

Table 31

**DOWNWARD DEPARTURE CASES: DEGREE OF DEPARTURE
FOR OFFENDERS IN EACH PRIMARY OFFENSE CATEGORY¹
Fiscal Year 2000**

PRIMARY OFFENSE	n	Median Sentence in Months ²	DEGREE OF DECREASE FOR DOWNWARD DEPARTURE	
			Median Decrease in Months From Guideline Minimum	Median Percent Decrease From Guideline Minimum
TOTAL	8,193	18.0	12.0	40.0
Murder	6	239.0	33.5	25.1
Manslaughter	5	6.0	10.0	40.0
Kidnapping/Hostage Taking	8	70.0	22.0	19.6
Sexual Abuse	49	36.0	25.0	52.6
Assault	64	12.0	12.0	43.1
Robbery	202	46.0	17.0	29.3
Arson	7	30.0	10.0	41.5
Drugs - Trafficking	2,996	21.0	12.0	38.3
Drugs - Communication Facility	26	24.0	22.0	56.3
Drugs - Simple Possession	5	9.0	39.0	82.4
Firearms	359	18.0	13.0	40.2
Burglary/B&E	2	--	--	--
Auto Theft	6	0.0	12.5	100.0
Larceny	144	0.0	8.0	100.0
Fraud	591	0.0	9.0	99.2
Embezzlement	105	0.0	8.0	99.7
Forgery/Counterfeiting	85	0.0	8.0	100.0
Bribery	39	0.0	6.0	100.0
Tax	91	0.0	8.0	100.0
Money Laundering	112	12.0	15.0	51.9
Racketeering/Extortion	62	46.0	21.0	33.3
Gambling/Lottery	6	0.0	10.0	100.0
Civil Rights	11	12.0	9.0	47.8
Immigration	2,912	27.0	14.0	34.8
Pornography/Prostitution	97	6.0	18.0	67.6
Prison Offenses	23	15.0	6.0	29.6
Administration of Justice Offenses	95	0.0	12.0	100.0
Environmental/Wildlife	34	0.0	10.0	100.0
National Defense	4	0.0	24.0	100.0
Antitrust	3	8.0	18.0	60.0
Food & Drug	4	0.0	13.0	100.0
Other Miscellaneous Offenses	40	0.0	11.0	100.0

¹Of the 59,846 cases, 9,286 received a downward departure. Of these, 8,776 had complete guideline application information. An additional 434 cases were excluded due to several logical criteria. Of the remaining 8,342 cases, 149 were excluded due to missing sentence information.

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

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2000 Datafile, USSCFY00.