

**Table 30**

**SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE CASES: DEGREE OF DEPARTURE  
FOR OFFENDERS IN EACH PRIMARY OFFENSE CATEGORY<sup>1</sup>  
Fiscal Year 1997**

PRIMARY OFFENSE	n	DEGREE OF DECREASE FOR SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE		
		Median Sentence in Months <sup>2</sup>	Median Decrease in Months from Guideline Minimum	Median Percent Decrease from Guideline Minimum
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,355</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>51.7</b>
<b>Murder</b>	13	120.0	60.0	26.7
<b>Manslaughter</b>	1	0.0	27.0	100.0
<b>Kidnaping/Hostage-Taking</b>	7	57.0	32.5	36.8
<b>Sexual Abuse</b>	1	40.0	38.0	48.7
<b>Assault</b>	8	26.0	13.5	46.1
<b>Robbery</b>	240	51.0	28.0	34.9
<b>Arson</b>	20	20.0	24.5	42.9
<b>Drugs - Trafficking</b>	5,361	37.0	37.0	49.6
<b>Drugs - Communication Facility</b>	88	11.0	17.0	65.2
<b>Drugs - Simple Possession</b>	9	5.0	12.0	50.0
<b>Firearms</b>	255	18.0	15.0	47.8
<b>Burglary/B&amp;E</b>	5	12.0	12.0	50.0
<b>Auto Theft</b>	26	0.0	10.0	100.0
<b>Larceny</b>	160	0.0	8.0	100.0
<b>Fraud</b>	1,042	0.0	10.0	100.0
<b>Embezzlement</b>	25	5.0	8.0	75.0
<b>Forgery/Counterfeiting</b>	74	0.0	8.0	100.0
<b>Bribery</b>	68	0.0	12.0	100.0
<b>Tax</b>	104	0.0	10.0	100.0
<b>Money Laundering</b>	247	15.0	21.0	58.7
<b>Racketeering/Extortion</b>	144	37.0	38.0	55.7
<b>Gambling/Lottery</b>	48	0.0	6.0	100.0
<b>Civil Rights</b>	25	0.0	10.0	100.0
<b>Immigration</b>	146	15.0	8.0	33.3
<b>Pornography/Prostitution</b>	31	0.0	15.0	100.0
<b>Prison Offenses</b>	18	7.0	8.0	58.8
<b>Administration of Justice</b>	105	0.0	12.0	100.0
<b>Environmental/Wildlife</b>	10	0.0	7.0	100.0
<b>National Defense</b>	5	0.0	10.0	100.0
<b>Antitrust</b>	6	0.0	11.0	100.0
<b>Food &amp; Drug</b>	7	0.0	8.0	100.0
<b>Other Miscellaneous Offenses</b>	56	0.0	10.0	100.0

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<sup>1</sup>Of the 48,848 cases, 8,823 received a substantial assistance departure. Of these, 8,603 had complete guideline application information. An additional 220 cases were excluded due to several logical criteria. Of the remaining 8,383 cases, 28 were excluded due to one or more of the following reasons: missing offense type (3), missing guideline minimum (1), missing sentence information (25).

<sup>2</sup>Cases 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, 1997 Datafile, USSCFY97.