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**SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE CASES: DEGREE OF DEPARTURE
FOR OFFENDERS IN EACH PRIMARY OFFENSE CATEGORY¹
Fiscal Year 2001**

PRIMARY OFFENSE	n	Median Sentence in Months ²	DEGREE OF DECREASE FOR SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE	
			Median Decrease in Months From Guideline Minimum	Median Percent Decrease From Guideline Minimum
TOTAL	8,649	30.0	25.0	50.0
Murder	9	84.0	45.0	44.8
Manslaughter	1	--	--	--
Kidnapping/Hostage Taking	6	58.0	43.0	57.1
Sexual Abuse	0	--	--	--
Assault	4	29.5	34.0	49.1
Robbery	192	48.0	25.5	34.1
Arson	10	29.5	44.0	56.8
Drugs - Trafficking	5,671	42.0	36.0	48.1
Drugs - Communication Facility	76	9.5	12.0	72.9
Drugs - Simple Possession	10	0.0	21.5	100.0
Firearms	465	24.0	18.0	45.9
Burglary/B&E	3	24.0	9.0	27.3
Auto Theft	29	7.0	10.0	60.0
Larceny	147	0.0	9.0	100.0
Fraud	923	0.0	10.0	99.6
Embezzlement	20	0.0	7.5	99.7
Forgery/Counterfeiting	116	2.0	7.0	83.3
Bribery	48	0.0	8.0	100.0
Tax	79	0.0	10.0	100.0
Money Laundering	208	18.0	27.0	58.6
Racketeering/Extortion	137	30.0	30.5	55.4
Gambling/Lottery	31	0.0	6.0	100.0
Civil Rights	11	12.0	7.0	40.0
Immigration	225	10.0	12.0	47.4
Pornography/Prostitution	24	12.5	15.5	42.1
Prison Offenses	12	8.5	6.0	33.3
Administration of Justice Offenses	110	0.0	12.0	100.0
Environmental/Wildlife	18	0.0	10.0	100.0
National Defense	0	--	--	--
Antitrust	8	0.0	12.5	100.0
Food & Drug	8	0.0	12.0	100.0
Other Miscellaneous Offenses	48	0.0	10.5	100.0

¹Of the 59,897 cases, 9,390 received a substantial assistance departure. Of these, 9,033 had complete guideline application information. An additional 277 cases were excluded due to several logical criteria. Of the remaining 8,756 cases, 107 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, 2001 Datafile, USSCFY01.