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**SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE CASES: DEGREE OF DEPARTURE
FOR OFFENDERS IN EACH PRIMARY OFFENSE CATEGORY¹
Fiscal Year 1999**

PRIMARY OFFENSE	n	DEGREE OF DECREASE FOR SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE		
		Median Sentence in Months ²	Median Decrease in Months from Guideline Minimum	Median Percent Decrease from Guideline Minimum
TOTAL	8,937	30.0	26.0	50.0
Murder	7	132.0	92.5	29.9
Manslaughter	1	0.0	10.0	100.0
Kidnaping/Hostage-Taking	13	48.0	67.5	57.1
Sexual Abuse	3	0.0	19.0	100.0
Assault	11	3.0	18.0	87.5
Robbery	240	60.0	27.0	33.3
Arson	12	28.0	27.0	52.9
Drugs - Trafficking	5,825	42.0	38.0	48.5
Drugs - Communication Facility	63	24.0	22.0	50.0
Drugs - Simple Possession	14	44.5	13.5	36.9
Firearms	260	21.0	18.0	50.0
Burglary/B&E	1	26.0	7.0	21.2
Auto Theft	41	6.0	12.0	80.0
Larceny	136	0.0	10.0	100.0
Fraud	900	0.0	10.0	100.0
Embezzlement	34	0.0	8.0	99.5
Forgery/Counterfeiting	140	5.0	7.5	60.0
Bribery	58	0.0	11.0	100.0
Tax	71	0.0	10.0	100.0
Money Laundering	260	18.0	22.0	51.9
Racketeering/Extortion	265	36.0	33.0	60.0
Gambling/Lottery	42	0.0	6.0	100.0
Civil Rights	15	0.0	18.0	100.0
Immigration	295	12.0	9.0	35.3
Pornography/Prostitution	24	13.0	13.0	44.4
Prison Offenses	8	5.0	5.0	50.0
Administration of Justice	99	0.0	11.0	100.0
Environmental/Wildlife	20	0.0	8.0	100.0
National Defense	5	12.0	34.0	33.3
Antitrust	5	0.0	8.0	100.0
Food & Drug	3	3.0	9.0	80.0
Other Miscellaneous Offenses	66	0.0	12.0	100.0

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¹Of the 55,557 cases, 9,788 received a substantial assistance departure. Of these, 9,353 had complete guideline application information. An additional

278 cases were excluded due to several logical criteria. Of the remaining 9,075 cases, 138 were excluded due to one or both of the following reasons: missing offense type (1) or missing sentence information (137).

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, 1999 Datafile, USSCFY99.