

Table 31

**DOWNWARD DEPARTURE 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 DOWNWARD DEPARTURE	
			Median Decrease in Months From Guideline Minimum	Median Percent Decrease From Guideline Minimum
TOTAL	8,906	18.0	12.0	40.0
Murder	12	114.5	43.0	27.6
Manslaughter	5	6.0	9.0	89.5
Kidnapping/Hostage Taking	3	33.0	42.0	53.8
Sexual Abuse	28	11.0	15.0	63.3
Assault	49	18.0	11.0	40.5
Robbery	162	48.0	19.5	32.4
Arson	5	21.0	41.0	44.4
Drugs - Trafficking	3,629	18.0	12.0	38.3
Drugs - Communication Facility	50	25.5	20.0	58.9
Drugs - Simple Possession	5	24.0	20.0	45.5
Firearms	426	24.0	14.0	39.6
Burglary/B&E	2	--	--	--
Auto Theft	6	0.0	7.0	100.0
Larceny	135	0.0	8.0	100.0
Fraud	579	0.1	9.0	99.2
Embezzlement	93	0.0	8.0	99.7
Forgery/Counterfeiting	74	0.0	8.0	100.0
Bribery	77	0.0	8.0	100.0
Tax	82	0.0	9.5	100.0
Money Laundering	78	16.5	16.0	52.7
Racketeering/Extortion	64	48.5	19.5	25.5
Gambling/Lottery	11	0.0	10.0	100.0
Civil Rights	10	0.0	10.0	100.0
Immigration	3,013	27.0	14.0	34.3
Pornography/Prostitution	89	6.0	15.0	66.7
Prison Offenses	21	13.0	9.0	50.0
Administration of Justice Offenses	119	4.0	12.0	71.4
Environmental/Wildlife	25	0.0	10.0	100.0
National Defense	1	--	--	--
Antitrust	0	--	--	--
Food & Drug	3	24.0	12.0	38.5
Other Miscellaneous Offenses	50	0.0	10.0	100.0

¹Of the 59,897 cases, 10,026 received a downward departure. Of these, 9,424 had complete guideline application information. An additional 407 cases were excluded due to several logical criteria. Of the remaining 9,017 cases, 111 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.