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**SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE CASES:
DEGREE OF DEPARTURE FOR OFFENDERS IN EACH PRIMARY OFFENSE CATEGORY¹
Fiscal Year 1998**

PRIMARY OFFENSE	n	DEGREE OF DECREASE FOR SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE		
		Median Sentence in Months ²	Median Decrease in Months from Guideline Minimum	Median Percent Decrease from Guideline Minimum
TOTAL	8,649	28.0	26.0	50.4
Murder	15	96.0	72.5	45.9
Manslaughter	0	–	–	–
Kidnaping/Hostage-Taking	14	60.0	83.0	63.5
Sexual Abuse	3	12.0	55.0	55.6
Assault	5	24.0	17.0	60.3
Robbery	324	59.0	31.0	37.5
Arson	23	27.0	20.0	51.2
Drugs - Trafficking	5,650	41.0	37.0	48.6
Drugs - Communication Facility	88	15.5	18.0	50.7
Drugs - Simple Possession	3	12.0	25.0	67.6
Firearms	323	15.0	15.0	50.0
Burglary/B&E	6	5.5	7.0	62.5
Auto Theft	28	10.5	10.0	50.0
Larceny	191	0.0	8.0	100.0
Fraud	807	0.2	10.0	98.8
Embezzlement	23	0.0	9.0	100.0
Forgery/Counterfeiting	73	4.0	9.0	75.0
Bribery	52	0.0	11.0	100.0
Tax	114	0.0	10.0	100.0
Money Laundering	225	18.0	21.0	58.6
Racketeering/Extortion	188	30.0	37.0	64.3
Gambling/Lottery	31	0.0	6.0	100.0
Civil Rights	16	0.7	11.0	94.5
Immigration	207	10.0	9.0	37.5
Pornography/Prostitution	34	0.0	15.0	99.7
Prison Offenses	16	11.5	7.5	42.4
Administration of Justice	111	0.0	12.0	100.0
Environmental/Wildlife	17	0.0	8.0	100.0
National Defense	5	0.0	10.0	100.0
Antitrust	3	0.0	12.0	100.0
Food & Drug	4	0.0	11.0	100.0
Other Miscellaneous Offenses	50	0.0	10.0	100.0

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¹Of the 50,754 cases, 9,224 received a substantial assistance departure. Of these, 8,885 had complete guideline application information. An additional 175 cases were excluded due to several logical criteria. Of the remaining 8,710 cases, 61 were excluded due to one of the following reasons: missing offense type (15), missing sentence information (46).

²Cases with guideline minimums of life or probation (*i.e.*, sentence lengths of zero months) were included in the computations for median sentence as 470 months and zero months respectively, but were excluded from measures of decrease in the table.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 1998 Datafile, USSCFY98.