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**SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE CASES: DEGREE OF DEPARTURE
FOR OFFENDERS IN EACH PRIMARY OFFENSE CATEGORY¹
Fiscal Year 2000**

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	8,921	30.0	27.0	50.3
Murder	10	120.0	141.0	60.0
Manslaughter	1	--	--	--
Kidnapping/Hostage Taking	15	48.0	96.0	64.4
Sexual Abuse	3	24.0	13.0	33.3
Assault	9	12.0	16.0	82.9
Robbery	190	64.0	29.0	34.5
Arson	14	21.0	36.0	60.0
Drugs - Trafficking	5,765	45.0	38.0	47.8
Drugs - Communication Facility	81	5.0	12.0	90.8
Drugs - Simple Possession	6	0.0	22.5	100.0
Firearms	321	16.0	17.0	51.5
Burglary/B&E	4	18.0	5.0	19.4
Auto Theft	30	5.5	10.0	58.3
Larceny	128	0.0	10.0	100.0
Fraud	975	0.0	10.0	99.7
Embezzlement	41	0.0	6.0	99.6
Forgery/Counterfeiting	122	0.0	9.0	100.0
Bribery	54	0.0	12.0	100.0
Tax	90	0.0	12.0	100.0
Money Laundering	243	16.0	24.0	63.4
Racketeering/Extortion	225	40.0	40.0	56.0
Gambling/Lottery	29	0.0	6.0	100.0
Civil Rights	12	0.0	12.0	100.0
Immigration	296	12.0	12.0	44.4
Pornography/Prostitution	30	19.0	15.0	44.4
Prison Offenses	14	12.0	15.0	50.7
Administration of Justice Offenses	101	0.0	12.0	100.0
Environmental/Wildlife	29	0.0	12.0	100.0
National Defense	3	0.0	10.0	100.0
Antitrust	12	0.0	11.0	100.0
Food & Drug	4	2.5	11.5	86.1
Other Miscellaneous Offenses	64	0.0	10.0	100.0

¹Of the 59,846 cases, 9,754 received a substantial assistance departure. Of these, 9,353 had complete guideline application information. An additional 279 cases were excluded due to several logical criteria. Of the remaining 9,074 cases, 153 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, 2000 Datafile, USSCFY00.