

**Table 13**

**AVERAGE SENTENCE LENGTH IN EACH PRIMARY OFFENSE CATEGORY<sup>1</sup>**  
**Fiscal Year 1998**

<b>PRIMARY OFFENSE</b>	<b>Mean Months</b>	<b>Median Months</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>49,837</b>
<b>Murder</b>	247.0	210.0	107
<b>Manslaughter</b>	45.3	21.0	57
<b>Kidnaping/Hostage-Taking</b>	161.1	95.0	77
<b>Sexual Abuse</b>	70.7	30.0	222
<b>Assault</b>	31.2	18.0	495
<b>Robbery</b>	113.2	78.0	2,124
<b>Arson</b>	58.5	49.5	100
<b>Drugs - Trafficking</b>	76.2	51.0	19,399
<b>Drugs - Communication Facility</b>	39.3	40.0	401
<b>Drugs - Simple Possession</b>	6.4	0.0	571
<b>Firearms</b>	62.6	37.0	2,475
<b>Burglary/B&amp;E</b>	24.4	21.0	70
<b>Auto Theft</b>	23.7	18.0	138
<b>Larceny</b>	6.8	4.0	2,658
<b>Fraud</b>	12.9	8.0	6,228
<b>Embezzlement</b>	5.5	4.0	760
<b>Forgery/Counterfeiting</b>	10.7	8.0	771
<b>Bribery</b>	12.7	6.0	249
<b>Tax</b>	8.5	6.0	853
<b>Money Laundering</b>	31.6	24.0	898
<b>Racketeering/Extortion</b>	88.8	60.0	631
<b>Gambling/Lottery</b>	7.2	6.0	152
<b>Civil Rights</b>	33.0	12.0	103
<b>Immigration</b>	22.6	18.0	7,836
<b>Pornography/Prostitution</b>	39.6	24.0	329
<b>Prison Offenses</b>	18.1	15.0	288
<b>Administration of Justice Offenses</b>	13.8	8.0	784
<b>Environmental/Wildlife</b>	4.1	1.0	101
<b>National Defense</b>	11.7	6.0	19
<b>Antitrust</b>	6.1	4.0	11
<b>Food &amp; Drug</b>	6.3	0.0	45
<b>Other Miscellaneous Offenses</b>	6.4	0.0	885

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<sup>1</sup>Of the 50,754 cases, 917 cases were excluded due to one or both of the following reasons: missing primary offense category (136) or missing or indeterminable sentencing information (781). Sentences of probation only are included in this table as zero months of imprisonment. In addition, the information presented in this table includes time of confinement as defined in USSG §5C1.1. Descriptions of variables in this table are provided in Appendix A.

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