal year 1994

(In months)

Most serious conviction offense	All offenders			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	
All offenses	28,069	25.1	17.9	9,156	4.6	4.0	18,913	35.1	26.4	82.8%
Violent offenses	1,679	53.9	40.6	138	5.6	6.0	1,541	58.3	44.5	76.8
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	57	61.8	32.6	5	3.9	5.0	52	67.4	37.9	74.6
Assault	242	26.2	15.7	80	5.3	6.0	162	36.5	28.8	86.2
Robbery	1,177	61.1	47.1	41	6.0	6.0	1,136	63.1	49.8	75.1
Rape	6	89.9	86.5	X	X	X	6	89.9	86.5	64.4
Other sex offenses ^a	144	28.5	21.0	11	7.1	6.0	133	30.3	23.5	84.2
Kidnaping	38	97.2	75.8	X	X	X	38	97.2	75.8	64.1
Threats against the President	15	29.3	21.0	1	6.0	6.0	14	31.0	22.3	87.8
Property offenses	6,199	15.5	12.0	2,593	5.4	5.0	3,606	22.7	18.4	85.2
Fraudulent offenses	4,803	14.6	12.0	2,051	5.3	5.0	2,752	21.6	17.5	85.2
Embezzlement	481	9.4	6.0	297	4.0	4.0	184	18.2	13.9	87.5
Fraud ^b	3,850	15.1	12.0	1,545	5.5	5.0	2,305	21.5	18.0	84.9
Forgery	174	13.3	10.0	93	6.4	6.0	81	21.4	15.7	86.1
Counterfeiting	298	17.8	12.0	116	5.9	6.0	182	25.5	18.4	86.0
Other offenses	1,396	18.3	13.1	542	5.5	5.5	854	26.4	21.0	85.2
Burglary	74	23.9	18.4	15	5.1	5.0	59	28.7	22.2	85.6
Larceny ^c	670	12.8	8.7	384	5.3	5.0	286	22.9	15.7	86.7
Motor vehicle theft	161	21.3	15.5	43	7.2	6.0	118	26.5	19.1	84.5
Arson and explosives	38	39.7	31.5	4	5.0	5.5	34	43.7	32.3	74.1
Transportation of stolen property	144	22.2	15.7	40	6.5	6.0	104	28.2	21.0	81.7
Other property offenses ^d	309	22.7	21.1	56	4.9	4.2	253	26.7	23.6	86.8
Drug offenses	11,386	35.0	29.7	1,249	5.8	6.0	10,137	38.6	33.2	82.2
Trafficking	10,766	36.6	31.4	719	6.5	6.0	10,047	38.8	33.8	82.1
Possession and other	620	7.7	5.0	530	4.8	4.0	90	24.8	12.0	91.8
Public-order offenses	8,633	13.7	6.0	5,093	3.8	3.3	3,540	27.9	21.0	84.4
Regulatory offenses	538	19.2	13.1	179	5.5	5.0	359	26.0	20.9	84.2
Other offenses	8,095	13.3	6.0	4,914	3.8	3.1	3,181	28.1	21.0	84.5
Weapons	1,409	27.7	22.7	181	6.2	6.0	1,228	30.9	25.3	85.0
Immigration offenses	4,700	6.2	3.9	3,921	3.6	3.0	779	19.3	20.9	88.6
Tax law violations including tax fraud	424	14.0	10.5	200	4.7	4.0	224	22.2	17.4	78.5
Bribery	98	14.2	12.1	41	5.0	5.0	57	20.8	15.7	85.7
Perjury, contempt, intimidation	62	15.6	12.0	21	5.9	5.5	41	20.6	18.3	88.7
National defense	20	26.1	15.7	7	3.7	4.9	13	38.2	26.2	83.5
Escape	153	18.4	14.0	33	6.8	6.9	120	21.5	17.6	87.6
Racketeering and extortion	661	36.0	28.8	77	6.2	6.0	584	40.0	32.1	78.0
Gambling offenses	2	5.0	5.0	2	5.0	5.0	X	X	X	X
Liquor offenses	1	1.0	1.0	1	1.0	1.0	X	X	X	X
Mail or transport of obscene material	39	29.4	21.0	1	4.0	4.0	38	30.0	21.0	85.0
Traffic offenses	385	2.9	1.0	358	2.1	1.0	27	13.2	12.0	95.1
Migratory birds	27	7.1	6.0	20	5.0	6.0	7	12.9	12.0	94.2
Other	114	13.3	11.3	51	4.6	5.0	63	20.3	15.7	88.2
Other offenses ^e	172	13.0	10.5	83	4.6	5.0	89	20.9	15.7	85.8

Note: See Note, table 6.10. 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 can exceed the longest single imposed sentence. "Time served" is the number of months from the prisoner's arrival into custody 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 for whom offense category could not be determined. For methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 13.

^aMay include some non-violent offenses.

^bExcludes tax fraud.

^cExcludes transportation of stolen property.

^dExcludes fraudulent property offenses; includes destruction of property and trespass.

^eOffense not classifiable or not a violation of the U.S. Code.

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), p. 106.