Table 13

AVERAGE SENTENCE LENGTH IN EACH PRIMARY OFFENSE CATEGORY

Fiscal Year 1999

	PRIMARY OFFENSE	Mean Months	Median Months	Number
Manslaughter 31.3 16.0 55 Kidnaping/Hostage-Taking 147.8 98.5 80 Sexual Abuse 64.0 30.0 230 Assault 33.6 21.0 446 Robbery 103.4 71.0 1.774 Arson 76.2 60.0 81 Drugs - Trafficking 73.3 48.0 21.757 Drugs - Communication Facility 41.3 48.0 393 Drugs - Simple Possession 6.6 0.0 666 Firearms 65.8 41.0 2,650 Burglary/B&E 22.4 15.0 185 Larceny 7.5 4.0 2,051 Fraud 13.3 8.0 6,075 Embez/lement 6.4 4.0 936 Forgery/Counterfeiting 11.0 7.0 1,271 Bribery 11.9 6.0 195 Tax 10.4 6.0 709 Money Laundering 35.8 24.0	TOTAL	47.8	24.0	54,507
Kidnaping/Hostage-Taking 147.8 98.5 80 Sexual Abuse 64.0 30.0 230 Assault 33.6 21.0 446 Robbery 103.4 71.0 1,774 Arson 76.2 60.0 81 Drugs - Trafficking 73.3 48.0 21,757 Drugs - Communication Facility 41.3 48.0 21,757 Drugs - Simple Possession 6.6 0.0 666 Firearms 65.8 41.0 2,650 Burglary/B&E 22.4 15.0 185 Larceny 7.5 4.0 2,051 Fraud 13.3 8.0 6,075 Embezzlement 6.4 4.0 936 Forgery/Counterfeiting 11.0 7.0 1,271 Bribery 11.9 6.0 195 Tax 10.4 6.0 709 Money Laundering 35.8 24.0 994 Racketeering/Extortion 92.0	Murder	187.7	121.0	108
Sexual Abuse 64.0 30.0 230 Assault 33.6 21.0 446 Robbery 103.4 71.0 1.774 Arson 76.2 60.0 81 Drugs - Trafficking 73.3 48.0 21.757 Drugs - Communication Facility 41.3 48.0 393 Drugs - Simple Possession 6.6 0.0 666 Burglary/B&E 22.4 15.0 53 Auto Theft 54.9 15.0 185 Larceny 7.5 4.0 2,051 Fraud 13.3 8.0 6,075 Embezzlement 6.4 4.0 936 Forgery/Counterfeiting 11.0 7.0 1,271 Bribery 11.9 6.0 195 Tax 10.4 6.0 709 Money Laundering 35.8 24.0 994 Racketeering/Extortion 92.0 60.0 968 Gambling/Lottery 5.0 4.0	Manslaughter	31.3	16.0	55
Assault 33.6 21.0 446 Robbery 103.4 71.0 1,774 Arson 76.2 60.0 81 Drugs - Trafficking 73.3 48.0 21,757 Drugs - Communication Facility 41.3 48.0 393 Drugs - Simple Possession 6.6 0.0 666 Firearms 65.8 41.0 2,650 Burglary/B&E 22.4 15.0 53 Auto Theft 54.9 15.0 185 Larceny 7.5 4.0 2,051 Fraud 13.3 8.0 6,075 Embezzlement 6.4 4.0 936 Forgery/Counterfeiting 11.0 7.0 1,271 Bribery 11.9 6.0 195 Tax 10.4 6.0 709 Money Laundering 35.8 24.0 994 Racketeering/Extortion 92.0 60.0 968 Gambling/Lottery 5.0 4.0	Kidnaping/Hostage-Taking	147.8	98.5	80
Robbery 103.4 71.0 1,74 Arson 76.2 60.0 81 Drugs - Trafficking 73.3 48.0 21,757 Drugs - Communication Facility 41.3 48.0 393 Drugs - Simple Possession 6.6 0.0 666 Firearms 65.8 41.0 2,650 Burglary/B&E 22.4 15.0 53 Auto Theft 54.9 15.0 185 Larceny 7.5 4.0 2,051 Fraud 13.3 8.0 6,075 Embezzlement 6.4 4.0 936 Forgery/Counterfeiting 11.0 7.0 1,271 Bribery 11.9 6.0 195 Tax 10.4 6.0 709 Money Laundering 35.8 24.0 994 Racketeering/Extortion 92.0 60.0 968 Gambling/Lottery 5.0 4.0 136 Civil Rights 27.1 12.0	Sexual Abuse	64.0	30.0	230
Arson 76.2 60.0 81 Drugs - Trafficking 73.3 48.0 21,757 Drugs - Communication Facility 41.3 48.0 393 Drugs - Simple Possession 6.6 0.0 666 Firearms 65.8 41.0 2,650 Burglary/B&E 22.4 15.0 53 Auto Theft 54.9 15.0 185 Larceny 7.5 4.0 2,051 Fraud 13.3 8.0 6,075 Embezzlement 6.4 4.0 936 Forgery/Counterfeiting 11.0 7.0 1,271 Bribery 11.9 6.0 195 Tax 10.4 6.0 709 Money Laundering 35.8 24.0 994 Racketeering/Extortion 92.0 60.0 968 Gambling/Lottery 5.0 4.0 136 Civil Rights 27.1 12.0 9,418 Pornography/Prostitution 41.6	Assault	33.6	21.0	446
Drugs - Tafficking 73.3 48.0 21,757 Drugs - Communication Facility 41.3 48.0 393 Drugs - Simple Possession 6.6 0.0 666 Firearms 65.8 41.0 2,650 Burglary/B&E 22.4 15.0 53 Auto Theft 54.9 15.0 185 Larceny 7.5 4.0 2,051 Fraud 13.3 8.0 6,075 Embezzlement 6.4 4.0 936 Forgery/Counterfeiting 11.0 7.0 1,271 Bribery 11.9 6.0 195 Tax 10.4 6.0 709 Money Laundering 35.8 24.0 994 Racketeering/Extortion 92.0 60.0 968 Gambling/Lottery 5.0 4.0 136 Civil Rights 27.1 12.0 79 Immigration 26.1 24.0 9,418 Pornography/Prostitution 41.6	Robbery	103.4	71.0	1,774
Drugs - Communication Facility 41.3 48.0 393 Drugs - Simple Possession 6.6 0.0 666 Firearms 65.8 41.0 2,650 Burglary/B&E 22.4 15.0 53 Auto Theft 54.9 15.0 185 Larceny 7.5 4.0 2,051 Fraud 13.3 8.0 6,075 Embezzlement 6.4 4.0 936 Forgery/Counterfeiting 11.0 7.0 1,271 Bribery 11.9 6.0 195 Tax 10.4 6.0 709 Money Laundering 35.8 24.0 994 Racketeering/Extortion 92.0 60.0 968 Gambling/Lottery 5.0 4.0 136 Civil Rights 27.1 12.0 79 Immigration 26.1 24.0 9,418 Pornography/Prostitution 41.6 27.0 410 Prison Offenses 17.4	Arson	76.2	60.0	81
Drugs - Simple Possession 6.6 0.0 666 Firearms 65.8 41.0 2,650 Burglary/B&E 22.4 15.0 53 Auto Theft 54.9 15.0 185 Larceny 7.5 4.0 2,051 Fraud 13.3 8.0 6,075 Embezzlement 6.4 4.0 936 Forgery/Counterfeiting 11.0 7.0 1,271 Bribery 11.9 6.0 195 Tax 10.4 6.0 709 Money Laundering 35.8 24.0 994 Racketeering/Extortion 92.0 60.0 968 Gambling/Lottery 5.0 4.0 136 Civil Rights 27.1 12.0 79 Immigration 26.1 24.0 9,418 Pornography/Prostitution 41.6 27.0 410 Prison Offenses 16.7 12.0 295 Administration of Justice Offenses 17.4	Drugs - Trafficking	73.3	48.0	21,757
Firearms 65.8 41.0 2,650 Burglary/B&E 22.4 15.0 53 Auto Theft 54.9 15.0 185 Larceny 7.5 4.0 2,051 Fraud 13.3 8.0 6,075 Embezzlement 6.4 4.0 936 Forgery/Counterfeiting 11.0 7.0 1,271 Bribery 11.9 6.0 195 Tax 10.4 6.0 709 Money Laundering 35.8 24.0 994 Racketeering/Extortion 92.0 60.0 968 Gambling/Lottery 5.0 4.0 136 Civil Rights 27.1 12.0 79 Immigration 26.1 24.0 9,418 Pornography/Prostitution 41.6 27.0 410 Prison Offenses 16.7 12.0 295 Administration of Justice Offenses 17.4 9.0 847 Environmental/Wildlife 4.7	Drugs - Communication Facility	41.3	48.0	393
Burglary/B&E 22.4 15.0 53 Auto Theft 54.9 15.0 185 Larceny 7.5 4.0 2,051 Fraud 13.3 8.0 6,075 Embezzlement 6.4 4.0 936 Forgery/Counterfeiting 11.0 7.0 1,271 Bribery 11.9 6.0 195 Tax 10.4 6.0 709 Money Laundering 35.8 24.0 994 Racketeering/Extortion 92.0 60.0 968 Gambling/Lottery 5.0 4.0 136 Civil Rights 27.1 12.0 79 Immigration 26.1 24.0 9,418 Pornography/Prostitution 41.6 27.0 410 Prison Offenses 16.7 12.0 295 Administration of Justice Offenses 17.4 9.0 847 Environmental/Wildlife 4.7 2.0 207 National Defense 61.0	Drugs - Simple Possession	6.6	0.0	666
Auto Theft 54.9 15.0 185 Larceny 7.5 4.0 2,051 Fraud 13.3 8.0 6,075 Embezzlement 6.4 4.0 936 Forgery/Counterfeiting 11.0 7.0 1,271 Bribery 11.9 6.0 195 Tax 10.4 6.0 709 Money Laundering 35.8 24.0 994 Racketeering/Extortion 92.0 60.0 968 Gambling/Lottery 5.0 4.0 136 Civil Rights 27.1 12.0 79 Immigration 26.1 24.0 9,418 Pornography/Prostitution 41.6 27.0 410 Prison Offenses 16.7 12.0 295 Administration of Justice Offenses 17.4 9.0 847 Environmental/Wildlife 4.7 2.0 207 National Defense 61.0 20.0 19 Antitrust 6.7	Firearms	65.8	41.0	2,650
Larceny 7.5 4.0 2,051 Fraud 13.3 8.0 6,075 Embezzlement 6.4 4.0 936 Forgery/Counterfeiting 11.0 7.0 1,271 Bribery 11.9 6.0 195 Tax 10.4 6.0 709 Money Laundering 35.8 24.0 994 Racketeering/Extortion 92.0 60.0 968 Gambling/Lottery 5.0 4.0 136 Civil Rights 27.1 12.0 79 Immigration 26.1 24.0 9,418 Pornography/Prostitution 41.6 27.0 410 Prison Offenses 16.7 12.0 295 Administration of Justice Offenses 17.4 9.0 847 Environmental/Wildlife 4.7 2.0 207 National Defense 61.0 20.0 19 Antitrust 6.7 4.0 4.3 Food & Drug 4.0	Burglary/B&E	22.4	15.0	53
Fraud 13.3 8.0 6,075 Embezzlement 6.4 4.0 936 Forgery/Counterfeiting 11.0 7.0 1,271 Bribery 11.9 6.0 195 Tax 10.4 6.0 709 Money Laundering 35.8 24.0 994 Racketeering/Extortion 92.0 60.0 968 Gambling/Lottery 5.0 4.0 136 Civil Rights 27.1 12.0 79 Immigration 26.1 24.0 9,418 Pornography/Prostitution 41.6 27.0 410 Prison Offenses 16.7 12.0 295 Administration of Justice Offenses 17.4 9.0 847 Environmental/Wildlife 4.7 2.0 207 National Defense 61.0 20.0 19 Antitrust 6.7 4.0 43 Food & Drug 4.0 0.5 78	Auto Theft	54.9	15.0	185
Embezzlement 6.4 4.0 936 Forgery/Counterfeiting 11.0 7.0 1,271 Bribery 11.9 6.0 195 Tax 10.4 6.0 709 Money Laundering 35.8 24.0 994 Racketeering/Extortion 92.0 60.0 968 Gambling/Lottery 5.0 4.0 136 Civil Rights 27.1 12.0 79 Immigration 26.1 24.0 9,418 Pornography/Prostitution 41.6 27.0 410 Prison Offenses 16.7 12.0 295 Administration of Justice Offenses 17.4 9.0 847 Environmental/Wildlife 4.7 2.0 207 National Defense 61.0 20.0 19 Antitrust 6.7 4.0 43 Food & Drug 4.0 0.5 78	Larceny	7.5	4.0	2,051
Forgery/Counterfeiting 11.0 7.0 1,271 Bribery 11.9 6.0 195 Tax 10.4 6.0 709 Money Laundering 35.8 24.0 994 Racketeering/Extortion 92.0 60.0 968 Gambling/Lottery 5.0 4.0 136 Civil Rights 27.1 12.0 79 Immigration 26.1 24.0 9,418 Pornography/Prostitution 41.6 27.0 410 Prison Offenses 16.7 12.0 295 Administration of Justice Offenses 17.4 9.0 847 Environmental/Wildlife 4.7 2.0 207 National Defense 61.0 20.0 19 Antitrust 6.7 4.0 43 Food & Drug 4.0 0.5 78	Fraud	13.3	8.0	6,075
Bribery 11.9 6.0 195 Tax 10.4 6.0 709 Money Laundering 35.8 24.0 994 Racketeering/Extortion 92.0 60.0 968 Gambling/Lottery 5.0 4.0 136 Civil Rights 27.1 12.0 79 Immigration 26.1 24.0 9,418 Pornography/Prostitution 41.6 27.0 410 Prison Offenses 16.7 12.0 295 Administration of Justice Offenses 17.4 9.0 847 Environmental/Wildlife 4.7 2.0 207 National Defense 61.0 20.0 19 Antitrust 6.7 4.0 43 Food & Drug 4.0 0.5 78	Embezzlement	6.4	4.0	936
Tax 10.4 6.0 709 Money Laundering 35.8 24.0 994 Racketeering/Extortion 92.0 60.0 968 Gambling/Lottery 5.0 4.0 136 Civil Rights 27.1 12.0 79 Immigration 26.1 24.0 9,418 Pornography/Prostitution 41.6 27.0 410 Prison Offenses 16.7 12.0 295 Administration of Justice Offenses 17.4 9.0 847 Environmental/Wildlife 4.7 2.0 207 National Defense 61.0 20.0 19 Antitrust 6.7 4.0 43 Food & Drug 4.0 0.5 78	Forgery/Counterfeiting	11.0	7.0	1,271
Money Laundering 35.8 24.0 994 Racketeering/Extortion 92.0 60.0 968 Gambling/Lottery 5.0 4.0 136 Civil Rights 27.1 12.0 79 Immigration 26.1 24.0 9,418 Pornography/Prostitution 41.6 27.0 410 Prison Offenses 16.7 12.0 295 Administration of Justice Offenses 17.4 9.0 847 Environmental/Wildlife 4.7 2.0 207 National Defense 61.0 20.0 19 Antitrust 6.7 4.0 43 Food & Drug 4.0 0.5 78	Bribery	11.9	6.0	195
Racketeering/Extortion 92.0 60.0 968 Gambling/Lottery 5.0 4.0 136 Civil Rights 27.1 12.0 79 Immigration 26.1 24.0 9,418 Pornography/Prostitution 41.6 27.0 410 Prison Offenses 16.7 12.0 295 Administration of Justice Offenses 17.4 9.0 847 Environmental/Wildlife 4.7 2.0 207 National Defense 61.0 20.0 19 Antitrust 6.7 4.0 43 Food & Drug 4.0 0.5 78	Tax	10.4	6.0	709
Gambling/Lottery 5.0 4.0 136 Civil Rights 27.1 12.0 79 Immigration 26.1 24.0 9,418 Pornography/Prostitution 41.6 27.0 410 Prison Offenses 16.7 12.0 295 Administration of Justice Offenses 17.4 9.0 847 Environmental/Wildlife 4.7 2.0 207 National Defense 61.0 20.0 19 Antitrust 6.7 4.0 43 Food & Drug 4.0 0.5 78	Money Laundering	35.8	24.0	994
Civil Rights 27.1 12.0 79 Immigration 26.1 24.0 9,418 Pornography/Prostitution 41.6 27.0 410 Prison Offenses 16.7 12.0 295 Administration of Justice Offenses 17.4 9.0 847 Environmental/Wildlife 4.7 2.0 207 National Defense 61.0 20.0 19 Antitrust 6.7 4.0 43 Food & Drug 4.0 0.5 78	Racketeering/Extortion	92.0	60.0	968
Immigration 26.1 24.0 9,418 Pornography/Prostitution 41.6 27.0 410 Prison Offenses 16.7 12.0 295 Administration of Justice Offenses 17.4 9.0 847 Environmental/Wildlife 4.7 2.0 207 National Defense 61.0 20.0 19 Antitrust 6.7 4.0 43 Food & Drug 4.0 0.5 78	Gambling/Lottery	5.0	4.0	136
Pornography/Prostitution 41.6 27.0 410 Prison Offenses 16.7 12.0 295 Administration of Justice Offenses 17.4 9.0 847 Environmental/Wildlife 4.7 2.0 207 National Defense 61.0 20.0 19 Antitrust 6.7 4.0 43 Food & Drug 4.0 0.5 78	Civil Rights	27.1	12.0	79
Prison Offenses 16.7 12.0 295 Administration of Justice Offenses 17.4 9.0 847 Environmental/Wildlife 4.7 2.0 207 National Defense 61.0 20.0 19 Antitrust 6.7 4.0 43 Food & Drug 4.0 0.5 78	Immigration	26.1	24.0	9,418
Administration of Justice Offenses 17.4 9.0 847 Environmental/Wildlife 4.7 2.0 207 National Defense 61.0 20.0 19 Antitrust 6.7 4.0 43 Food & Drug 4.0 0.5 78	Pornography/Prostitution	41.6	27.0	410
Environmental/Wildlife 4.7 2.0 207 National Defense 61.0 20.0 19 Antitrust 6.7 4.0 43 Food & Drug 4.0 0.5 78	Prison Offenses	16.7	12.0	295
National Defense 61.0 20.0 19 Antitrust 6.7 4.0 43 Food & Drug 4.0 0.5 78	Administration of Justice Offenses	17.4	9.0	847
Antitrust 6.7 4.0 43 Food & Drug 4.0 0.5 78	Environmental/Wildlife	4.7	2.0	207
Food & Drug 4.0 0.5 78	National Defense	61.0	20.0	19
	Antitrust	6.7	4.0	43
Other Miscellaneous Offenses 10.4 0.0 1,298	Food & Drug	4.0	0.5	78
	Other Miscellaneous Offenses	10.4	0.0	1,298

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¹Of the 55,557 cases, 1,050 cases were excluded due to one or both of the following reasons: missing primary offense category (149) or missing or indeterminable sentencing information (906). 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, 1999 Datafile, USSCFY99.