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### Reporting criteria

The NCRP collects data on all prison admissions and releases and on all parole entries and discharges for calendar year 1989 in participating jurisdictions. Multiple admissions or releases per person during the year are recorded as separate events. The NCRP data cover prisoners admitted to or released from custody regardless of the jurisdiction where the prisoner was sentenced. Persons sentenced to a State prison but admitted to or released from the custody of a local jail are included in the NCRP.

Beginning in 1983 all sentenced inmates, including those with a total sentence of a year or less, were counted. To assure greater comparability across jurisdictions, the 1989 report includes only inmates with a sentence of more than a year except where noted. Information on all inmates, including those with a sentence of a year or less, is contained in the public-use data tape that may be obtained from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data at the University of Michigan.

### Offenses

Each State's offenses are recoded to a common set of offense codes. In this report, attempts and conspiracies are included with completed offenses, except for attempted murders and conspiracies to commit murder, which are classified as assaults.

Offense types appearing in this report include the following offenses:

*Homicide* — murder, felony murder, nonnegligent manslaughter, voluntary manslaughter, negligent manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter, and unspecified homicide.

*Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter* — murder, felony murder, nonnegligent manslaughter, and voluntary manslaughter.

*Murder* — murder and felony murder.

*Nonnegligent manslaughter* — voluntary manslaughter, nonnegligent manslaughter, and aggravated manslaughter.

*Manslaughter* — negligent manslaughter, vehicular manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter, and negligent homicide.

*Unspecified homicide* — homicide and homicide type not specified.

*Kidnaping* — abduction, kidnaping, and felonious restraint.

*Rape* — forcible rape, aggravated rape, and sexual intercourse without consent.

*Other sexual assault* — statutory rape, carnal abuse, gross sexual imposition by force, fondling, child molestation, and lewd acts with children.

*Robbery* — unarmed robbery, armed robbery, aggravated robbery, and forcible purse snatching.

*Assault* — attempted murder, simple assault, aggravated assault, aggravated battery, vehicular assault, and criminal injury to persons.

*Other violent* — extortion, intimidation, hit-and-run driving with bodily injury, child abuse, and criminal endangerment against a person.

*Burglary* — breaking and entering, burglary, and safecracking.

*Larceny* — theft, petty larceny, and grand larceny.

*Motor vehicle theft* — auto theft, conversion of an automobile, receiving and transferring a stolen vehicle, and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

*Arson* — arson and burning a thing of value.

*Fraud* — worthless checks, uttering, obtaining money by false pretenses, credit card fraud, fraud, forgery, counterfeiting, and embezzlement.

*Stolen property* — possession, transportation, receiving, or selling of stolen property.

*Other property* — destruction of property, vandalism, criminal tampering, trespassing, entering without breaking, and possession of burglary tools.

*Drug possession* — possession or use of controlled substances.

*Drug trafficking* — importation, manufacture, sale, or delivery of controlled substances; possession with intent to deliver.

*Other drug* — forging or uttering a false prescription for a controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia, unknown drug offenses, and violations of controlled substance acts where the type of violation was unspecified.

*Weapons* — unlawful sale, distribution, manufacture, transportation, or possession of a deadly or dangerous weapon.

*Other public-order* — escape from custody, court offenses, obstruction, driving while intoxicated, other traffic offenses, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, morals and decency violations, commercialized vice, and liquor law violations.

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*Other offenses* — juvenile offenses and unspecified felonies.

Federal offenses were recoded to many of the same categories defined above. Specific Federal categories include the following:

*Embezzlement* — postal, bank, and benefit plans.

*Fraud* — postal, passport, Veterans' and other benefits, government employment, banks, computer, and impersonation.

*Counterfeiting* — postal, money orders, securities, and altering or forging currency.

*Regulatory* — violation of banking and insurance laws, smuggling, violation of customs, election laws, food and drug laws, maritime and railroad laws, retirement act and unemployment insurance, communication law, and other regulatory provisions.

*Immigration* — illegal entry, harboring or smuggling illegal aliens, and other immigration violations.

*Tax law* — internal revenue violations, including tax fraud, tax evasion, and failure to pay excise, alcohol, inheritance, withholding, Social Security, or other taxes.

*Racketeering and extortion* — threats through the mail, over the phone, or in interstate commerce, labor racketeering, RICO, money laundering, and interference with commerce by threat or violence.

### Sentences

Data on sentence length refer to the offense with the longest sentence. Whenever a sentence had both a minimum and a maximum term, the maximum was used to define the sentence length. A life sentence was defined as

any prison sentence with a fixed or maximum term of life in prison, regardless of the possibility of parole.

### Time served

Time served refers to the amount of time spent in prison between the date of admission and the date of release or to the amount of time spent on parole between the date of prison release and the date of parole discharge. Time served in prison underestimates the actual time served because data on time spent in jail that was credited to the prison sentence for the current offense are not available for most inmates. All tables in the report present data for time served in prison only.

Total time under supervision was calculated by adding time spent in prison and time spent on parole. Once again, jail-time credits are not included in the estimate of the total time under supervision.

### Median and mean

The medians in this report were calculated from ungrouped data, since sentencing data do not conform to the standard assumptions permitting calculations from grouped data. Because nearly all sentences are multiples of 12-month units, the assumption of an even distribution of values within groups is not met. Therefore, a shift of only a few cases may increase or decrease the median by 12 months.

In contrast to the calculation of medians, mean sentence lengths exclude prisoners with a sentence of life in prison or death. Medians are sensitive to the uneven distribution of cases; means are influenced by extreme values.

Because of the limitations of each measure, both medians and means were reported for sentence length. Time served data do not group at 12-month

intervals. Both medians and means have been reported in most tables to provide an accurate summary of the data.

### Year-to-year comparisons

Care should be exercised when comparing 1989 data on sentence length and time served to data published for 1988 and previous years. Year-to-year comparisons should be restricted to those jurisdictions reporting data in all years of interest. The group of jurisdictions participating in 1989, however, differed from the group in the previous years. States reporting in the 1989 program were Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The District of Columbia, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and the Federal Parole Commission also reported data.

### Subgroup comparisons

Care should be exercised when comparing groups of inmates on sentence length and time served. Differences may be the result of factors not described in the tables, including variations in the criminal histories of each group, variations in the offense composition of each group, and variations among participating jurisdictions in their sentencing and correctional practices.

### Race

Ohio codes American Indians/Alaska Natives, and Asians/Pacific Islanders as "unknown."

South Carolina's parole release records code any persons other than white or black as "unknown."

### Hispanic origin

Colorado, Illinois, and Minnesota code inmates of Hispanic origin as "unknown."

In California, Michigan, and Oklahoma, Hispanics include Mexican Americans only.

In New York, Hispanics include only persons of Puerto Rican birth or parentage.

In Oklahoma, Hispanics include only those of Mexican origin.

Texas prison admission and release records code Hispanic as "unknown."

Federal data on the Hispanic origin of inmates were not available for persons released from prison before July 1983.

### Education

Data on education in Maryland include credits for education received after entering prison for parole discharge records only.

Ohio has included an undetermined number of records of people who have a college degree in the category of "some college."

### Admission date

Data on date of admission in New York and Texas refer to the original admission date, rather than the most recent date, if inmates had been released and then returned.

For Federal offenders the date of sentencing is provided instead of the date of admission. This date is accurate for only new court commitments.

### Admission type

In Colorado and Ohio, "new court commitments" includes some parole violators returned with new sentences.

In Minnesota, "new court commitments" includes probation violators.

In Massachusetts, "transfers" includes returns to prison after court appearance, temporary interstate transfers, transfers from other States, Federal transfers, transfers from county to State custody, and transfers from other secure facilities.

In Hawaii and Maryland, "new court commitments" includes all types of admissions.

Nebraska reported the following types of admissions: regular, multiple-offender, evaluator, Federal safekeeper, county safekeeper, and other. Since these could not be translated into the NCRP categories, they were coded as "missing/invalid data entries".

In Nevada, "parole revocation, new sentence" and "parole revocation, no new sentence" may have been underreported.

In Ohio, type of admission includes an undetermined number of parole violators returned with new sentences.

In Tennessee, data on admission type were only available for a small number of cases.

In New York, admission type for parole revocations were reported for those with no new sentence only. There are no probation revocations because probation is considered a county function.

In North Carolina, "probation revocation" includes persons whose parole status was pending.

In Minnesota, "parole revocation with or without new sentence" includes mandatory parole violators returned and work release violators returned.

In North Carolina, "parole revocation, no sentence information" includes all parole violators with or without new sentences as well as pending parole revocations.

In South Carolina, "parole revocation, no sentence information" includes revocation of "supervised furlough II releases" and Emergency Powers Act releases.

In Texas, "parole revocation, no sentence information" and "mandatory parole revocation, no sentence information" include all parole revocations, with or without new sentences.

In Wisconsin, "parole revocation, new sentence" and "parole revocation, no new sentence" include returns of inmates released early because of overcrowding.

In New York, "mandatory parole revocation with or without new sentence" includes the return of inmates who were granted early release for good time served.

On parole release records in New York, data on admission type were reported only for parole violators with no new sentence.

In North Carolina, "mandatory parole revocation, no sentence information" includes all mandatory parole violators with or without new sentences as well as pending mandatory parole revocations.

## Explanatory notes

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In South Carolina, "escapees returned" are not counted as admissions.

In Texas, "not known" includes inmates returning from vocational or educational programs.

### Offenses

New Jersey, North Carolina, and South Carolina, reported only one offense — the most serious.

Minnesota reports only most recent offense instead of the most serious.

In Virginia and Washington, the category "life" includes "life without parole."

For Federal prisoners, only two offenses per inmate are reported, usually the two most serious. If an inmate receives an additional offense after admission that is more serious than the original offenses, the inmate's record is updated to show that offense.

### Maximum sentence and total maximum sentence

In Illinois and Maryland persons receiving indeterminate sentences were reported as "not known" on sentence length.

### Minimum time to be served

Maryland did not report "minimum sentence" because there is no statute establishing minimum sentence.

### Prison release date

In the Federal prison system and Maryland, the prison release date on parole exit records is the date parole supervision begins, not the actual release date.

### Prison release method

In Massachusetts, "parole board decision" includes some inmates released by the Massachusetts parole board to another parole board.

In New York, "parole board decision" includes some inmates released by the Division of Prisons.

On prison release records in South Carolina, "parole board decision" includes inmates released from a Youthful Offenders Act sentence to a straight sentence and vice versa. Also "other unconditional release" includes those inmates who paid a fine after serving some prison time; those whose sentence was reduced; those who were retried; and those released for medical reasons. On parole release records, "parole board decision" includes inmates released to supervised furlough.

In Wisconsin, "parole board decision" includes early releases because of overcrowding.

In New York, "mandatory parole releases" includes early releases for good time served.

In Minnesota, "other conditional releases" includes work releases.

Mississippi's "other conditional releases" includes split sentences, work release, and supervised earned releases.

New York codes "releases to custody, detainer, or warrant" as either "parole board decision" or "mandatory parole release."

In Ohio, "other conditional releases" consists of releases for educational or

vocational purposes, inmates paroled or shock paroled, on detainer, and under interstate compact.

In Oklahoma, "other conditional releases" consists of releases to a community treatment center. Also, "transfers to probation and probation from house arrest" are coded as "probation release."

In South Carolina, "other conditional releases" consists of persons released by the Emergency Powers Act.

For the California Youth Authority, "other unconditional releases" includes some discharges to prison.

"Other unconditional releases" in Maryland, Ohio, Texas, and Wyoming consists of court-ordered releases.

"Other unconditional releases" in Minnesota consists of discharges of persons with indeterminate sentences by the releasing authority.

In Mississippi, "other unconditional releases" includes shock probation, court suspensions, and court-ordered releases.

In Nebraska, "other unconditional releases" consists of persons whose sentence was vacated.

In Tennessee, "other unconditional releases" consists of unconditional releases to probation.

In Ohio, "other releases" consists of inmates-at-large who did not belong to any other NCRP category.

In Texas, "other releases" includes inmates released to attend vocational or educational facilities.

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### **Parole release method**

In the Federal prison system, "discharged, completion of term" includes absconders and inmates whose convictions were reversed.

In New York, "other release" includes parole board decision (discretionary after 3 years) court-ordered releases; new revocations, not pursued; and cases in the revocation process in which statutory requirements were not fulfilled.

Maryland includes inmates who failed to comply with special conditions of their parole as "discharged, absconder."

## Admissions to State prison

In 1989, 37 States, the District of Columbia, and the California Youth Authority reported 324,774 admissions accounting for about four-fifths of all admissions to State prisons in that year. (See "Prisoners in State and Federal Institutions, 1989 in *Correctional Populations in the United States, 1989*, NCJ-130445.) The 1989 data on entering prisoners provide a profile which resembles that of past reports. Inmate subgroup differences for sentence length and time to be served may have resulted from factors not described in the tables. (See *Methodology*, page 2.)

- New court commitments — offenders entering prison directly from a sentence by a court and not from an unsuccessful period of community supervision — comprised almost two-thirds of all prison admissions (table 1-1). Parole violators accounted for more than a quarter of all admissions.

- Males comprised 92% of all admissions to State prisons (table 1-2).

- Whites accounted for 46% of all State prison admissions; blacks, 53%; and other races, primarily American Indians and Asians, 1%. Hispanics of all races made up 17% of all reported prison admissions. The median age of all admissions was 28 years.

- More than a quarter of the persons entering prison had been convicted of a violent offense (table 1-5). Robbery was the most common violent crime, accounting for a tenth of new court admissions.

- About 1 of every 3 men and 2 of every 5 women had been convicted of a drug offense. Nearly half of Hispanic prisoners had been convicted of a drug offense.

- The median maximum sentence length for persons admitted to prison in 1989 was 48 months (table 1-6).

- Violent offenses carried the longest median maximum sentence (72 months).

- The median sentence for property and drug offenses was 36 months, and for public-order offenses, 24 months.

- The median sentence for murder was 100 years in prison, longer than for any other individual offense.

- Overall, black prisoners received median sentences 6 months longer than white prisoners (48 months compared to 42 months) (table 1-7). Black and white prisoners had the same median sentences for violent offenses (72 months) and for property and drug offenses (36 months). Only for public-order offenses was the median sentence for blacks (30 months) longer than for whites (24 months).

- State correctional officials were asked to estimate a minimum time that admitted prisoners would have to serve before becoming eligible for release

(table 1-8). Factors used in this estimate include minimum sentence length, good-time credits, earned-time credits, parole eligibility requirements, and early release requirements, and allowances. In those States reporting both maximum sentence length and minimum time to be served, the median sentence length was 60 months and entering prisoners were expected to serve slightly less than one half of that time, a median of 24 months.

- The minimum time to be served by violent offenders was 36 months; by property offenders, 18 months; by drug offenders, 21 months; and by public-order offenders, 14 months.

- The average estimated minimum time to be served for men was 46% of their mean maximum sentence versus 44% for women (table 1-9).

- In 1989, sentences of life in prison or death were received by 2% of all offenders who entered prison; slightly less than half of the murderers received a sentence of life or a death sentence (table 1-11).

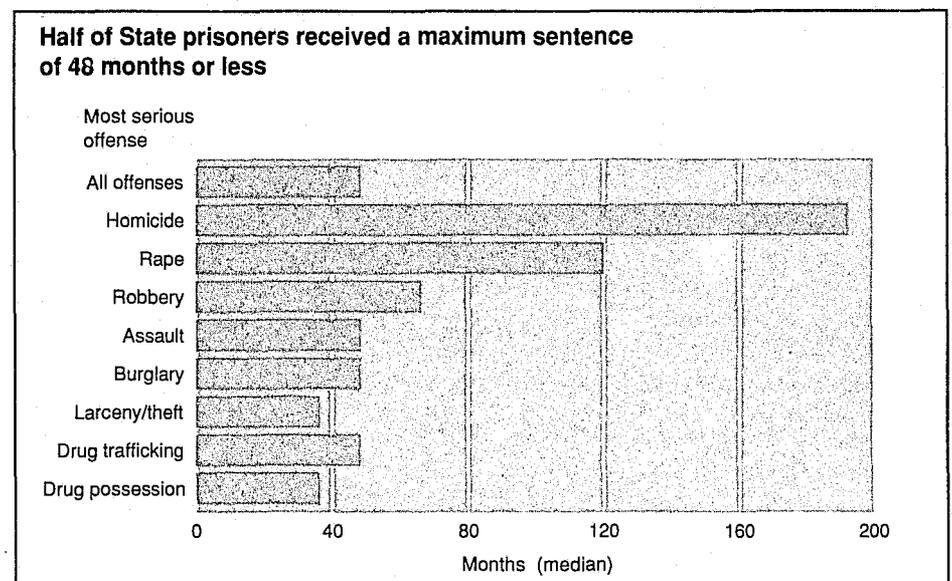


Figure 1-1. Maximum sentence length for new court commitments, by offense

**Table 1—1. State prison admissions, 1989: Admission type, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin**

Admission type	Percent of admissions to State prison						
	All admissions	Sex		Race			Hispanic
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	
<b>All types</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Court commitment<sup>a</sup></b>	64.4 %	64.0 %	69.0 %	62.2 %	65.3 %	67.0 %	57.9 %
<b>Parole revocation</b>	26.4 %	26.8 %	21.0 %	28.4 %	25.3 %	20.8 %	38.1 %
New sentence	6.2	6.3	4.2	6.3	6.2	3.6	8.7
No new sentence	8.6	8.9	5.7	8.5	8.6	7.8	10.3
Sentence unknown	11.6	11.6	11.1	13.6	10.5	9.4	19.0
<b>Probation revocation<sup>b</sup></b>	4.7 %	4.6 %	5.7 %	5.2 %	4.7 %	9.4 %	0.5 %
<b>Escapee returned</b>	1.4 %	1.3 %	1.4 %	1.4 %	1.3 %	1.0 %	1.0 %
<b>Transfer/appeal bond</b>	1.3 %	1.3 %	0.8 %	1.1 %	1.1 %	1.4 %	2.4 %
<b>Other</b>	0.5 %	0.5 %	0.4 %	0.3 %	0.6 %	0.1 %	0.1 %
<b>Not known</b>	1.5 %	1.4 %	1.8 %	1.3 %	1.7 %	0.4 %	0.2 %
<b>Number of admissions</b>	324,774	299,650	25,053	142,645	161,739	2,281	43,565

Note: Data are reported on those with total maximum sentences of greater than a year.

<sup>a</sup>Includes some parole or probation violators returned to prison with a new sentence.

<sup>b</sup>Data for this category may be underreported because many probation violators were reported as court commitments.

**Table 1-2. State prison admissions, 1989:  
Selected demographic characteristics,  
by admission type**

Demographic characteristic	Percent of State prison admissions	
	All	New court commitments
<b>Total</b>	100 %	100 %
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	92.3 %	91.7 %
Female	7.7	8.3
<b>Race</b>		
White	46.5 %	45.6 %
Black	52.7	53.6
Other	0.7	0.8
<b>Hispanic origin</b>		
Hispanic	17.3 %	15.3 %
Non-Hispanic	82.7	84.7
<b>Age at admission</b>		
Under 18	1.2 %	1.6 %
18-24	29.8	33.9
25-29	26.2	24.7
30-34	19.8	18.2
35-44	17.7	16.1
45-54	4.0	3.9
55 or older	1.2	1.4
<b>Median age</b>	28 yrs.	27 yrs.
<b>Education</b>		
8th grade or less	18.4 %	18.0 %
9-11th grade	46.5	46.4
High school graduate	27.3	27.3
Some college	7.4	7.8
Other	0.5	0.5
<b>Median education</b>	11th grade	11th grade
<b>Number of admissions</b>	324,774	224,424

Note: Data were reported on race for 94.4% of the 324,774 admissions to prison with a sentence of more than a year, data on Hispanic origin for 77.6%, and data on education for 49.9%. Data on race were also reported for 93.2% of the 224,424

new court commitments with a sentence of more than a year, data on Hispanic origin for 73.9%, and data on education for 54.7%. Data on age at admission were reported for 99.7% of all admissions and 99.7% of new court commitments.

**Table 1-3. New court commitments to State prison, 1989: Age at admission, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Total	Age at admission for new court commitments							Median age at admission
			Under 18	18-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54	55 or older	
<b>All offenses</b>	221,226	100 %	1.6 %	34.0 %	24.7 %	18.2 %	16.1 %	3.9 %	1.4 %	27 yrs.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	61,063	100 %	2.5 %	34.9 %	23.0 %	16.8 %	15.9 %	4.6 %	2.3 %	27 yrs.
Homicide	9,817	100	3.2	33.8	19.9	16.0	17.4	6.3	3.4	28
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	6,058	100	3.1	35.3	19.8	15.2	17.2	6.3	3.1	27
Murder	4,919	100	3.5	36.2	20.0	14.7	16.7	6.0	2.9	27
Nonnegligent manslaughter	1,139	100	1.4	31.7	19.0	17.1	19.3	7.6	3.9	29
Negligent manslaughter	2,999	100	2.2	30.6	21.0	18.3	17.4	6.5	4.1	29
Unspecified homicide	760	100	8.0	34.5	15.8	13.2	19.2	6.3	3.0	27
Kidnaping	1,332	100	1.9	32.8	25.2	18.2	17.3	3.4	1.3	28
Rape	5,347	100	1.2	24.5	21.2	18.7	21.9	8.1	4.3	30
Other sexual assault	6,817	100	0.9	19.2	18.1	19.1	25.7	10.2	6.9	32
Robbery	22,146	100	3.2	43.6	26.0	15.6	10.1	1.2	0.3	25
Assault	14,212	100	2.4	34.1	23.0	17.0	16.6	4.9	2.0	27
Other violent	1,392	100	1.3	30.7	24.4	17.5	19.2	4.8	2.2	28
<b>Property offenses</b>	74,093	100 %	1.9 %	38.6 %	24.8 %	17.2 %	14.2 %	2.7 %	0.6 %	26 yrs.
Burglary	34,544	100	2.2	44.3	25.0	15.6	11.0	1.7	0.2	25
Larceny/theft	17,943	100	1.3	30.6	24.8	19.6	18.8	3.9	1.0	28
Motor vehicle theft	5,357	100	4.1	49.8	21.9	13.2	9.0	1.6	0.4	24
Arson	1,397	100	2.1	32.5	23.4	16.2	17.2	5.8	2.7	28
Fraud	8,849	100	0.3	24.7	26.6	21.7	20.7	4.7	1.2	29
Stolen property	4,480	100	1.9	40.0	24.7	17.1	13.2	2.5	0.6	26
Other property	1,533	100	2.5	46.2	21.4	14.5	11.6	2.9	0.8	25
<b>Drug offenses</b>	67,588	100 %	0.8 %	30.7 %	26.3 %	19.9 %	17.3 %	3.9 %	1.0 %	28 yrs.
Possession	17,251	100	1.0	31.0	26.0	20.1	17.4	3.5	1.0	28
Trafficking	37,323	100	0.8	31.7	26.4	19.2	16.7	4.0	1.1	28
Other drug	13,014	100	0.6	27.1	26.3	21.7	18.9	4.3	1.1	29
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	16,217	100 %	0.9 %	24.4 %	24.3 %	20.3 %	20.4 %	7.0 %	2.7 %	30 yrs.
Weapons	4,345	100	1.5	33.5	23.3	18.5	16.6	5.1	1.4	28
Other public-order	11,872	100	0.6	21.1	24.7	21.0	21.8	7.6	3.2	30
<b>Other offenses</b>	2,265	100 %	0.5 %	30.9 %	26.1 %	20.8 %	16.7 %	3.7 %	1.2 %	28 yrs.

Note: Data on age at admission by offense were reported for 98.6% of the 224,424 with a sentence of more than a year.

**Table 1-4. New court commitments to State prison, 1989: Offense, by age at admission**

Most serious offense	Age at admission for new court commitments to State prison						
	Under 18	18-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54	55 or older
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	42.3 %	28.3 %	25.6 %	25.5 %	27.3 %	32.4 %	46.4 %
Homicide	8.7	4.4	3.6	3.9	4.8	7.1	10.8
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	5.2	2.8	2.2	2.3	2.9	4.4	6.1
Murder	4.8	2.4	1.8	1.8	2.3	3.4	4.6
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.0	1.4
Negligent manslaughter	1.8	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.5	2.2	4.0
Unspecified homicide	1.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.7
Kidnaping	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6
Rape	1.8	1.7	2.1	2.5	3.3	5.0	7.5
Other sexual assault	1.7	1.7	2.3	3.2	4.9	8.0	15.3
Robbery	19.6	12.8	10.5	8.6	6.2	3.1	2.0
Assault	9.4	6.4	6.0	6.0	6.6	7.9	9.3
Other violent	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.0
<b>Property offenses</b>	38.4 %	38.0 %	33.6 %	31.7 %	29.5 %	23.1 %	15.6 %
Burglary	20.9	20.3	15.8	13.4	10.7	6.6	2.7
Larceny/theft	6.4	7.3	8.1	8.7	9.5	8.0	6.1
Motor vehicle theft	6.1	3.5	2.1	1.8	1.4	1.0	0.7
Arson	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.2
Fraud	0.8	2.9	4.3	4.8	5.2	4.8	3.5
Stolen property	2.4	2.4	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.3	0.9
Other property	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
<b>Drug offenses</b>	15.1 %	27.5 %	32.5 %	33.5 %	32.9 %	30.5 %	22.7 %
Possession	4.8	7.1	8.2	8.6	8.4	7.0	5.4
Trafficking	8.3	15.7	18.0	17.9	17.5	17.1	12.8
Other drug	2.0	4.7	6.3	7.0	6.9	6.5	4.5
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	3.9 %	5.3 %	7.2 %	8.2 %	9.3 %	13.0 %	14.4 %
Weapons	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.6	2.1
Other public-order	2.0	3.3	5.4	6.2	7.3	10.4	12.4
<b>Other offenses</b>	0.3 %	0.9 %	1.1 %	1.2 %	1.1 %	1.0 %	0.9 %
<b>Number of admissions</b>	3,616	75,286	54,701	40,207	35,623	8,721	3,072

**Table 1-5. New court commitments to State prison, 1989: Offense, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	New court commitments to State prison						
	All	Sex		Race			
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	Hispanic
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	27.6 %	28.6 %	17.2 %	27.3 %	28.0 %	38.6 %	23.6 %
Homicide	4.4	4.4	4.7	4.6	4.2	6.9	4.4
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.7	4.3	3.1
Murder	2.2	2.3	1.8	2.2	2.2	3.4	2.1
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.9	1.0
Negligent manslaughter	1.4	1.3	1.8	1.7	1.1	2.5	1.0
Unspecified homicide	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3
Kidnaping	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.5	1.0	0.6
Rape	2.4	2.6	0.2	3.3	1.7	5.4	1.9
Other sexual assault	3.1	3.3	0.4	4.9	1.6	4.0	2.4
Robbery	10.0	10.4	5.8	6.8	12.7	9.7	8.6
Assault	6.4	6.6	4.9	6.1	6.8	10.4	5.2
Other violent	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.4	1.2	0.5
<b>Property offenses</b>	33.5 %	33.2 %	36.6 %	39.4 %	30.1 %	36.7 %	21.7 %
Burglary	15.6	16.5	6.0	18.9	13.3	18.9	13.2
Larceny/theft	8.1	7.5	15.0	8.9	8.0	7.7	4.0
Motor vehicle theft	2.4	2.6	0.8	3.0	2.1	3.1	2.0
Arson	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.3
Fraud	4.0	3.2	12.5	5.0	3.5	3.7	0.9
Stolen property	2.0	2.1	1.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.1
Other property	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.3
<b>Drug offenses</b>	30.5 %	29.7 %	40.2 %	22.6 %	35.3 %	16.2 %	47.3 %
Possession	7.8	7.5	11.3	4.9	10.2	2.9	7.0
Trafficking	16.9	16.5	20.4	12.7	18.6	7.6	33.2
Other drug	5.9	5.6	8.5	5.1	6.6	5.7	7.1
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	7.3 %	7.5 %	5.0 %	9.2 %	6.0 %	7.6 %	5.7 %
Weapons	2.0	2.1	0.7	1.4	2.3	2.0	2.0
Other public-order	5.4	5.5	4.3	7.8	3.7	5.6	3.7
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.0 %	1.0 %	1.1 %	1.4 %	0.6 %	0.8 %	1.6 %
<b>Number of admissions</b>	221,853	203,292	18,510	94,982	111,932	1,716	25,191

**Table 1-6. New court commitments to State prison, 1989:  
Sentence length, by offense**

Most serious offense	New court commitments to State prison		
	All	Maximum sentence length <sup>a</sup>	
		Median <sup>b</sup>	Mean <sup>c</sup>
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	48 mos.	70 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	27.7 %	72 mos.	107 mos.
Homicide	4.6	192	182
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2.8	360	236
Murder	2.3	1200	277
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.5	132	149
Negligent manslaughter	1.4	72	110
Unspecified homicide	0.4	204	213
Kidnaping	0.6	96	131
Rape	2.4	120	148
Other sexual assault	3.1	71	98
Robbery	10.0	66	101
Assault	6.4	48	70
Other violent	0.6	48	64
<b>Property offenses</b>	33.2 %	36 mos.	59 mos.
Burglary	15.5	48	68
Larceny/theft	8.1	36	50
Motor vehicle theft	2.5	36	40
Arson	0.6	60	90
Fraud	3.8	36	50
Stolen property	2.0	36	51
Other property	0.6	36	55
<b>Drug offenses</b>	30.9 %	36 mos.	58 mos.
Possession	7.6	36	47
Trafficking	17.5	48	65
Other drug	5.8	24	53
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	7.1 %	24 mos.	46 mos.
Weapons	1.8	36	50
Other public-order	5.3	24	45
<b>Other offenses<sup>d</sup></b>	1.1 %	24 mos.	42 mos.
<b>Number of admissions</b>	212,106		

Note: Data on maximum sentence length were reported for 95.6% of the 221,853 new court commitments with a total sentence of more than a year for whom the most serious offense was reported.  
<sup>a</sup>Maximum sentence length is the sentence length

that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.  
<sup>b</sup>Includes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."  
<sup>c</sup>Excludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

**Table 1-7. New court commitments to State prison, 1989: Sentence length, by offense, sex, and race**

Most serious offense	New court commitments to State prison*							
	Sex				Race			
	Male		Female		White		Black	
	Median <sup>b</sup>	Mean <sup>a</sup>	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	48 mos.	72 mos.	36 mos.	55 mos.	42 mos.	68 mos.	48 mos.	72 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	72 mos.	108 mos.	60 mos.	92 mos.	72 mos.	103 mos.	72 mos.	112 mos.
Homicide	204	185	132	156	168	156	240	207
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	360	241	240	196	480	214	360	259
Murder	Life	281	360	236	Life	252	600	303
Nonnegligent manslaughter	132	150	120	136	72	121	135	160
Negligent manslaughter	72	111	72	102	60	96	108	130
Unspecified homicide	204	213	180	215	204	226	204	199
Kidnaping	96	131	96	116	96	121	120	150
Rape	120	148	120	138	120	149	120	151
Other sexual assault	72	98	60	79	60	93	72	113
Robbery	66	102	60	80	60	100	66	103
Assault	48	71	36	56	38	66	48	73
Other violent	48	63	48	70	42	56	48	75
<b>Property offenses</b>	36 mos.	60 mos.	30 mos.	47 mos.	36 mos.	58 mos.	36 mos.	59 mos.
Burglary	48	68	36	53	48	68	48	69
Larceny/theft	36	51	24	45	36	49	36	52
Motor vehicle theft	36	40	24	31	30	37	36	43
Arson	60	91	45	83	60	90	60	90
Fraud	36	52	36	46	36	51	36	49
Stolen property	36	51	36	47	36	51	36	52
Other property	36	55	30	43	36	58	36	52
<b>Drug offenses</b>	36 mos.	60 mos.	36 mos.	49 mos.	36 mos.	56 mos.	36 mos.	58 mos.
Possession	36	48	24	38	30	45	36	47
Trafficking	48	66	36	56	36	62	48	65
Other drug	24	54	24	45	24	52	24	54
<b>Public--order offenses</b>	25 mos.	46 mos.	24 mos.	42 mos.	24 mos.	45 mos.	30 mos.	46 mos.
Weapons	36	50	30	38	36	46	36	51
Other public--order	24	45	24	43	24	45	24	44
<b>Other offenses</b>	24 mos.	43 mos.	24 mos.	37 mos.	24 mos.	39 mos.	36 mos.	48 mos.
<b>Number of admissions</b>	194,380		17,675		90,940		106,360	

Note: Data on offense distribution and sentence length are based on all new court commitments for whom the most serious offense, sentence length, and sex or race were reported.

\*Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

<sup>b</sup>Includes sentences of "life without

parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

<sup>a</sup>Excludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

**Table 1-8. New court commitments to State prison, 1989: Sentence length and minimum time to be served, by offense**

Most serious offense	New court commitments to State prison				
	All	Maximum sentence length <sup>a</sup>		Minimum time to be served <sup>b</sup>	
		Median <sup>c</sup>	Mean <sup>d</sup>	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	60 mos.	96 mos.	24 mos.	44 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	30.5 %	108 mos.	135 mos.	36 mos.	65 mos.
Homicide	5.1	264	224	86	136
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	3.4	360	272	160	175
Murder	2.8	600	288	216	198
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.5	240	224	72	78
Negligent manslaughter	1.4	120	146	36	61
Unspecified homicide	0.4	264	235	36	88
Kidnaping	0.6	120	164	36	73
Rape	2.8	180	171	39	64
Other sexual assault	3.4	84	125	36	60
Robbery	11.9	84	120	36	50
Assault	6.0	60	100	24	45
Other violent	0.7	54	79	24	50
<b>Property offenses</b>	31.3 %	48 mos.	79 mos.	18 mos.	34 mos.
Burglary	14.1	60	94	24	37
Larceny/theft	8.0	36	69	14	35
Motor vehicle theft	1.8	36	55	18	33
Arson	0.7	72	116	24	37
Fraud	3.4	48	68	15	30
Stolen property	2.5	36	54	14	16
Other property	0.8	36	71	15	46
<b>Drug offenses</b>	31.2 %	54 mos.	83 mos.	21 mos.	37 mos.
Possession	6.9	48	66	18	32
Trafficking	18.7	60	91	24	40
Other drug	5.6	48	75	19	31
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	6.0 %	48 mos.	64 mos.	14 mos.	35 mos.
Weapons	2.3	48	61	18	29
Other public-order	3.7	36	66	12	40
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.1 %	48 mos.	61 mos.	24 mos.	31 mos.
<b>Number of admissions</b>	88,291				

Note: Data are based on new court commitments with a sentence of more than a year for whom sentence length and minimum time to be served were reported. Data on minimum time to be served and maximum sentence length were reported for 39.8% of the 221,853 new court commitments with a total sentence length of more than a year for whom the most serious offense was reported.  
<sup>a</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that

an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.  
<sup>b</sup>Minimum time to be served is the jurisdiction's estimate of the shortest time that each admitted prisoner must serve before becoming eligible for release.  
<sup>c</sup>Includes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," and "death."  
<sup>d</sup>Excludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

**Table 1-9. New court commitments to State prison, 1989: Sentence length and minimum time to be served, by offense and sex**

Most serious offense	New court commitments to State prison								Percent of sentence expected to be served <sup>c</sup>	
	Maximum sentence length in months <sup>a</sup>				Minimum time to be served in months <sup>b</sup>					
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male	Female
	Median <sup>d</sup>	Mean <sup>e</sup>	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean		
<b>All offenses</b>	60 mos.	97 mos.	48 mos.	80 mos.	24 mos.	45 mos.	18 mos.	35 mos.	46.4 %	43.8 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	108 mos.	135 mos.	84 mos.	127 mos.	36 mos.	65 mos.	30 mos.	56 mos.	48.1 %	44.1 %
Homicide	288	227	180	202	96	139	60	105	61.2	52.0
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	360	274	300	258	170	177	100	149	64.6	57.8
Murder	600	290	360	276	216	199	180	180	68.6	65.2
Nonnegligent manslaughter	240	226	240	217	82	79	60	67	35.0	30.9
Negligent manslaughter	120	148	120	133	40	63	32	44	42.6	33.1
Unspecified homicide	264	235	210	227	36	84	36	133	35.7	58.6
Kidnaping	120	164	120	149	36	73	32	66	44.5	44.3
Rape	180	172	180	140	39	64	19	27	37.2	19.3
Other sexual assault	84	126	72	96	36	60	29	33	47.6	34.4
Robbery	84	121	72	111	36	51	24	39	42.1	35.1
Assault	60	101	60	81	25	46	20	30	45.5	37.0
Other violent	48	77	60	96	24	50	20	57	64.9	59.4
<b>Property offenses</b>	48 mos.	80 mos.	36 mos.	69 mos.	18 mos.	34 mos.	13 mos.	33 mos.	42.5 %	47.8 %
Burglary	60	94	60	92	24	37	18	25	39.4	31.5
Larceny/theft	42	70	36	65	14	34	12	39	48.6	60.0
Motor vehicle theft	36	55	36	47	18	33	12	24	60.0	51.1
Arson	72	117	54	114	24	38	18	28	32.5	24.6
Fraud	48	69	36	64	16	30	12	28	43.5	43.8
Stolen property	36	54	36	45	14	17	12	14	31.5	31.1
Other property	36	71	35	51	15	47	14	30	66.2	58.8
<b>Drug offenses</b>	60 mos.	84 mos.	48 mos.	71 mos.	22 mos.	37 mos.	18 mos.	28 mos.	44.0 %	39.4 %
Possession	48	67	48	58	18	32	13	28	47.8	48.3
Trafficking	60	93	48	76	24	41	18	28	44.1	36.8
Other drug	48	76	36	70	19	31	18	30	40.8	42.9
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	48 mos.	64 mos.	36 mos.	64 mos.	14 mos.	35 mos.	11 mos.	35 mos.	54.7 %	54.7 %
Weapons	48	61	36	49	18	29	17	15	47.5	30.6
Other public-order	36	66	36	68	12	39	10	40	59.1	58.8
<b>Other offenses</b>	48 mos.	63 mos.	36 mos.	48 mos.	24 mos.	31 mos.	24 mos.	27 mos.	49.2 %	56.3 %
<b>Number of admissions</b>	81,567		6,697		81,567		6,697			

Note: Data on offense distribution and sentence length are based all on new court commitments for whom the most serious offense, sentence length, and sex were reported.

<sup>a</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

<sup>b</sup>Minimum time to be served is the jurisdiction's estimate of the shortest time that each admitted prisoner must serve before becoming eligible for release.

<sup>c</sup>The percent of sentence that authorities expect prisoners to serve is calculated by dividing the mean minimum time to be served by the mean maximum sentence length.

<sup>d</sup>Includes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

<sup>e</sup>Excludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

**Table 1-10. New court commitments to State prison, 1989: Sentence length and minimum time to be served, by offense and race**

Most serious offense	New court commitments to State prison								Percent of sentence expected to be served <sup>c</sup>	
	Maximum sentence length in months <sup>a</sup>				Minimum time to be served in months <sup>b</sup>				White	Black
	White		Black		White		Black			
	Median <sup>d</sup>	Mean <sup>e</sup>	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean		
<b>All offenses</b>	60 mos.	99 mos.	60 mos.	97 mos.	20 mos.	41 mos.	24 mos.	45 mos.	41.4 %	46.4 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	120 mos.	137 mos.	108 mos.	138 mos.	36 mos.	59 mos.	36 mos.	68 mos.	43.1 %	49.3 %
Homicide	240	192	300	247	72	115	99	143	59.9	57.9
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	600	245	360	297	170	157	180	185	64.1	62.3
Murder	Life	246	480	318	180	166	240	210	67.5	66.0
Nonnegligent manslaughter	300	236	252	229	84	80	72	77	33.9	33.6
Negligent manslaughter	120	132	180	165	36	56	48	65	42.4	39.4
Unspecified homicide	300	265	222	205	36	117	36	46	44.2	22.4
Kidnaping	120	146	180	201	24	54	57	101	37.0	50.2
Rape	180	171	180	181	36	56	42	72	32.7	39.8
Other sexual assault	84	122	84	136	29	53	39	71	43.4	52.2
Robbery	120	138	84	120	36	50	36	52	36.2	43.3
Assault	60	99	72	103	24	42	28	46	42.4	44.7
Other violent	48	72	60	87	22	40	36	55	55.6	63.2
<b>Property offenses</b>	60 mos.	83 mos.	48 mos.	78 mos.	16 mos.	31 mos.	18 mos.	36 mos.	37.3 %	46.2 %
Burglary	60	100	60	94	21	33	24	40	35.0	42.6
Larceny/theft	48	67	36	72	12	31	15	39	46.3	54.2
Motor vehicle theft	36	48	36	58	12	20	25	38	41.7	65.5
Arson	84	118	72	117	24	35	20	36	29.7	30.8
Fraud	48	70	36	66	15	30	14	29	42.9	43.9
Stolen property	36	57	48	54	12	16	12	16	28.1	29.6
Other property	48	76	36	64	14	50	15	41	65.8	64.1
<b>Drug offenses</b>	60 mos.	92 mos.	54 mos.	82 mos.	18 mos.	37 mos.	19 mos.	33 mos.	40.2 %	40.2 %
Possession	48	69	48	68	12	32	16	30	46.4	44.1
Trafficking	60	103	60	92	20	43	24	34	41.7	37.0
Other drug	48	84	48	71	10	25	23	33	29.8	46.5
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	36 mos.	67 mos.	48 mos.	61 mos.	12 mos.	34 mos.	18 mos.	35 mos.	50.7 %	57.4 %
Weapons	48	59	48	62	13	22	18	31	37.3	50.0
Other public-order	36	69	36	61	12	37	13	40	53.6	65.6
<b>Other offenses</b>	48 mos.	62 mos.	48 mos.	65 mos.	24 mos.	30 mos.	18 mos.	26 mos.	48.4 %	40.0 %
<b>Number of admissions</b>	32,226		45,515		32,226		45,515			

Note: Data on offense distribution and sentence length are based on all new court commitments for whom the most serious offense, sentence length, and race were reported.

<sup>a</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to

serve for the most serious offense.

<sup>b</sup>Minimum time to be served is the jurisdiction's estimate of the shortest time that each admitted prisoner must serve before becoming eligible for release.

<sup>c</sup>The percent of sentence that authorities expect prisoners to serve is calculated by

dividing the mean minimum time to be served by the mean maximum sentence length.

<sup>d</sup>Includes sentences of "life without parole,"

"life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

<sup>e</sup>Excludes sentences of "life without parole,"

"life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

**Table 1-11. New court commitments to State prison, 1989: Sentence length, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Maximum sentence length in months for new court commitments to State prison <sup>a</sup>											360 or more	Life or death
		Total	1-12	13-23	24-35	36-47	48-59	60-71	72-119	120-179	180-239	240-359		
<b>All offenses</b>	212,106	100 %	1.1 %	13.1 %	18.0 %	17.0 %	10.2 %	12.4 %	9.8 %	7.0 %	4.3 %	3.6 %	1.5 %	2.1 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	58,736	100 %	0.3 %	4.5 %	11.0 %	13.3 %	8.5 %	10.8 %	15.0 %	11.8 %	8.5 %	7.5 %	3.3 %	5.6 %
Homicide	9,683	100	0.1	1.3	3.1	5.1	3.5	6.0	11.5	13.0	9.0	12.9	8.6	26.0
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	5,985	100	0.0 *	0.4	0.4	2.7	1.0	3.6	9.8	10.4	6.3	14.1	10.9	40.4
Murder	4,846	100	0.0 *	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.9	3.5	6.9	7.1	5.0	11.7	13.5	49.7
Nonnegligent manslaughter	1,139	100	0.0 *	0.7	0.4	10.5	1.5	3.8	22.2	24.4	11.8	24.1	0.0 *	0.5
Negligent manslaughter	2,943	100	0.1	3.6	9.2	10.7	8.9	11.8	15.5	17.0	11.1	8.8	2.8	0.3
Unspecified homicide	755	100	0.1	0.3	0.0	2.1	2.3	3.0	8.6	17.7	22.4	19.1	12.3	12.1
Kidnaping	1,224	100	0.2	3.5	9.9	8.2	3.5	14.5	13.0	13.7	6.8	12.3	5.1	9.2
Rape	5,094	100	0.2	1.3	3.7	7.8	4.9	8.4	19.9	13.3	14.9	16.1	4.7	4.7
Other sexual assault	6,586	100	0.2	5.3	8.6	15.6	6.9	13.3	21.3	11.3	7.4	4.5	3.4	2.0
Robbery	21,282	100	0.1	2.9	10.0	15.4	10.3	12.2	16.9	13.2	9.1	7.1	1.9	0.9
Assault	13,518	100	0.9	9.7	21.2	17.3	11.0	11.0	9.8	8.6	6.0	2.4	1.4	0.7
Other violent	1,349	100	0.9	10.3	20.6	14.5	13.9	13.3	13.0	6.2	4.0	2.5	0.8	0.0 *
<b>Property offenses</b>	70,358	100 %	1.4 %	13.9 %	21.7 %	17.2 %	10.6 %	14.6 %	8.2 %	6.5 %	3.3 %	1.8 %	0.8 %	0.1 %
Burglary	32,831	100	0.6	10.3	18.1	15.7	13.4	13.3	11.1	8.3	5.5	2.8	0.7	0.2
Larceny/theft	17,235	100	2.1	18.8	26.7	17.0	7.6	15.0	4.8	4.9	1.3	0.5	1.2	0.0 *
Motor vehicle theft	5,345	100	0.7	21.5	27.4	19.2	8.0	15.7	4.9	1.6	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.0 *
Arson	1,296	100	0.2	6.3	10.7	16.5	10.0	15.5	13.3	12.6	4.1	9.5	1.1	0.2
Fraud	8,098	100	3.2	15.6	24.7	17.5	8.1	17.5	5.2	5.5	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.0 *
Stolen property	4,211	100	1.5	11.6	18.6	25.1	9.7	17.3	7.6	5.8	2.0	0.7	0.1	0.0 *
Other property	1,342	100	2.7	12.1	25.9	21.7	9.5	11.3	8.4	3.9	1.6	1.6	1.3	0.0 *
<b>Drug offenses</b>	65,631	100 %	0.7 %	17.8 %	17.4 %	20.5 %	12.1 %	11.4 %	8.4 %	4.2 %	2.3 %	2.9 %	0.8 %	1.5 %
Possession	16,177	100	0.9	23.7	22.8	16.2	12.5	8.5	6.3	3.2	1.3	1.1	0.7	2.7
Trafficking	37,116	100	0.2	9.7	13.7	25.8	14.6	13.4	10.5	4.0	2.0	4.0	0.9	1.4
Other drug	12,338	100	1.8	34.6	21.1	10.4	4.1	9.3	4.8	6.1	4.9	2.0	0.6	0.2
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	15,143	100 %	4.1 %	21.0 %	29.0 %	15.0 %	6.8 %	13.1 %	4.4 %	3.3 %	0.9 %	0.7 %	1.1 %	0.4 %
Weapons	3,921	100	1.3	17.2	22.5	17.4	10.5	16.9	6.9	3.9	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.7
Other public-order	11,222	100	5.1	22.3	31.3	14.2	5.5	11.7	3.6	3.1	0.9	0.7	1.2	0.3
<b>Other offenses</b>	2,238	100 %	0.7 %	22.4 %	33.5 %	16.7 %	8.8 %	5.5 %	6.3 %	3.0 %	2.1 %	0.6 %	0.3 %	0.2 %

Note: Data on offense distribution and sentence length are based on all new court commitments for whom the most serious offense and sentence length were reported.

\* Less than 0.05%.

<sup>a</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence length that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

**Table 1-12. New court commitments to State prison, 1989: Inmates sentenced to life in prison or to death, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Total	Percent sentenced to life or death				Percent of all sentences reported in months
			Life	Life without parole	Life plus additional years	Death	
<b>All offenses</b>	212,106	100 %	1.9 %	0.0 %*	0.1 %	0.0 %*	97.9 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	58,736	100 %	5.0 %	0.1 %	0.3 %	0.2 %	94.4 %
Homicide	9,683	100	23.1	0.7	1.1	1.1	74.0
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	5,985	100	36.6	1.2	0.8	1.7	59.6
Murder	4,846	100	45.1	1.5	1.0	2.1	50.3
Nonnegligent manslaughter	1,139	100	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.5
Negligent manslaughter	2,943	100	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.7
Unspecified homicide	755	100	4.2	0.0	7.7	0.1	87.9
Kidnaping	1,224	100	8.3	0.4	0.4	0.1	90.8
Rape	5,094	100	4.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	95.3
Other sexual assault	6,586	100	1.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	98.0
Robbery	21,282	100	0.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	99.1
Assault	13,518	100	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	99.3
Other violent	1,349	100	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
<b>Property offenses</b>	70,358	100 %	0.1 %	0.0 %	0.0 %*	0.0 %	99.9 %
Burglary	32,831	100	0.2	0.0	0.0 *	0.0	99.8
Larceny/theft	17,235	100	0.0 *	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Motor vehicle theft	5,345	100	0.0 *	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Arson	1,296	100	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.8
Fraud	8,098	100	0.0 *	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Stolen property	4,211	100	0.0 *	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other property	1,342	100	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
<b>Drug offenses</b>	65,631	100 %	1.5 %	0.0 %	0.0 %*	0.0 %	98.5 %
Possession	16,177	100	2.7	0.0	0.0 *	0.0	97.3
Trafficking	37,116	100	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.6
Other drug	12,338	100	0.1	0.0	0.0 *	0.0	99.8
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	15,143	100 %	0.4 %	0.0 %*	0.0 %*	0.0 %	99.6 %
Weapons	3,921	100	0.7	0.0	0.0 *	0.0	99.3
Other public-order	11,222	100	0.3	0.0 *	0.0	0.0	99.7
<b>Other offenses</b>	2,238	100 %	0.2 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %*	99.8 %

Note: Data on offense distribution and sentence length are based on all new court commitments for whom the most serious offense and sentence length were reported.

\*Less than 0.05%.

## Releases from State prison

Release data for 1989 are based on information provided by 36 States, the District of Columbia, and the California Youth Authority. These States reported a total of 268,207 releases, which accounted for four-fifths of the releases from State prisons. (See "Prisoners in State and Federal Institutions, 1989" in *Correctional Populations in the United States, 1989*, NCJ-130445.) Of the total, 188,922 were first releases, those released from prison for the first time on their current sentence. Excluded from first releases were persons who had previously been conditionally released from prison for the same offense and then were returned to prison for violating the conditions of that release. All data on offense distribution and time served are limited to first releases. Inmate subgroup differences for time served may have resulted from factors not described in the tables. (See *Methodology*, page 2.)

- About three-quarters of all those released from prison were released conditionally — completing their sentences under supervision in the community (table 2-1).

- Men made up the vast majority (92%) of all persons released from prison (table 2-2). Whites accounted for 48% of all releases; blacks, 51%; and persons of other races, 1%.

- Violent offenders accounted for 29% of the first-time releases; property offenders, 39%; drug offenders, 23%; and public-order offenders, 8% (table 2-3).

- The median time served for murder was 71 months; for nonnegligent manslaughter, 49 months; for rape, 41 months; for robbery, 28 months; and for assault, 13 months.

- Among property offenders the median time served was longest for arson (18 months) and burglary (14 months). The median time served for drug offenses was 11 months. Drug traffickers

spent an average of 5 months longer than those convicted of drug possession (a median time of 13 months and 8 months, respectively).

- Approximately half of all first releases had served a year or less in prison before their release in 1989; 7% had served more than 60 months (table 2-4).

- Overall, men served longer than women. The median time served was 14 months by men, compared to 10 months by women (table 2-5).

- The median time served for both black and white offenders was the same (13 months) (table 2-6).

- The median time served for blacks was longer than that for whites for all violent offenses except for unspecified homicide and other sexual assault.

- Among Hispanic first releases the median time served on a violent offense

was 26 months in prison; on a property or public-order, 13 months; and on a drug offense, 14 months.

- Among those releases with data reported on minimum time to be served, the median maximum sentence length was 60 months, the minimum time estimated to be served was 19 months, and the time actually served was 19 months (table 2-8). On average, offenders had served slightly over a third of their maximum sentence before release.

- Overall, offenders released through a parole board decision had served a median of 16 months (table 2-9). Mandatory parole releases, whose time had been set by statute, had served a median of 13 months. Unconditional releases had served a median of 10 months.

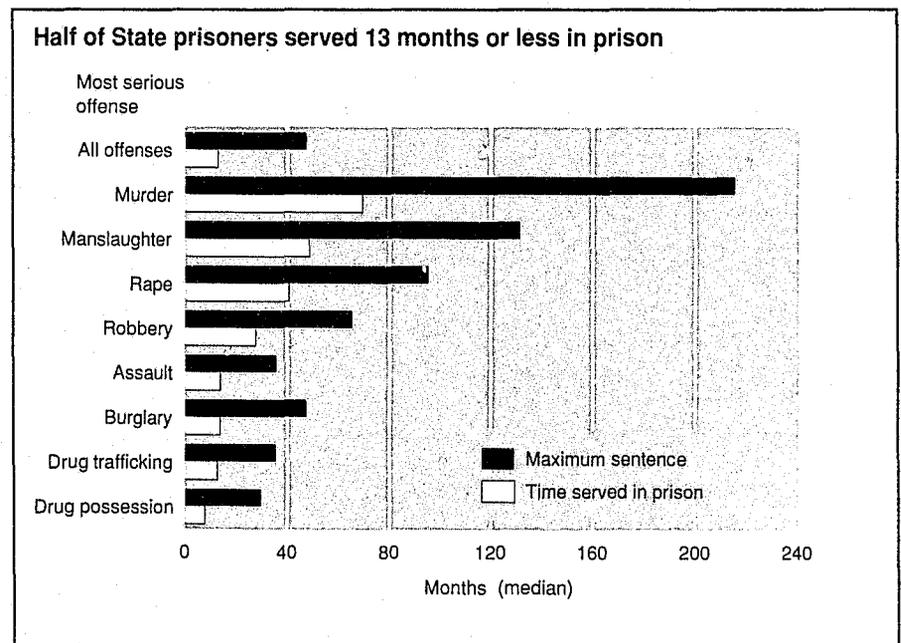


Figure 2-1. First releases from State prison: Maximum sentence length and time served in prison, by offense

**Table 2-1. State prison releases, 1989:  
Method of release, by release type**

Method of release	State prison releases	
	All	First
<b>All methods</b>	100 %	100 %
<b>Conditional releases</b>	73.3 %	68.6 %
Parole board	35.7	41.4
Mandatory parole	33.9	22.3
Other conditional	3.7	4.8
<b>Unconditional releases</b>	15.8 %	17.9 %
Expiration	15.0	17.0
Commutation/pardon	0.0	0.1
Other conditional	0.7	0.9
<b>Death</b>	0.5 %	0.5 %
<b>Escape/AWOL</b>	2.3 %	2.3 %
<b>Other releases</b>	1.7 %	1.9 %
<b>Unknown</b>	6.5 %	8.8 %
<b>Number of releases</b>	268,207	188,922

Note: First releases are persons released for the first time on their current sentence. Data are based on releases from prison with a sentence of more than a year.

**Table 2-2. State prison releases, 1989:  
Selected demographic characteristics,  
by release type**

Demographic characteristics	Percent of releases	
	All	First
<b>Total</b>	100 %	100 %
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	92.4 %	91.9 %
Female	7.6	8.1
<b>Race</b>		
White	48.6 %	47.4 %
Black	50.7	51.9
Other	0.7	0.7
<b>Hispanic origin</b>		
Hispanic	16.9 %	15.0 %
Non-Hispanic	83.1	85.0
<b>Age at release</b>		
Under 18	0.3 %	0.5 %
18-24	24.4	27.9
25-29	27.4	26.4
30-34	21.3	19.9
35-44	20.2	18.8
45-54	4.7	4.7
55 or older	1.6	1.8
<b>Median age</b>	29 yrs.	29 yrs.
<b>Education</b>		
8th grade or less	18.4 %	19.1 %
9th-11th grade	46.4	46.9
High school graduate	27.7	26.5
Some college	7.2	7.1
Other	0.4	0.4
<b>Median education</b>	10th grade	10th grade
<b>Number of releases</b>	268,207	188,922

Note: Data on race were reported for 95.0% of the 268,207 releases from prison with a sentence of more than a year, data on Hispanic origin for 78.1%, data on age for 99.6%, and data on education for 49.8%.

**Table 2-3. First releases from State prison, 1989:  
Time served in prison, by offense**

Most serious offense	First releases from State prison		
	Percent of releases	Time served in prison	
		Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	13 mos.	22 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	29.0 %	25 mos.	37 mos.
Homicide	3.5	41	58
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	1.9	64	79
Murder	1.4	71	85
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.5	49	61
Negligent manslaughter	1.3	22	30
Unspecified homicide	0.3	46	52
Kidnaping	0.6	29	41
Rape	2.3	41	51
Other sexual assault	3.0	23	29
Robbery	12.1	28	38
Assault	6.8	15	22
Other violent	0.6	15	20
<b>Property offenses</b>	38.5 %	12 mos.	18 mos.
Burglary	18.3	14	21
Larceny/theft	9.4	10	14
Motor vehicle theft	2.3	9	12
Arson	0.7	18	25
Fraud	4.7	9	14
Stolen property	2.3	12	17
Other property	0.7	9	13
<b>Drug offenses</b>	23.4 %	11 mos.	14 mos.
Possession	5.9	8	12
Trafficking	12.7	13	17
Other drug	4.8	8	12
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	7.9 %	9 mos.	15 mos.
Weapons	2.1	13	19
Other public-order	5.7	8	13
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.2 %	11 mos.	16 mos.
<b>Number of releases</b>	158,481		

**Table 2--4. First releases from State prison, 1989: Time served in prison, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Total	Number of months served in State prison								120 or more
			1-6	7-12	13-24	25-36	37-48	49-60	61-84	85-119	
<b>All offenses</b>	158,481	100 %	24.9 %	24.2 %	23.7 %	11.1 %	5.6 %	3.5 %	3.7 %	2.0 %	1.3 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	45,968	100 %	11.8 %	15.0 %	22.6 %	15.8 %	10.1 %	7.2 %	8.4 %	5.4 %	3.6 %
Homicide	5,588	100	5.9	10.2	16.1	13.4	11.3	8.4	11.9	10.3	12.5
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2,971	100	2.3	4.2	8.9	11.6	11.8	8.9	15.9	14.6	21.8
Murder	2,159	100	2.5	3.7	6.6	9.9	12.0	8.5	15.7	15.5	25.7
Nonnegligent manslaughter	812	100	2.0	5.5	14.9	16.4	11.3	9.9	16.3	12.1	11.7
Negligent manslaughter	2,138	100	10.9	19.3	26.9	15.7	10.2	6.5	5.7	3.6	1.1
Unspecified homicide	479	100	5.8	7.5	12.3	14.0	13.4	13.8	15.0	12.9	5.2
Kidnaping	978	100	9.8	13.5	20.3	16.3	10.2	9.1	9.4	6.7	4.6
Rape	3,574	100	3.6	6.6	16.9	18.2	14.0	10.7	14.0	10.2	5.7
Other sexual assault	4,823	100	7.4	15.6	29.8	20.7	12.7	6.6	4.3	1.8	1.1
Robbery	19,219	100	8.8	14.2	22.6	15.9	10.4	8.3	10.5	6.3	3.0
Assault	10,803	100	24.0	21.3	24.3	13.8	7.0	3.9	3.3	1.5	0.9
Other violent	983	100	23.3	19.8	27.7	14.9	6.7	4.0	3.2	0.2	0.3
<b>Property offenses</b>	61,038	100 %	28.5 %	26.7 %	23.9 %	10.1 %	4.7 %	2.6 %	2.2 %	0.9 %	0.4 %
Burglary	28,986	100	22.9	24.5	25.4	12.2	6.3	3.7	3.3	1.3	0.5
Larceny/theft	14,947	100	33.7	29.7	22.5	7.9	3.0	1.3	1.1	0.5	0.3
Motor vehicle theft	3,606	100	37.1	32.8	20.7	6.0	1.6	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.3
Arson	1,144	100	16.9	19.6	26.6	14.9	9.3	4.6	5.4	1.8	0.9
Fraud	7,526	100	36.7	27.9	21.0	7.8	3.1	1.5	1.2	0.5	0.2
Stolen property	3,669	100	26.4	26.4	27.1	11.6	4.5	1.9	1.4	0.4	0.3
Other property	1,160	100	41.6	26.0	18.3	7.5	2.7	1.6	1.8	0.6	0.0
<b>Drug offenses</b>	37,123	100 %	29.9 %	31.1 %	26.1 %	8.1 %	2.3 %	1.1 %	0.9 %	0.3 %	0.2 %
Possession	9,310	100	45.7	28.6	16.6	5.3	1.6	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.3
Trafficking	20,150	100	19.7	29.4	34.5	10.6	2.9	1.4	1.1	0.3	0.2
Other drug	7,663	100	37.7	38.7	15.3	4.6	1.7	0.9	0.7	0.2	0.1
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	12,446	100 %	39.8 %	23.7 %	20.2 %	8.3 %	3.4 %	1.8 %	1.6 %	0.9 %	0.3 %
Weapons	3,348	100	24.3	25.1	27.5	11.1	5.3	2.6	2.6	1.1	0.3
Other public-order	9,098	100	45.5	23.2	17.5	7.2	2.7	1.5	1.3	0.8	0.3
<b>Other offenses</b>	1,906	100 %	26.3 %	33.3 %	23.7 %	8.3 %	3.6 %	1.8 %	2.2 %	0.7 %	0.2 %

Note: Data are based on first releases with a sentence of more than a year for whom the most serious offense and time served were reported.

All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainer.

**Table 2-5. First releases from State prison, 1989: Time served in prison, by offense and sex**

Most serious offense	First releases from State prison					
	Percent of releases	Male		Percent of releases	Female	
		Time served in prison			Time served in prison	
		Median	Mean		Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	14 mos.	23 mos.	100 %	10 mos.	15 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	29.9 %	28 mos.	37 mos.	18.4 %	17 mos.	26 mos.
Homicide	3.5	43	60	4.4	33	41
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	1.8	68	82	2.2	41	51
Murder	1.4	73	88	1.4	47	58
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.5	54	64	0.8	34	39
Negligent manslaughter	1.3	22	30	1.8	22	27
Unspecified homicide	0.3	46	52	0.3	48	50
Kidnaping	0.6	28	41	0.4	31	38
Rape	2.4	41	51	0.2	29	33
Other sexual assault	3.3	24	30	0.4	16	24
Robbery	12.6	29	39	6.7	17	25
Assault	6.9	15	22	5.3	11	16
Other violent	0.6	15	21	1.0	15	19
<b>Property offenses</b>	38.0 %	12 mos.	18 mos.	44.2 %	9 mos.	12 mos.
Burglary	19.4	14	21	6.2	11	14
Larceny/theft	8.6	10	15	18.5	9	12
Motor vehicle theft	2.4	9	13	0.8	6	8
Arson	0.7	20	26	1.0	14	18
Fraud	3.8	10	15	15.7	8	12
Stolen property	2.4	12	17	1.7	11	15
Other property	0.8	9	14	0.4	8	10
<b>Drug offenses</b>	22.8 %	11 mos.	15 mos.	30.7 %	9 mos.	12 mos.
Possession	5.6	8	12	8.5	6	9
Trafficking	12.5	14	17	14.8	12	14
Other drug	4.6	8	12	7.4	8	11
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	8.1 %	9 mos.	15 mos.	5.4 %	8 mos.	10 mos.
Weapons	2.2	13	19	0.7	9	13
Other public-order	5.8	8	14	4.7	7	10
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.2 %	11 mos.	17 mos.	1.3 %	8 mos.	11 mos.
<b>Number of releases</b>	145,639			12,834		

Note: Data are based on all first releases with a sentence of more than a year for whom the most serious offense, sex, and time served were reported. All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainer.

**Table 2-6. First releases from State prison, 1989: Time served in prison, by offense, race, and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	First releases from State prison								
	Race <sup>a</sup>								
	Percent of releases	White		Percent of releases	Black		Percent of releases	Hispanic <sup>b</sup>	
Time served in prison		Time served in prison	Time served in prison		Time served in prison				
		Median	Mean		Median	Mean		Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	13 mos.	21 mos.	100 %	13 mos.	23 mos.	100 %	16 mos.	22 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	26.5 %	24 mos.	34 mos.	31.3 %	26 mos.	38 mos.	26.6 %	26 mos.	34 mos.
Homicide	3.6	34	51	3.4	49	63	3.5	40	53
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	1.6	62	78	2.0	68	81	2.1	54	68
Murder	1.3	71	86	1.4	74	86	1.1	57	74
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.3	34	47	0.5	57	65	1.0	49	61
Negligent manslaughter	1.7	20	25	1.1	26	36	1.1	22	28
Unspecified homicide	0.3	46	52	0.3	46	52	0.3	42	46
Kidnaping	0.8	28	39	0.5	29	45	0.5	35	42
Rape	2.7	37	46	1.9	47	57	1.7	42	48
Other sexual assault	4.7	24	30	1.7	23	30	2.3	20	26
Robbery	7.5	26	36	16.0	28	39	12.4	28	35
Assault	6.4	15	21	7.4	15	23	5.8	17	22
Other violent	0.8	14	19	0.5	17	23	0.5	17	19
<b>Property offenses</b>	42.9 %	12 mos.	17 mos.	36.5 %	12 mos.	18 mos.	24.8 %	13 mos.	18 mos.
Burglary	20.9	13	20	16.4	14	21	15.5	15	21
Larceny/theft	9.7	10	14	10.0	10	15	4.6	11	13
Motor vehicle theft	2.7	9	12	2.1	10	13	2.0	9	11
Arson	1.0	18	25	0.5	18	26	0.3	22	28
Fraud	5.7	10	14	4.3	8	14	0.9	10	13
Stolen property	2.1	12	17	2.5	12	17	1.2	16	19
Other property	0.9	9	13	0.7	9	14	0.2	11	13
<b>Drug offenses</b>	19.6 %	11 mos.	14 mos.	24.7 %	9 mos.	13 mos.	42.2 %	14 mos.	17 mos.
Possession	4.1	8	11	7.5	7	11	5.7	11	18
Trafficking	10.4	13	16	12.5	12	15	29.5	17	19
Other drug	5.1	8	12	4.7	8	11	7.0	8	9
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	9.4 %	8 mos.	14 mos.	6.8 %	10 mos.	16 mos.	4.7 %	13 mos.	19 mos.
Weapons	1.5	12	16	2.5	13	19	2.5	18	25
Other public-order	7.9	8	13	4.2	8	14	2.2	9	14
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.7 %	11 mos.	16 mos.	0.8 %	11 mos.	17 mos.	1.6 %	9 mos.	11 mos.
<b>Number of releases</b>	70,969			76,356			18,807		

Note: Data are based on all first releases with a sentence of more than a year for whom the most serious offense, race or Hispanic origin, and time served were reported. All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainer.

<sup>a</sup>Race includes persons of Hispanic origin.

<sup>b</sup>Hispanic releases include persons of all races.

**Table 2-7. First releases from State prison, 1989: Sentence length and time served in prison, by offense**

Most serious offense	Percent of releases	First releases from State prison			
		Maximum sentence length <sup>a</sup>		Time served in prison	
		Median <sup>b</sup>	Mean <sup>c</sup>	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	36 mos.	63 mos.	13 mos.	22 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	29.4 %	60 mos.	91 mos.	25 mos.	36 mos.
Homicide	3.6	120	138	41	57
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	1.9	180	169	63	78
Murder	1.4	216	182	70	85
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.5	132	143	49	61
Negligent manslaughter	1.4	72	93	22	30
Unspecified homicide	0.3	168	186	46	52
Kidnaping	0.6	64	99	27	39
Rape	2.3	96	115	41	50
Other sexual assault	3.2	60	76	23	29
Robbery	12.3	66	95	28	38
Assault	6.8	36	60	14	21
Other violent	0.6	44	56	15	21
<b>Property offenses</b>	37.9 %	36 mos.	56 mos.	12 mos.	17 mos.
Burglary	17.8	48	64	14	21
Larceny/theft	9.5	36	49	10	14
Motor vehicle theft	2.4	30	42	9	12
Arson	0.7	60	79	18	25
Fraud	4.5	36	48	9	14
Stolen property	2.3	36	49	12	17
Other property	0.7	36	51	9	14
<b>Drug offenses</b>	23.9 %	36 mos.	48 mos.	11 mos.	14 mos.
Possession	5.7	30	44	8	12
Trafficking	13.3	36	52	13	17
Other drug	4.9	24	42	8	12
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	7.6 %	30 mos.	47 mos.	10 mos.	15 mos.
Weapons	2.1	36	50	14	19
Other public-order	5.5	24	46	8	13
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.3 %	24 mos.	48 mos.	11 mos.	16 mos.
<b>Number of releases</b>	149,292				

Note: Data are based on all first releases with a sentence of more than a year for whom the most serious offense, sentence length, and time served in prison were reported. All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainer.  
<sup>a</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum

sentence that an offender may be required to served for the most serious offense.  
<sup>b</sup>Includes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."  
<sup>c</sup>Excludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

**Table 2-8. First releases from State prison, 1989: Sentence length, minimum time to be served, and time served in prison, by offense**

Most serious offense	Percent of releases	First releases from State prison							
		Maximum sentence length <sup>b</sup>		Minimum time to be served <sup>c</sup>		Time served in prison		Percent of maximum sentence length <sup>d</sup>	
		Median <sup>d</sup>	Mean <sup>e</sup>	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Estimated minimum time to be served	Actual time served
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	60 mos.	82 mos.	19 mos.	33 mos.	19 mos.	27 mos.	40.7 %	33.4 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	32.6 %	72 mos.	108 mos.	30 mos.	43 mos.	32 mos.	41 mos.	39.7 %	37.9 %
Homicide	3.7	144	160	48	67	52	65	42.0	40.8
Murder/nonegligent manslaughter	2.2	192	190	60	83	70	82	43.9	43.2
Murder	1.5	228	193	76	95	70	85	49.2	44.2
Nonegligent manslaughter	0.7	180	185	60	61	69	75	33.0	40.5
Negligent manslaughter	1.3	84	115	30	44	31	38	38.0	33.1
Unspecified homicide	0.2	168	192	36	58	57	68	30.1	35.1
Kidnaping	0.6	72	117	24	38	28	40	32.3	34.0
Rape	2.6	120	134	30	46	44	52	34.5	39.1
Other sexual assault	3.2	60	90	24	38	25	30	42.6	33.8
Robbery	15.7	72	108	30	41	34	41	37.8	38.5
Assault	6.0	60	82	24	37	21	27	44.4	33.1
Other violent	0.8	48	67	19	35	21	26	51.9	39.0
<b>Property offenses</b>	37.4 %	48 mos.	73 mos.	18 mos.	31 mos.	17 mos.	22 mos.	41.8 %	30.3 %
Burglary	17.3	60	83	23	32	21	26	38.0	31.8
Larceny/theft	9.7	36	66	14	33	13	18	49.0	27.0
Motor vehicle theft	1.8	36	63	17	37	14	18	58.9	27.6
Arson	0.9	60	95	20	29	20	27	31.0	28.9
Fraud	3.9	36	63	12	27	13	18	42.6	27.8
Stolen property	2.9	36	50	15	15	16	20	29.9	40.0
Other property	0.9	36	66	14	42	11	17	63.3	25.5
<b>Drug offenses</b>	21.9 %	48 mos.	66 mos.	16 mos.	26 mos.	15 mos.	19 mos.	38.7 %	29.0 %
Possession	4.8	48	65	12	33	12	17	50.7	26.5
Trafficking	13.6	48	67	18	25	17	21	37.1	31.0
Other drug	3.4	36	66	12	19	12	16	28.6	24.8
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	6.9 %	48 mos.	63 mos.	12 mos.	31 mos.	14 mos.	19 mos.	50.1 %	30.9 %
Weapons	2.8	48	60	18	28	19	24	47.0	39.9
Other public-order	4.1	36	65	9	34	11	16	52.1	25.1
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.2 %	57 mos.	77 mos.	24 mos.	27 mos.	19 mos.	24 mos.	34.6 %	30.9 %
<b>Number of releases</b>	63,941								

Note: Data are based on all first releases with a sentence of more than a year for whom the most serious offense, sentence length, and time served in prison were reported. All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainer.  
<sup>a</sup>The percent of maximum sentence length is

calculated by dividing the mean minimum time to be served and the mean time served by the mean maximum sentence length.

<sup>b</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

<sup>c</sup>Minimum time to be served is the jurisdiction's

estimate of the shortest time that each admitted prisoner must serve before becoming eligible for release.

<sup>d</sup>Includes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

<sup>e</sup>Excludes sentences of "life without parole,"

"life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

**Table 2-9. First releases from State prison, 1989: Time served in prison, by offense and method of prison release**

Most serious offense	First releases from State prison								
	Conditional releases <sup>a</sup>						Unconditional release, expiration of sentence <sup>d</sup>		
	Percent of releases	Discretionary <sup>b</sup>		Percent of releases	Mandatory <sup>c</sup>		Percent of releases	Time served in prison	
Median		Mean	Median		Mean	Median		Mean	
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	16 mos.	26 mos.	100 %	13 mos.	20 mos.	100 %	10 mos.	19 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	29.6 %	32 mos.	44 mos.	27.5 %	23 mos.	31 mos.	31.0 %	17 mos.	30 mos.
Homicide	3.9	58	73	2.8	35	43	3.7	28	41
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2.5	79	91	1.6	44	55	1.0	44	63
Murder	1.8	92	100	1.1	50	60	0.8	47	64
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.7	61	68	0.5	30	43	0.2	33	59
Negligent manslaughter	1.3	28	36	1.2	21	26	1.7	17	28
Unspecified homicide	0.1	88	90	0.0 *	--	--	1.0	39	42
Kidnaping	0.5	39	53	0.7	28	33	0.8	26	34
Rape	1.8	55	64	2.7	40	47	2.7	32	42
Other sexual assault	2.3	28	34	3.6	25	29	4.2	18	25
Robbery	14.1	34	44	10.4	23	32	11.0	20	34
Assault	6.3	18	25	6.8	17	22	7.9	10	19
Other violent	0.6	19	23	0.5	19	24	0.7	10	15
<b>Property offenses</b>	38.9 %	14 mos.	20 mos.	36.0 %	12 mos.	17 mos.	39.1 %	10 mos.	16 mos.
Burglary	19.0	17	24	17.6	14	20	17.0	10	18
Larceny/theft	9.5	10	16	8.9	10	13	9.6	10	14
Motor vehicle theft	1.5	12	16	2.9	10	12	3.0	6	10
Arson	0.7	21	28	0.7	22	27	0.7	13	22
Fraud	4.7	10	16	4.3	10	14	4.9	8	14
Stolen property	2.5	13	18	1.3	15	17	3.1	11	16
Other property	0.8	8	14	0.4	11	14	0.8	11	14
<b>Drug offenses</b>	21.3 %	13 mos.	17 mos.	28.3 %	11 mos.	13 mos.	22.3 %	7 mos.	10 mos.
Possession	6.4	10	14	2.9	8	11	8.3	5	7
Trafficking	12.0	15	19	17.9	14	16	8.3	7	12
Other drug	2.9	10	16	7.5	7	8	5.7	11	12
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	9.3 %	8 mos.	14 mos.	6.0 %	12 mos.	17 mos.	7.1 %	9 mos.	16 mos.
Weapons	2.3	16	21	1.9	13	18	2.2	8	16
Other public-order	7.0	6	12	4.1	12	16	4.9	10	17
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.0 %	17 mos.	23 mos.	2.2 %	9 mos.	10 mos.	0.6 %	15 mos.	22 mos.
<b>Number of releases</b>	75,782			42,109			31,634		

Notes: Data are on all first releases with a sentence of more than a year for whom the most serious offense, time served in prison, and method of prison release were reported.

-- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

\*Less than 0.05%.

<sup>a</sup>A conditional release occurs if the released inmate, upon violating the conditions of the

release, can be imprisoned again for any of the sentences for which the inmate had served time in prison.

<sup>b</sup>Discretionary release occurs when a parole board approves a conditional release to supervision.

<sup>c</sup>Mandatory release occurs when a statute requires that a prisoner be released conditionally. The prisoner has served time equal to the full

sentence minus good time, if any. A mandatory release must meet the requirements of a conditional release until the sentence expires or until a period set by law has elapsed.

<sup>d</sup>An unconditional release occurs only if the released inmate cannot be reimprisoned for any sentence for which the inmate was in prison.

## Entries to parole from State prison

Most prisoners leaving State prisons in 1989 were released to supervision in the community. In these data covering 36 States, the District of Columbia, and the California Youth Authority, there were 120,461 first entries to parole supervision from State prisons. These prisoners were released to parole either by decision of a parole board (discretionary parole release) or by provision of the statute under which they were sentenced (mandatory parole release).

State statutes often determine what conditions prisoners must fulfill to enter parole. For example, some States specify the fraction of a sentence that offenders must serve — such as a third or a fourth — before entering parole. Other States have a mandatory minimum time to be served for certain crimes or for specified circumstances of a crime. Yet other States have parole guidelines that set ranges of time to be served for different types of crimes.

- In 1989, males comprise 92% of those entering parole (table 3-1).
- Whites made up 48% of the 1989 parole-entry population, blacks 51%, and other races 1%.
- The median age of persons entering parole was 29 years.
- About 29% of all offenders entering parole supervision had served time for a violent offense; 38% for a property offense; 23% for a drug offense; and about 8% for a public-order offense (table 3-2).
- A higher percentage of releases from State prison entered parole supervision from a parole board decision than from a mandatory parole release (65% versus 35%) (table 3-3).
- The median maximum sentence for all parole entries was 48 months while the

median time served for was 15 months (table 3-4).

- On average, persons paroled in 1989 had served about a third of their maximum sentence in prison prior to their release.

- On average, violent offenders served 42% of their mean maximum sentence in prison before their parole; property and public-order offenders served 32%; and drug offenders, 31%.

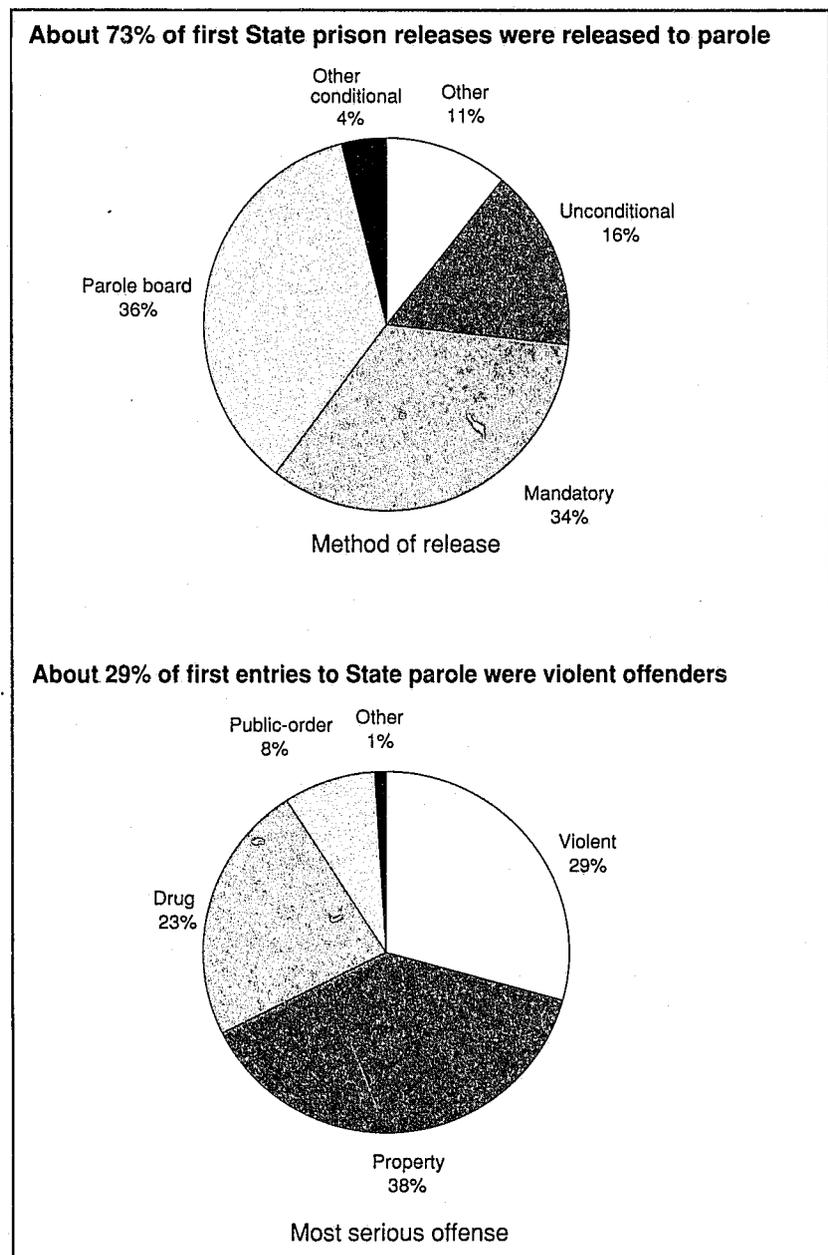


Figure 3-1. First entries to parole from State prison: Method of release and offense

**Table 3-1. First entries to parole supervision from State prison, 1989: Selected demographic characteristics, by sex**

Demographic characteristic	First entries to parole supervision		
	Total	Male*	Female*
<b>Total</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Race</b>			
White	48.2 %	48.2 %	47.8 %
Black	51.0	51.0	50.8
Other	0.9	0.8	1.5
<b>Hispanic origin</b>			
Hispanic	19.7 %	20.0 %	16.8 %
Non-Hispanic	80.3	80.0	83.2
<b>Age at entry</b>			
Under 18	0.3 %	0.6 %	0.7 %
18-24	27.3	27.9	19.0
25-29	26.5	26.4	27.3
30-34	20.0	19.5	24.8
35-44	19.3	19.0	22.2
45-54	4.8	4.8	4.7
55 or older	1.8	1.8	1.3
<b>Median age</b>	29 yrs.	29 yrs.	30 yrs.
<b>Education</b>			
8th grade or less	18.9 %	19.2 %	14.9 %
9-11th grade	47.4	47.6	44.7
High school graduate	26.2	26.0	29.5
Some college	7.0	6.7	10.6
Other	0.4	0.5	0.4
<b>Median education</b>	10th grade	10th grade	11th grade
<b>Number of parole entries</b>	120,461	111,114	9,310

Note: Data on race were reported for 92.6% of the 120,461 State parole entries who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year; data on Hispanic origin for 71.0%; data on

age at release from prison for 99.8%; and data on education for 61.9%.  
\*Males comprised 92.3% of the State parole entries; females, 7.7%.

**Table 3-2. First entries to parole supervision from State prison, 1989:  
Offense, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	First entries to parole supervision						
	All	Sex		Race			Hispanic
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other*	
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	28.9 %	29.7 %	18.9 %	25.7 %	31.7 %	33.4 %	26.5 %
Homicide	3.5	3.4	4.5	3.5	3.5	5.5	3.3
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2.2	2.1	2.6	1.8	2.3	2.3	2.2
Murder	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.1
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.6	1.1
Negligent manslaughter	1.3	1.2	1.7	1.6	1.0	3.0	1.0
Unspecified homicide	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Kidnaping	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.4
Rape	2.2	2.4	0.3	2.6	1.9	3.7	1.7
Other sexual assault	2.7	2.9	0.3	4.2	1.6	2.4	2.3
Robbery	12.8	13.2	7.6	7.8	16.9	9.7	12.7
Assault	6.5	6.6	4.8	6.1	7.0	9.9	5.7
Other violent	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.7	0.5	1.5	0.5
<b>Property offenses</b>	38.3 %	37.7 %	44.5 %	42.8 %	36.4 %	42.6 %	24.4 %
Burglary	18.8	19.8	6.8	21.6	16.9	21.2	15.4
Larceny/theft	9.4	8.7	18.2	9.7	10.0	10.9	4.7
Motor vehicle theft	2.1	2.2	0.7	2.5	1.9	3.3	1.7
Arson	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.3
Fraud	4.6	3.7	15.7	5.6	4.2	4.4	0.8
Stolen property	2.0	2.1	1.6	1.7	2.4	0.9	1.2
Other property	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.2
<b>Drug offenses</b>	23.4 %	22.9 %	29.8 %	19.9 %	23.9 %	13.2 %	42.6 %
Possession	5.0	4.9	6.3	3.7	6.1	2.4	5.4
Trafficking	13.9	13.7	16.3	11.5	13.2	8.8	30.7
Other drug	4.5	4.3	7.2	4.8	4.6	2.0	6.5
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	8.1 %	8.3 %	5.3 %	9.5 %	7.1 %	9.8 %	4.7 %
Weapons	2.1	2.3	0.6	1.4	2.6	2.2	2.5
Other public-order	5.9	6.0	4.8	8.1	4.5	7.6	2.1
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.4 %	1.4 %	1.5 %	2.0 %	0.9 %	1.0 %	1.7 %
<b>Number of parole entries</b>	119,941	110,693	9,241	53,365	56,751	953	16,835

Note: Data on offense distribution were reported for 99.6% of the 120,461 State parole entries who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year.

\*Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.

**Table 3-3. First entries to parole supervision from State prison, 1989:  
Method of prison release, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	First entries to parole supervision		
		Total	Discretionary release	Mandatory release
<b>All offenses</b>	119,941	100 %	64.9 %	35.1 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	34,665	100 %	66.5 %	33.5 %
Homicide	4,223	100	72.2	27.8
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2,598	100	73.9	26.1
Murder	1,839	100	74.7	25.3
Nonnegligent manslaughter	759	100	71.8	28.2
Negligent manslaughter	1,511	100	67.2	32.8
Unspecified homicide	114	100	99.1	0.9
Kidnaping	688	100	59.9	40.1
Rape	2,639	100	56.2	43.8
Other sexual assault	3,296	100	53.9	46.1
Robbery	15,334	100	71.5	28.5
Assault	7,777	100	63.0	37.0
Other violent	708	100	68.8	31.2
<b>Property offenses</b>	45,879	100 %	66.9 %	33.1 %
Burglary	22,508	100	66.9	33.1
Larceny/theft	11,269	100	66.8	33.2
Motor vehicle theft	2,517	100	51.1	48.9
Arson	848	100	67.1	32.9
Fraud	5,519	100	67.5	32.5
Stolen property	2,430	100	78.3	21.7
Other property	788	100	79.7	20.3
<b>Drug offenses</b>	28,076	100 %	57.5 %	42.5 %
Possession	6,054	100	80.0	20.0
Trafficking	16,647	100	54.7	45.3
Other drug	5,375	100	41.1	58.9
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	9,656	100 %	73.9 %	26.1 %
Weapons	2,554	100	69.2	30.8
Other public-order	7,102	100	75.6	24.4
<b>Other offenses</b>	1,665	100 %	44.0 %	56.0 %

Note: Data on offense distribution were reported for 99.6% of the 120,461 State parole entries who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year.

**Table 3-4. First entries to parole supervision from State prison, 1989:  
Sentence length and time served in prison, by offense**

Most serious offense	First entries to parole supervision			
	Maximum sentence length <sup>a</sup>		Time served in prison	
	Median <sup>b</sup>	Mean <sup>c</sup>	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	48 mos.	67 mos.	15 mos.	24 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	72 mos.	95 mos.	29 mos.	40 mos.
Homicide	120	145	48	64
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	180	171	65	81
Murder	216	187	74	89
Nonnegligent manslaughter	144	145	49	61
Negligent manslaughter	72	97	24	33
Unspecified homicide	360	287	86	89
Kidnaping	72	103	32	44
Rape	96	121	47	56
Other sexual assault	72	84	27	32
Robbery	72	97	30	40
Assault	48	64	17	24
Other violent	48	61	19	24
<b>Property offenses</b>	36 mos.	59 mos.	13 mos.	19 mos.
Burglary	48	66	17	23
Larceny/theft	36	53	10	15
Motor vehicle theft	24	44	10	14
Arson	60	84	21	28
Fraud	36	53	11	15
Stolen property	36	53	14	18
Other property	36	56	9	15
<b>Drug offenses</b>	36 mos.	52 mos.	12 mos.	16 mos.
Possession	36	53	10	14
Trafficking	36	54	15	18
Other drug	24	44	8	12
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	24 mos.	47 mos.	10 mos.	15 mos.
Weapons	36	53	16	21
Other public-order	24	45	8	13
<b>Other offenses</b>	24 mos.	48 mos.	11 mos.	16 mos.
<b>Number of parole entries</b>	110,654		110,654	

Note: Data on offense distribution for sentence length and time served in prison were reported for 91.9% of the 120,461 State parole entries who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year.

<sup>a</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required

to serve for the most serious offense.

<sup>b</sup>Includes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

<sup>c</sup>Excludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

## Discharges from State parole

In 1989, 27 States and the California Youth Authority reported 148,867 discharges from parole supervision. These discharges accounted for 76% of all State parole discharges for 1989. (See "Prisoners in State and Federal Institutions, 1989" in *Correctional Populations in the United States, 1989*, NCJ-130445.)

Most parole terms end with a discharge from the supervising agency or a return to prison. Parole revocation rates reflect various factors, including parole policy as well as parolees' behavior. The release of high-risk offenders because of crowded facilities, strict surveillance of parolees, rigid enforcement of parole conditions, and longer parole terms may contribute either singly or in combination to failure rates.

- Among all persons discharged by State paroling agencies in 1989, 36% successfully completed parole (table 4-2).
- Among first discharges from parole, that is, persons released from parole for the first time for a particular offense, 57% completed parole successfully (table 4-3).
- Of State parolees discharged in 1989, over two-thirds of the whites and over half of the blacks had successfully completed parole supervision after their first release from prison on a sentence.
- Among those who were discharged from supervision, more blacks (36%) than whites (27%) were returned to prison or jail for violating the conditions of parole.
- Individuals convicted of property offenses were the least likely to complete their parole term successfully (table 4-5).
- Among State parole discharges the highest percentage of returns to prison or jail were reported for offenders serving sentences for motor vehicle theft

(53%), robbery (47%), and burglary (46%).

- On average, successful first State parole discharges served a total time in prison and on parole of 43 months; violent offenders, 58 months; property offenders, 37 months; drug offenders, 35 months; and public-order offenders, 33 months (table 4-6).
- For the major offense categories of violence, property, drug, and public-order, persons successfully completing parole had served about half of their average time in prison and half on parole. Parolees convicted of murder served on average more than 60% of their total time under correctional supervision in prison.
- On average, men spent more time under correctional supervision than women for every type of offense except negligent manslaughter and other public-order offenses (table 4-7).

- Overall, whites had served a mean of 20 months in prison and 22 months on parole, while blacks served 21 months in prison and 23 months on parole (table 4-8).

- On average, blacks spent more time under correctional supervision than whites for violent and public-order offenses, the same time as whites for property and drug offenses, and less time than whites for property offenses.

- The average total time served under correctional supervision was 43 months for successful first discharges from State parole compared to 45 months for unsuccessful first discharges (table 4-12). Compared to successful discharges, unsuccessful discharges served 7 months longer in prison but 4 months less on parole before their discharge.

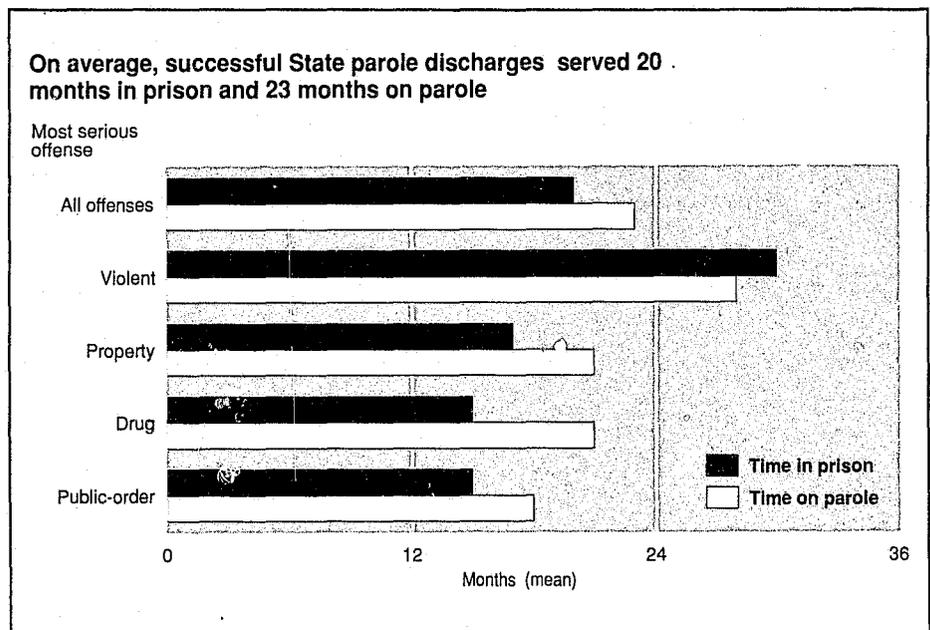


Figure 4-1. Successful State parole discharges: Time served in prison and on parole

**Table 4-1. State parole discharges, 1989: Selected demographic characteristics, by type of discharge**

Demographic characteristic	State parole discharges	
	All	First parole discharges
<b>Total</b>	100 %	100 %
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	92.3 %	91.2 %
Female	7.7	8.8
<b>Race</b>		
White	53.2 %	52.6 %
Black	46.3	46.8
Other	0.5	0.5
<b>Hispanic origin</b>		
Hispanic	22.1 %	19.9 %
Non-Hispanic	77.9	80.1
<b>Age at discharge</b>		
Under 18	0.0 %*	1.2 %
18-24	18.4	20.2
25-29	29.0	27.7
30-34	23.1	21.2
35-44	22.2	21.2
45-54	5.4	6.1
55 or older	1.8	2.4
<b>Median age</b>	30 yrs.	30 yrs.
<b>Education</b>		
8th grade or less	18.1	19.2
9th-11th grade	45.8	45.1
High school graduate	28.4	27.7
Some college	7.3	7.5
Other	0.4	0.4
<b>Median education</b>	10th grade	10th grade
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	148,867	72,650

Note: First State discharges are those released from parole supervision for the first time for a particular offense. Data were reported for 148,867 State parole discharges who entered prison with sentences of more than a year. Data were reported on race for 89.1%; data on Hispanic origin for 84.0%; data on age at discharge for 99.3%; and data on education for 34.6%.

\*Less than 0.1%.

**Table 4-2. State parole discharges, 1989: Method of parole discharge, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin**

Method of parole discharges	All State parole discharges						
	All	Sex		Race			Hispanic
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	
<b>All discharges</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Successful completion	36.1	35.7	40.8	38.6	34.5	39.1	30.1
Absconded	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.1
Return to jail or prison*	61.2	61.5	57.5	59.1	62.3	58.3	68.0
Transfer	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Death	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.9
Other	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.1	0.7
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	145,481	134,294	11,187	69,101	59,660	698	27,572

Note: Data were reported for 97.7% of the 148,867 State parole discharges who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year and include those on supervised release even if not tech-

nically termed "parole."

\*includes those returned to prison with a new sentence, technical parole violators, and those returned pending parole revocation or new charge.

**Table 4-3. First State parole discharges, 1989: Method of parole discharge, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin**

Method of parole discharge	First State parole discharges						
	All	Sex		Race			Hispanic
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	
<b>All discharges</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Successful completion	57.3	57.1	60.2	68.4	57.4	67.8	56.9
Absconded	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.9	1.8	1.0	0.2
Return to jail or prison*	38.0	38.0	37.1	27.3	36.4	27.9	39.2
Transfer	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2
Death	1.3	1.4	0.7	1.1	1.6	0.7	1.8
Other	1.9	2.0	1.1	1.7	2.3	2.3	1.7
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	70,928	64,721	6,207	30,063	26,948	298	11,043

Note: Data were reported for 97.6% of the 72,650 first State parole discharges who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year and include those on supervised release even if not technically

termed "parole."

\*Includes those returned to prison with a new sentence, technical parole violators, and those returned pending parole revocation or new charge.

**Table 4-4. State parole discharges, 1989: Method of parole discharge, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	All State parole discharges								
		Total	Successful completion of term	Absconder	Return to prison with:			Transfer	Death	Other
					New sentence	Parole pending	Revocation pending			
<b>All offenses</b>	144,931	100 %	36.1 %	0.6 %	11.1 %	27.2 %	22.5 %	0.2 %	0.9 %	1.4 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	40,884	100 %	38.5 %	0.7 %	8.7 %	27.8 %	20.3 %	0.3 %	1.3 %	2.3 %
Homicide	4,015	100	49.0	0.5	6.6	22.9	13.8	0.5	2.2	4.5
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2,693	100	42.8	0.4	8.4	25.2	14.4	0.6	2.4	5.7
Murder	2,152	100	46.1	0.6	6.5	25.3	16.4	0.7	2.5	2.0
Nonnegligent manslaughter	541	100	29.9	0.0	15.9	24.8	6.7	0.2	2.2	20.3
Negligent manslaughter	1,286	100	61.8	0.5	2.8	17.8	12.9	0.2	1.7	2.2
Unspecified homicide	36	100	52.8	0.0	5.6	33.3	0.0	2.8	5.6	0.0
Kidnaping	817	100	39.2	0.6	8.9	20.8	27.2	0.1	1.1	2.1
Rape	3,005	100	44.8	0.3	5.0	27.7	18.0	0.2	1.2	2.8
Other sexual assault	2,619	100	54.4	0.2	4.5	19.8	19.4	0.1	1.0	0.6
Robbery	21,284	100	32.0	0.8	10.8	32.3	20.2	0.3	1.3	2.3
Assault	8,496	100	41.4	0.8	7.5	23.0	24.3	0.3	0.9	1.8
Other violent	648	100	57.3	0.5	4.8	18.1	16.5	0.2	1.4	1.4
<b>Property offenses</b>	62,300	100 %	35.2 %	0.5 %	10.3 %	31.0 %	21.1 %	0.2 %	0.7 %	0.9 %
Burglary	31,922	100	33.1	0.5	9.5	32.2	22.8	0.2	0.8	0.9
Larceny/theft	16,328	100	35.3	0.6	12.8	27.8	21.8	0.2	0.7	0.8
Motor vehicle theft	4,759	100	25.8	0.3	13.9	35.4	23.4	0.2	0.4	0.6
Arson	947	100	51.2	0.8	3.9	24.1	16.6	0.2	0.6	2.5
Fraud	6,045	100	44.7	0.5	6.2	30.4	16.3	0.2	0.5	1.2
Stolen property	1,670	100	46.6	0.2	11.1	36.0	2.5	0.7	1.1	1.7
Other property	629	100	60.1	0.6	6.0	23.1	9.4	0.0	0.5	0.3
<b>Drug offenses</b>	29,168	100 %	32.7 %	0.3 %	15.5 %	20.6 %	28.7 %	0.1 %	0.8 %	1.2 %
Possession	6,114	100	40.5	0.4	7.5	29.9	17.8	0.1	1.0	2.7
Trafficking	14,693	100	33.5	0.3	16.4	19.9	27.6	0.1	1.0	1.2
Other drug	8,361	100	25.6	0.2	19.7	14.9	38.7	0.3	0.4	0.3
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	8,974	100 %	46.4 %	1.4 %	11.2 %	22.5 %	15.6 %	0.2 %	1.1 %	1.6 %
Weapons	3,428	100	39.1	0.4	14.6	20.7	21.7	0.1	1.5	1.9
Other public-order	5,546	100	50.9	2.0	9.1	23.6	11.9	0.2	0.9	1.5
<b>Other offenses</b>	3,605	100 %	25.6 %	0.1 %	14.2 %	18.8 %	40.1 %	0.1 %	0.4 %	0.9 %

Note: Data on type of parole discharge were reported for 97.4% of the 148,867 State parole discharges who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year.

**Table 4-5. First State parole discharges, 1989: Method of parole discharge, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Total	First State parole discharges							
			Successful completion of term	Absconder	Return to prison with:			Transfer	Death	Other
					New sentence	Parole pending	Revocation pending			
<b>All offenses</b>	70,688	100 %	57.2 %	1.1 %	4.9 %	31.6 %	1.0 %	0.4 %	1.3 %	2.5 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	21,361	100 %	56.6 %	1.3 %	6.5 %	28.6 %	0.8 %	0.5 %	1.8 %	3.9 %
Homicide	2,506	100	63.4	0.6	3.4	21.4	0.8	0.7	2.7	7.0
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	1,623	100	56.5	0.7	4.0	24.8	0.9	0.9	3.2	9.1
Murder	1,273	100	62.5	0.9	2.7	25.4	1.1	1.0	3.4	3.1
Nonnegligent manslaughter	350	100	34.9	0.0	8.9	22.6	0.0	0.3	2.6	30.9
Negligent manslaughter	854	100	76.7	0.6	2.0	14.8	0.6	0.4	1.8	3.3
Unspecified homicide	29	100	55.2	0.0	6.9	31.0	0.0	3.4	3.4	
Kidnaping	366	100	70.5	0.8	2.2	19.4	0.8	0.3	1.4	4.6
Rape	1,773	100	62.2	0.5	3.9	26.6	0.6	0.3	1.9	4.1
Other sexual assault	1,592	100	79.8	0.3	1.9	15.3	0.3	0.1	1.4	0.9
Robbery	10,506	100	45.2	1.6	9.6	36.3	1.0	0.6	1.8	4.0
Assault	4,216	100	66.3	1.6	4.4	22.2	0.8	0.4	1.2	3.1
Other violent	402	100	80.3	0.7	2.2	12.2	0.7		1.7	2.0
<b>Property offenses</b>	30,913	100 %	53.0 %	0.9 %	4.1 %	37.8 %	1.3 %	0.4 %	1.0 %	1.5 %
Burglary	14,929	100	49.6	0.9	4.8	40.5	1.2	0.4	1.1	1.5
Larceny/theft	7,945	100	56.7	1.2	3.3	34.4	1.6	0.4	1.0	1.4
Motor vehicle theft	2,171	100	45.1	0.5	2.0	49.6	1.2	0.2	0.5	0.9
Arson	573	100	69.5	1.4	2.6	20.1	1.4	0.3	0.7	4.0
Fraud	3,663	100	59.2	0.7	2.8	33.3	1.6	0.4	0.6	1.4
Stolen property	1,218	100	51.0	0.2	9.4	34.3	1.1	0.7	1.1	2.1
Other property	414	100	73.9	1.0	4.8	18.8	0.7		0.5	0.2
<b>Drug offenses</b>	12,462	100 %	63.2 %	0.7 %	4.5 %	26.6 %	0.7 %	0.3 %	1.5 %	2.6 %
Possession	3,907	100	53.5	0.6	3.1	36.1	1.1	0.1	1.3	4.1
Trafficking	6,274	100	63.3	0.8	6.6	24.5	0.6	0.2	1.8	2.3
Other drug	2,281	100	79.7	0.5	1.0	16.0	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.9
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	5,017	100 %	69.2 %	2.5 %	4.0 %	19.6 %	0.6 %	0.3 %	1.6 %	2.3 %
Weapons	1,694	100	62.5	0.9	6.3	24.0	0.3	0.2	2.4	3.4
Other public-order	3,323	100	72.6	3.3	2.8	17.4	0.8	0.3	1.2	1.7
<b>Other offenses</b>	935	100 %	68.3 %	0.1 %	4.4 %	22.9 %	0.3 %	0.3 %	0.5 %	3.1 %

Note: Data including the most serious offense and type of parole discharge were reported for 97.3% of the 72,650 first State parole discharges who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year.

**Table 4-6. Successful first State parole discharges, 1989: Sentence length and time served, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Successful first State parole discharges <sup>a</sup>							
		Maximum sentence length <sup>b</sup>		Time served in prison		Time served on parole		Mean time under correctional supervision <sup>c</sup>	Mean percent of total time spent on parole
		Median <sup>e</sup>	Mean <sup>d</sup>	Median	Mean	Median	Mean		
<b>All offenses</b>	27,216	36 mos.	61 mos.	15 mos.	20 mos.	19 mos.	23 mos.	43 mos.	53.1 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	8,602	60 mos.	83 mos.	23 mos.	30 mos.	24 mos.	28 mos.	58 mos.	48.8 %
Homicide	1,081	84	128	34	45	25	33	78	42.2
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	578	120	162	47	59	27	39	99	39.7
Murder	495	144	172	51	63	26	37	100	37.0
Nonnegligent manslaughter	83	84	111	33	38	40	52	90	57.7
Negligent manslaughter	487	60	88	22	28	20	25	52	47.3
Unspecified homicide	16	90	104	36	59	47	50	109	46.0
Kidnaping	193	60	98	26	36	21	25	61	40.5
Rape	803	72	93	32	36	25	29	65	44.4
Other sexual assault	1,040	60	86	22	27	24	24	51	47.2
Robbery	3,364	60	80	23	28	25	32	61	53.2
Assault	1,859	48	60	18	22	18	22	44	50.2
Other violent	262	41	55	19	24	17	21	45	46.2
<b>Property offenses</b>	10,437	36 mos.	54 mos.	13 mos.	17 mos.	17 mos.	21 mos.	37 mos.	55.3 %
Burglary	4,809	48	56	16	19	20	23	42	54.2
Larceny/theft	2,737	36	53	11	14	13	18	31	56.3
Motor vehicle theft	497	30	44	12	14	14	18	32	56.3
Arson	280	54	75	17	21	24	25	46	55.0
Fraud	1,333	36	52	12	14	13	19	33	57.5
Stolen property	531	36	45	15	17	18	21	38	55.7
Other property	250	36	59	10	15	16	19	34	56.1
<b>Drug offenses</b>	5,708	36 mos.	48 mos.	12 mos.	15 mos.	16 mos.	21 mos.	35 mos.	58.2 %
Possession	1,223	36	54	10	13	16	19	32	60.6
Trafficking	3,624	36	49	14	16	17	21	37	56.2
Other drug	861	24	36	9	12	13	22	34	64.3
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	1,994	36 mos.	50 mos.	12 mos.	15 mos.	13 mos.	18 mos.	33 mos.	54.8 %
Weapons	799	36	51	15	17	18	21	39	55.5
Other public-order	1,195	24	49	10	13	12	16	29	54.2
<b>Other offenses</b>	475	36 mos.	36 mos.	12 mos.	13 mos.	17 mos.	21 mos.	34 mos.	61.1 %

Note: Data on sentence length, time served in prison, and time served on parole were reported for 67.3% of the 40,455 successful first State discharges who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year.

<sup>a</sup>Successful first State parole discharges are those persons

released from parole supervision for the first time for a particular offense.

<sup>b</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

<sup>c</sup>Includes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

<sup>d</sup>Excludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

<sup>e</sup>Excludes time spent in jail.

**Table 4-7. Successful first State parole discharges, 1989: Time served in prison and on parole, by offense and sex**

Most serious offense	Successful first State parole discharges					
	Percent of discharges	Male		Percent of discharges	Female	
		Mean time served			Mean time served	
		Prison	Parole		Prison	Parole
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	21 mos.	23 mos.	100 %	15 mos.	20 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	32.6 %	30 mos.	28 mos.	20.4 %	23 mos.	27 mos.
Homicide	3.8	47	33	5.6	31	32
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2.0	63	40	3.2	33	36
Murder	1.8	66	38	2.3	36	33
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.3	42	54	0.8	24	43
Negligent manslaughter	1.7	28	24	2.3	27	26
Unspecified homicide	0.1	59	49	0.1	--	--
Kidnaping	0.7	37	25	0.5	24	22
Rape	3.2	37	29	0.5	30	22
Other sexual assault	4.1	27	24	0.4	--	--
Robbery	12.8	29	32	7.7	21	28
Assault	7.0	22	22	5.0	18	22
Other violent	1.0	24	21	0.7	17	15
<b>Property offenses</b>	37.6 %	17 mos.	21 mos.	47.5 %	13 mos.	18 mos.
Burglary	18.8	20	23	5.8	15	20
Larceny/theft	9.1	14	18	20.6	13	18
Motor vehicle theft	1.9	14	18	0.5	10	19
Arson	1.0	21	25	1.0	16	21
Fraud	3.8	14	19	17.9	13	18
Stolen property	2.0	17	21	1.4	12	22
Other property	1.0	15	19	0.4	--	--
<b>Drug offenses</b>	20.5 %	15 mos.	21 mos.	26.3 %	13 mos.	20 mos.
Possession	4.4	13	19	5.3	10	18
Trafficking	13.1	16	21	15.7	15	20
Other drug	2.9	12	22	5.4	11	20
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	7.6 %	15 mos.	18 mos.	4.0 %	13 mos.	16 mos.
Weapons	3.1	17	21	0.9	16	17
Other public-order	4.5	14	15	3.1	13	16
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.7 %	14 mos.	21 mos.	1.8 %	10 mos.	20 mos.
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	25,072			2,281		

Note: Data on time served were reported for 67.3% of the 40,663 successful first State parole discharges who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year.

Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

-- No mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

**Table 4--8. Successful first State parole discharges, 1989: Time served in prison and on parole, by offense, race, and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	Successful first State parole discharges								
	White			Black			Hispanic		
	Percent of discharges	Mean time served		Percent of discharges	Mean time served		Percent of discharges	Mean time served	
		Prison	Parole		Prison	Parole		Prison	Parole
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	20 mos.	22 mos.	100 %	21 mos.	23 mos.	100 %	18 mos.	23 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	28.3 %	30 mos.	27 mos.	36.0 %	31 mos.	29 mos.	28.5 %	25 mos.	29 mos.
Homicide	3.9	42	29	4.2	50	36	3.5	37	33
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	1.8	59	37	2.7	61	40	2.0	46	37
Murder	1.6	62	37	2.2	66	37	1.6	45	33
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.1	31	38	0.4	37	54	0.3	49	54
Negligent manslaughter	2.1	27	22	1.4	29	28	1.5	25	27
Unspecified homicide	0.1	62	51	0.0 *	--	--	0.0	--	--
Kidnaping	0.9	41	26	0.6	30	23	0.5	26	24
Rape	3.6	34	28	2.4	42	29	2.1	33	36
Other sexual assault	5.0	27	24	2.4	27	23	2.5	25	28
Robbery	7.8	29	31	17.9	29	32	11.6	23	32
Assault	6.1	22	22	7.5	23	22	7.5	22	24
Other violent	1.0	21	19	1.0	29	22	0.6	21	21
<b>Property offenses</b>	41.6 %	17 mos.	21 mos.	37.2 %	17 mos.	19 mos.	24.1 %	15 mos.	21 mos.
Burglary	20.2	19	23	15.2	20	22	14.9	16	22
Larceny/theft	9.8	14	19	11.7	14	16	4.4	12	19
Motor vehicle theft	1.8	14	18	1.9	14	18	1.4	11	18
Arson	1.2	21	25	0.7	20	23	0.7	18	32
Fraud	5.9	14	19	4.2	14	18	1.1	13	17
Stolen property	1.6	17	23	2.5	17	19	1.2	17	20
Other property	1.0	14	18	0.9	15	20	0.4	17	20
<b>Drug offenses</b>	20.7 %	15 mos.	20 mos.	18.4 %	15 mos.	20 mos.	39.8 %	15 mos.	20 mos.
Possession	3.7	11	18	5.1	13	19	5.9	13	23
Trafficking	13.3	16	20	10.4	16	20	29.6	16	20
Other drug	3.7	12	23	2.9	12	19	4.3	9	18
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	7.6 %	14 mos.	17 mos.	7.1 %	15 mos.	18 mos.	5.4 %	17 mos.	22 mos.
Weapons	1.9	15	20	3.9	18	22	3.4	19	23
Other public-order	5.7	14	17	3.2	12	13	1.9	14	21
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.8 %	13 mos.	21 mos.	1.4 %	14 mos.	20 mos.	2.3 %	12 mos.	20 mos.
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	14,533			10,419			4,411		

Note: Detail may not add to total because of rounding.  
 -- No mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.  
 \*Less than 0.05%.

**Table 4-9. Unsuccessful first State parole discharges, 1989: Sentence length and time served, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Unsuccessful first State parole discharges							
		Maximum sentence length <sup>a</sup>		Time served in prison		Time served on parole		Mean time under correctional supervision <sup>d</sup>	Mean percent of total time spent on parole
		Median <sup>b</sup>	Mean <sup>c</sup>	Median	Mean	Median	Mean		
<b>All offenses</b>	13,295	60 mos.	77 mos.	20 mos.	27 mos.	15 mos.	19 mos.	45 mos.	41.6 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	4,929	84 mos.	105 mos.	30 mos.	38 mos.	19 mos.	24 mos.	62 mos.	38.8 %
Homicide	341	180	192	61	71	27	36	107	33.7
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	226	240	229	73	85	30	41	126	32.4
Murder	117	360	292	92	101	29	43	144	30.0
Nonnegligent manslaughter	109	180	180	63	68	31	38	106	36.1
Negligent manslaughter	104	120	127	39	42	20	26	68	38.9
Unspecified homicide	11	120	159	48	55	26	25	80	31.4
Kidnaping	42	120	132	49	49	23	26	75	35.2
Rape	295	120	139	46	55	20	25	79	31.0
Other sexual assault	198	102	127	28	35	14	18	53	34.7
Robbery	3,344	78	99	29	35	19	24	59	40.8
Assault	651	60	78	22	29	15	19	48	39.6
Other violent	58	48	65	22	26	13	16	43	38.3
<b>Property offenses</b>	5,362	48 mos.	63 mos.	17 mos.	21 mos.	12 mos.	15 mos.	36 mos.	42.8 %
Burglary	2,865	60	68	20	23	13	16	39	41.2
Larceny/theft	1,204	48	56	15	17	11	14	31	45.4
Motor vehicle theft	212	36	46	16	18	10	12	30	40.7
Arson	80	60	83	23	29	13	17	45	36.6
Fraud	447	48	72	16	19	13	16	35	46.3
Stolen property	479	48	49	16	17	13	15	32	46.4
Other property	75	36	44	12	14	10	9	23	40.7
<b>Drug offenses</b>	2,139	48 mos.	58 mos.	15 mos.	18 mos.	13 mos.	17 mos.	35 mos.	48.2 %
Possession	526	48	54	15	19	14	18	37	48.7
Trafficking	1,491	48	59	15	18	13	16	34	47.6
Other drug	122	60	68	12	17	13	20	37	53.6
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	663	48 mos.	55 mos.	18 mos.	21 mos.	14 mos.	17 mos.	38 mos.	44.1 %
Weapons	409	60	60	20	23	16	18	41	44.8
Other public-order	254	48	48	16	19	12	14	33	42.5
<b>Other offenses</b>	202	36 mos.	48 mos.	13 mos.	15 mos.	14 mos.	16 mos.	31 mos.	52.6 %

Note: Unsuccessful parole discharges were persons who had previously been conditionally released from prison and then were returned to prison for violating the conditions of that release.

<sup>a</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

<sup>b</sup>Includes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

<sup>c</sup>Excludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

<sup>d</sup>Excludes time spent in jail.

**Table 4-10. Unsuccessful first State parole discharges, 1989: Time served in prison and on parole, by offense and sex**

Most serious offense	Unsuccessful first State parole discharges					
	Percent of discharges	Male		Percent of discharges	Female	
		Mean time served			Mean time served	
		Prison	Parole		Prison	Parole
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	27 mos.	19 mos.	100 %	17 mos.	16 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	37.7 %	38 mos.	24 mos.	24.5 %	24 mos.	23 mos.
Homicide	2.5	73	35	3.1	41	43
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	1.7	87	41	1.8	45	39
Murder	0.9	103	43	0.8	--	--
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.8	69	39	1.0	--	--
Negligent manslaughter	0.8	42	24	1.1	--	--
Unspecified homicide	0.1	56	27	0.2	--	--
Kidnaping	0.3	49	26	0.0	--	--
Rape	2.3	55	25	0.3	--	--
Other sexual assault	1.5	35	18	0.3	--	--
Robbery	25.6	35	24	16.7	23	20
Assault	5.0	30	19	3.6	17	19
Other violent	0.4	26	16	0.3	--	--
<b>Property offenses</b>	40.0 %	21 mos.	15 mos.	47.8 %	15 mos.	14 mos.
Burglary	22.3	23	16	6.6	14	13
Larceny/theft	8.4	17	14	23.2	14	13
Motor vehicle theft	1.7	18	12	0.0	--	--
Arson	0.6	29	17	0.3	--	--
Fraud	2.8	19	16	14.3	17	16
Stolen property	3.6	17	15	3.3	13	14
Other property	0.6	14	9	0.2	--	--
<b>Drug offenses</b>	15.8 %	18 mos.	17 mos.	23.0 %	15 mos.	16 mos.
Possession	3.9	19	18	5.9	14	18
Trafficking	11.0	18	16	15.3	16	16
Other drug	0.9	18	21	1.8	7	11
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	5.1 %	21 mos.	17 mos.	3.4 %	15 mos.	10 mos.
Weapons	3.2	23	18	0.7	--	--
Other public-order	1.9	19	14	2.8	14	10
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.5 %	15 mos.	17 mos.	1.3 %	--	--
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	12,687			609		

Note: Data on time served were reported for unsuccessful first State parole discharges who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year.

-- No mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

**Table 4-11. Unsuccessful first State parole discharges, 1989: Time served in prison and on parole, by offense, race, and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	Unsuccessful State parole discharges								
	Percent of discharges	White		Percent of discharges	Black		Percent of discharges	Hispanic	
		Mean time served			Mean time served			Mean time served	
		Prison	Parole		Prison	Parole		Prison	Parole
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	26 mos.	18 mos.	100 %	27 mos.	19 mos.	100 %	25 mos.	20 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	27.7 %	41 mos.	24 mos.	42.4 %	37 mos.	24 mos.	33.8 %	33 mos.	25 mos.
Homicide	2.4	75	35	2.6	71	37	2.3	60	41
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	1.3	101	42	1.8	83	42	1.6	69	42
Murder	1.0	108	40	0.9	100	44	0.2	--	--
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.3	74	47	0.9	65	39	1.4	70	34
Negligent manslaughter	0.9	46	27	0.7	39	25	0.7	39	40
Unspecified homicide	0.2	--	--	0.1	--	--	0.0	--	--
Kidnaping	0.5	51	22	0.3	48	33	0.0	--	--
Rape	3.2	51	20	2.0	58	28	1.3	52	26
Other sexual assault	2.7	35	17	1.1	36	20	0.6	29	20
Robbery	13.1	39	27	31.0	35	24	25.4	31	24
Assault	5.3	30	19	5.0	29	19	4.1	27	23
Other violent	0.5	22	16	0.5	29	16	0.1	--	--
<b>Property offenses</b>	55.8 %	20 mos.	15 mos.	35.8 %	20 mos.	15 mos.	25.5 %	23 mos.	18 mos.
Burglary	30.0	22	16	18.0	23	16	17.6	25	19
Larceny/theft	11.9	16	15	9.2	18	14	3.2	16	17
Motor vehicle theft	2.3	18	13	1.4	17	11	0.8	19	18
Arson	1.1	30	13	0.4	25	19	0.4	--	--
Fraud	5.9	17	15	2.7	20	18	0.5	18	17
Stolen property	3.8	18	16	3.6	16	14	3.1	17	17
Other property	0.9	15	9	0.5	13	9	0.1	--	--
<b>Drug offenses</b>	9.8 %	19 mos.	19 mos.	15.6 %	17 mos.	16 mos.	33.2 %	19 mos.	17 mos.
Possession	2.5	19	18	4.3	18	16	5.8	22	22
Trafficking	5.7	19	19	10.5	17	16	27.3	19	16
Other drug	1.6	18	21	0.8	16	18	0.1	--	--
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	5.5 %	20 mos.	15 mos.	4.7 %	21 mos.	17 mos.	5.4 %	23 mos.	21 mos.
Weapons	1.9	20	17	3.4	23	18	4.4	23	21
Other public-order	3.7	20	14	1.3	17	14	1.0	26	23
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.2 %	16 mos.	15 mos.	1.6 %	14 mos.	17 mos.	2.1 %	15 mos.	16 mos.
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	3,974			7,467			2,090		

-- No mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

**Table 4-12. First State parole discharges, 1989: Mean time served in prison and on parole, by offense and method of parole discharge**

Most serious offense	First State parole releases					
	Successful			Unsuccessful		
	Prison	Parole	Total	Prison	Parole	Total
<b>All offenses</b>	20 mos.	23 mos.	43 mos.	27 mos.	19 mos.	45 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	30 mos.	28 mos.	58 mos.	38 mos.	24 mos.	62 mos.
Homicide	45	33	78	71	36	107
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	59	39	99	85	41	126
Murder	63	37	100	101	43	144
Nonnegligent manslaughter	38	52	90	68	38	106
Negligent manslaughter	27	25	52	42	26	68
Unspecified homicide	59	50	109	55	25	80
Kidnaping	37	24	61	49	26	75
Rape	37	29	66	55	25	79
Other sexual assault	27	24	51	35	18	53
Robbery	29	32	61	35	24	59
Assault	22	22	44	29	19	48
Other violent	24	20	44	26	16	43
<b>Property offenses</b>	17 mos.	21 mos.	37 mos.	21 mos.	15 mos.	36 mos.
Burglary	19	23	42	23	16	39
Larceny/theft	14	18	31	17	14	31
Motor vehicle theft	14	18	32	18	12	30
Arson	21	25	46	29	17	45
Fraud	14	19	33	19	16	35
Stolen property	17	21	38	17	15	32
Other property	15	19	34	14	9	23
<b>Drug offenses</b>	15 mos.	21 mos.	35 mos.	18 mos.	17 mos.	35 mos.
Possession	13	19	32	19	18	37
Trafficking	16	21	37	18	16	34
Other drug	12	22	34	17	20	37
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	15 mos.	18 mos.	33 mos.	21 mos.	17 mos.	38 mos.
Weapons	17	21	39	23	18	41
Other public-order	13	16	29	19	14	33
<b>Other offenses</b>	13 mos.	21 mos.	34 mos.	15 mos.	16 mos.	31 mos.
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>			27,353			13,297

Note: Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

## Admissions to Federal prison

- In 1989 Federal prisons reported admitting 30,578 persons — 17,466 with sentences of more than 12 months, 12,056 with sentences of 12 months or less, and 1,056 for whom sentence length data were not reported (table 5-1).

- Men comprised 89% of all Federal admissions.

- Whites made up 73% of offenders admitted to Federal prison; blacks, 25%; and members of other races, primarily Asians and American Indians, 2%.

- Prisoners with sentences of more than 12 months were on average older than those with short sentences (a median age of 33 compared to 29).

- About 14% of blacks admitted to Federal prison, compared to 5% of whites, were violent offenders. Over a third of both racial groups were entering prison for drug offenses (table 5-2).

- Among Hispanics admitted to Federal prison, more than half were immigration violators, and over a third were drug offenders.

- Forty percent of offenders with "other" racial origins — Native Americans, Asians, or Pacific Islanders — were admitted for violent offenses, particularly assault (16%) and homicide (8%).

- Nearly 60% of all persons admitted to Federal prison with a sentence of more than 12 months had been convicted of drug abuse violations — 36% convicted of trafficking and 23% of other or unspecified drug offenses (table 5-7).

- Among prisoners admitted with sentences of 12 months or less, 42% were convicted of immigration law violations, 16% were convicted of drug violations, and 18% were convicted of fraudulent offenses, such as embezzlement, fraud, or counterfeiting.

- Overall, 8% of persons admitted to Federal prison in 1989 had been convicted of a violent offense.

- The median maximum sentence for all admissions was 24 months (table 5-9). The large number of short-sentenced immigration offenders, who comprised 18% of all admissions, heavily influenced this median.

- The median sentence of all admissions for violent offense was 72 months, while that for drug offenders was 51 months. The median sentence for property offense was 12 months and for public-order offenses, 4 months.

- For those entering prison with a sentence of more than 12 months, the median maximum sentence was 60 months; for violent offenses 96 months; for property and public-order offenses,

36 months; and for drug offenses, 60 months.

- Men entering Federal prison had received a median maximum sentence that was 8 months longer than that of women (median sentences of 24 months and 16 months, respectively) (table 5-10).

- The overall median sentence length for whites admitted to prison was 18 months, a median influenced by the large number of short sentences among immigration violators. The median sentence for blacks was 36 months.

- Among persons admitted to prison with sentences of more than 12 months, blacks received an overall median maximum sentence that was 9 months greater than that for whites (60 months versus 51 months) (table 5-11).

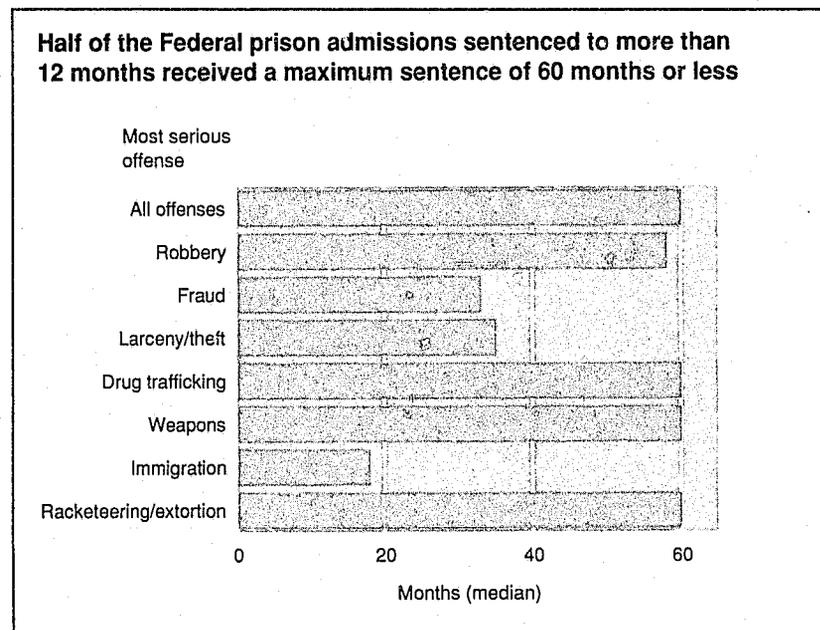


Figure 5-1. Maximum sentence length for new court commitments, by offense

**Table 5-1. Federal prison admissions, 1989:  
Selected demographic characteristics, by  
sentence length**

Demographic characteristic	Federal prison admissions		
	All	Total maximum sentence length*	
		12 months or less	More than 12 months
<b>Total</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	89.4 %	87.8 %	90.4 %
Female	10.6	12.2	9.6
<b>Race</b>			
White	73.3 %	60.5 %	67.2 %
Black	25.0	17.9	30.8
Other	1.8	1.5	2.0
<b>Hispanic origin</b>			
Hispanic	34.5 %	47.9 %	23.6 %
Non-Hispanic	65.5	52.1	76.4
<b>Age at admission</b>			
Under 18	0.2 %	0.1 %	0.2 %
18-24	20.8	26.4	15.7
25-29	21.8	23.5	20.4
30-34	19.1	18.0	20.0
35-44	24.3	20.4	27.7
45-54	9.7	7.9	11.3
55 and older	4.2	3.7	4.7
<b>Median age</b>	31 yrs.	29 yrs.	33 yrs.
<b>Education</b>			
8th grade or less	17.8 %	15.7 %	18.3 %
9th-11th grade	27.7	25.9	28.2
High school graduate	50.1	53.3	49.3
Some college	4.4	5.2	4.2
Other	0.0 **	0.0 **	0.0 **
<b>Median education</b>	12th grade	12th grade	12th grade
<b>Number of admissions</b>	30,578	12,056	17,466

Note: Data on education were reported for 60.3% of the 30,578 admissions to prison, and data on total maximum sentence length were reported for 98.6%.

\*Sentence length refers to the total maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for all offenses.  
\*\*Less than 0.05%.

**Table 5-2. Federal prison admissions, 1989: Offense, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	Federal prison admissions						
	All	Sex		Race			
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	Hispanic
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	7.7 %	8.2 %	3.5 %	4.9 %	13.6 %	40.1 %	1.6 %
Homicide	1.3	1.4	0.5	0.5	3.4	8.4	0.2
Kidnaping	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Rape	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.9	3.3	0.0 *
Other sexual assault	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.3	10.2	0.1
Robbery	3.6	3.8	2.0	2.8	5.9	1.9	0.6
Assault	1.7	1.7	0.8	0.9	2.8	16.0	0.3
Other violent	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3
<b>Property offenses</b>	19.6 %	18.1 %	32.8 %	16.9 %	27.6 %	21.7 %	4.8 %
Fraud offense	13.1	11.8	23.7	12.0	16.3	11.2	3.5
Embezzlement	1.5	1.0	6.0	1.4	1.7	2.4	0.2
Fraud	9.0	8.4	13.3	8.6	10.2	6.9	2.4
Forgery	1.5	1.3	3.7	0.8	3.5	1.3	0.4
Counterfeiting	1.1	1.2	0.7	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.5
Nonfraud offense	6.6	6.2	9.1	4.8	11.3	10.6	1.2
Burglary	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.2	1.2	3.2	0.1
Larceny/theft	3.9	3.5	7.4	2.4	8.1	4.6	0.7
Arson	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.0 *
Motor vehicle theft	0.7	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.2
Other property	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.2
<b>Drug offenses</b>	40.1 %	39.6 %	44.5 %	38.6 %	45.6 %	22.9 %	36.8 %
Possession	1.8	1.6	2.7	1.8	1.6	1.1	1.9
Trafficking	23.4	23.1	25.8	22.0	28.2	13.6	22.9
Other drug	14.9	14.8	16.0	14.8	15.8	8.2	11.9
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	32.0 %	33.6 %	18.7 %	39.0 %	12.7 %	14.3 %	56.4 %
Regulatory offense	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.1	0.5	1.3	0.5
Nonregulatory public-order	31.1	32.6	18.0	38.0	12.2	13.0	55.9
Weapons	4.0	4.3	1.0	3.4	5.6	4.6	1.3
Immigration	19.3	20.3	10.7	26.0	0.9	1.5	52.5
Tax law violations	1.4	1.5	1.1	1.7	0.7	0.0	0.1
Racketeering and extortion	2.0	2.0	1.8	2.2	1.4	0.6	0.7
Other public-order	4.4	4.6	3.4	4.6	3.7	6.3	1.4
<b>Other offenses</b>	0.6 %	0.6 %	0.5 %	0.6 %	0.5 %	0.9 %	0.5 %
<b>Number of admissions</b>	30,578	27,336	3,242	22,404	7,636	538	10,535

\*Less than 0.05%.

**Table 5-3. Federal prison admissions sentenced to more than 12 months, 1989: Offense, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	Federal prison admissions						
	All	Sex		Race			Hispanic
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	11.9 %	12.6 %	5.4 %	8.2 %	17.5 %	49.4 %	2.9 %
Homicide	2.3	2.4	0.8	0.9	4.8	11.0	0.4
Kidnaping	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Rape	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.3	1.3	4.3	0.1
Other sexual assault	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.4	13.6	0.2
Robbery	5.8	6.1	3.0	5.0	7.6	2.9	1.3
Assault	2.2	2.3	1.2	1.4	3.1	17.1	0.6
Other violent	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0 *	0.3	0.0
<b>Property offenses</b>	15.5 %	14.9 %	21.9 %	15.1 %	16.7 %	13.0 %	4.7 %
Fraud offense	10.1	9.5	15.3	10.7	9.1	6.4	3.1
Embezzlement	0.8	0.6	3.0	0.9	0.5	1.2	0.2
Fraud	7.4	7.2	9.3	8.1	6.0	4.6	2.1
Forgery	1.0	0.8	2.4	0.6	1.9	0.6	0.2
Counterfeiting	0.9	0.9	0.5	1.1	0.6	0.0	0.5
Nonfraud offense	5.5	5.3	6.7	4.4	7.6	6.6	1.6
Burglary	0.8	0.8	0.1	0.3	1.5	3.5	0.1
Larceny/theft	2.8	2.5	5.3	2.0	4.6	1.7	1.0
Arson	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.9	0.0
Motor vehicle theft	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.9	0.4	0.0	0.2
Other property	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.2
<b>Drug offenses</b>	59.2 %	58.7 %	64.3 %	61.6 %	55.9 %	28.6 %	81.2 %
Possession	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.7
Trafficking	35.7	35.3	39.5	36.4	35.3	16.8	52.0
Other drug	23.1	23.0	24.2	24.8	20.2	11.6	28.5
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	13.1 %	13.6 %	8.1 %	14.8 %	9.6 %	8.4 %	10.9 %
Regulatory offense	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.5
Nonregulatory public-order	12.4	12.9	7.6	14.0	9.3	8.1	10.5
Weapons	4.8	5.1	1.4	4.4	5.6	4.6	2.2
Immigration	1.4	1.4	0.9	1.9	0.2	0.3	4.9
Tax law violations	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.2	0.4	0.0	0.2
Racketeering and extortion	2.8	2.8	2.4	3.4	1.4	0.6	1.6
Other public-order	2.5	2.6	2.1	2.9	1.7	2.6	1.5
<b>Other offenses</b>	0.3 %	0.3 %	0.3 %	0.3 %	0.3 %	0.6 %	0.3 %
<b>Number of admissions</b>	17,466	15,782	1,684	11,734	5,386	346	4,127

\*Less than 0.05%.

**Table 5-4. Federal prison admissions, 1989: Sex, race, and Hispanic origin, by offense**

Most serious offense	Federal prison admissions								
	Number	Total	Sex		Race			Hispanic origin	
			Male	Female	White	Black	Other	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic
<b>All offenses</b>	30,578	100 %	89.4 %	10.6 %	73.3 %	25.0 %	1.8 %	34.5 %	65.5 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	2,359	100 %	95.2 %	4.8 %	46.8 %	44.1 %	9.2 %	7.2 %	92.8 %
Homicide	409	100	96.1	3.9	24.7	64.3	11.0	4.2	95.8
Kidnaping	47	100	93.6	6.4	70.2	27.7	2.1	23.4	76.6
Rape	132	100	100.0	0.0	31.8	54.5	13.6	2.3	97.7
Other sexual assault	117	100	100.0	0.0	31.6	21.4	47.0	8.5	91.5
Robbery	1,094	100	94.1	5.9	58.0	41.0	0.9	5.9	94.1
Assault	505	100	94.7	5.3	40.6	42.4	17.0	6.9	93.1
Other violent	55	100	92.7	7.3	90.9	7.3	1.8	52.7	47.3
<b>Property offenses</b>	5,999	100 %	82.3 %	17.7 %	62.9 %	35.1 %	2.0 %	8.4 %	91.6 %
Fraud offense	3,996	100	80.8	19.2	67.3	31.2	1.5	9.3	90.7
Embezzlement	456	100	57.5	42.5	66.2	28.9	2.9	5.5	94.5
Fraud	2,737	100	84.3	15.7	70.3	28.4	1.4	9.2	90.8
Forgery	463	100	74.1	25.9	40.6	57.9	1.5	8.2	91.8
Counterfeiting	340	100	93.2	6.8	78.8	20.3	0.9	15.9	84.1
Nonfraud offense	2,003	100	85.2	14.8	54.2	42.9	2.8	6.5	93.5
Burglary	158	100	97.5	2.5	32.3	57.0	10.8	5.1	94.9
Larceny/theft	1,185	100	79.8	20.2	45.7	52.2	2.1	6.6	93.4
Arson	57	100	93.0	7.0	73.7	21.1	5.3	1.8	98.2
Motor vehicle theft	223	100	97.8	2.2	81.2	16.6	2.2	9.4	90.6
Other property	380	100	88.4	11.6	71.3	26.8	1.8	6.1	93.9
<b>Drug offenses</b>	12,259	100 %	88.2 %	11.8 %	70.6 %	28.4 %	1.0 %	31.6 %	68.4 %
Possession	537	100	83.4	16.5	76.0	22.9	1.1	37.8	62.2
Trafficking	7,155	100	88.3	11.7	68.9	30.1	1.0	33.7	66.3
Other drug	4,567	100	88.7	11.3	72.6	26.4	1.0	27.5	72.5
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	9,792	100 %	93.8 %	6.2 %	89.3 %	9.9 %	0.8 %	60.7 %	39.3 %
Regulatory offense	288	100	92.0	8.0	84.4	13.2	2.4	17.4	82.6
Nonregulatory public-order	9,504	100	93.9	6.1	89.5	9.8	0.7	62.0	38.0
Weapons	1,222	100	97.2	2.8	62.8	35.1	2.0	11.0	89.0
Immigration	5,896	100	94.1	5.9	98.7	1.1	0.1	93.8	6.2
Tax law violations	434	100	91.7	8.3	88.5	11.5	0.0	2.3	97.7
Racketeering and extortion	599	100	90.5	9.5	82.1	17.4	0.5	12.0	88.0
Other public-order	1,353	100	91.9	8.1	76.8	20.7	2.5	10.7	89.3
<b>Other offenses</b>	169	100 %	90.5 %	9.5 %	73.4 %	23.7 %	3.0 %	30.2 %	69.8 %

**Table 5-5. Federal prison admissions sentenced to more than 12 months, 1989:  
Sex, race, and Hispanic origin, by offense**

Most serious offense	Federal prison admissions								
	Number	Total	Sex		Race			Hispanic origin	
			Male	Female	White	Black	Other	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic
<b>All offenses</b>	17,466	100 %	90.4 %	9.6 %	67.2 %	30.8 %	2.0 %	23.6 %	76.4 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	2,079	100 %	95.6 %	4.4 %	46.3 %	45.5 %	8.2 %	5.7 %	94.3 %
Homicide	400	100	96.5	3.5	25.3	65.3	9.5	4.3	95.8
Kidnaping	45	100	93.3	6.7	68.9	28.9	2.2	24.4	75.6
Rape	126	100	100.0	0.0	32.5	55.6	11.9	2.4	97.6
Other sexual assault	101	100	100.0	0.0	34.7	18.8	46.5	8.9	91.1
Robbery	1,007	100	94.9	5.1	58.2	40.8	1.0	5.4	94.6
Assault	389	100	94.6	5.4	41.4	43.4	15.2	6.2	93.8
Other violent	11	100	81.8	18.2	72.7	18.2	9.1	0.0	100.0
<b>Property offenses</b>	2,714	100 %	86.4 %	13.6 %	65.3 %	33.1 %	1.7 %	7.1 %	92.9 %
Fraud offense	1,762	100	85.4	14.6	71.0	27.8	1.2	7.2	92.8
Embezzlement	137	100	63.5	36.5	76.6	20.4	2.9	6.6	93.4
Fraud	1,294	100	87.9	12.1	73.6	25.1	1.2	6.8	93.2
Forgery	173	100	76.3	23.7	39.3	59.5	1.2	4.6	95.4
Counterfeiting	158	100	94.3	5.7	79.1	20.9	0.0	13.9	86.1
Nonfraud offense	952	100	88.2	11.8	54.6	43.0	2.4	6.9	93.1
Burglary	133	100	98.5	1.5	28.6	62.4	9.0	4.5	95.5
Larceny/theft	491	100	81.9	18.1	48.7	50.1	1.2	8.8	91.2
Arson	44	100	90.9	9.1	70.5	22.7	6.8	0.0	100.0
Motor vehicle theft	131	100	97.7	2.3	81.7	18.3	0.0	6.9	93.1
Other property	153	100	90.8	9.2	68.6	30.1	1.3	5.2	94.8
<b>Drug offenses</b>	10,343	100 %	89.5 %	10.5 %	69.9 %	29.1 %	1.0 %	32.4 %	67.6 %
Possession	73	100	86.3	13.7	69.9	28.8	1.4	39.7	60.3
Trafficking	6,231	100	89.3	10.7	68.5	30.5	0.9	34.5	65.5
Other drug	4,039	100	89.9	10.1	72.1	26.9	1.0	29.1	70.9
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	2,283	100 %	94.0 %	6.0 %	76.1 %	22.6 %	1.3 %	19.8 %	80.2 %
Regulatory offense	115	100	92.2	7.8	85.2	13.9	0.9	16.5	83.5
Nonregulatory public-order	2,168	100	94.1	5.9	75.6	23.1	1.3	19.9	80.1
Weapons	835	100	97.1	2.9	62.3	35.8	1.9	11.0	89.0
Immigration	238	100	93.7	6.3	95.4	4.2	0.4	85.3	14.7
Tax law violations	169	100	92.3	7.7	86.4	13.6	0.0	4.7	95.3
Racketeering and extortion	483	100	91.5	8.5	83.6	15.9	0.4	13.7	86.3
Other public-order	443	100	92.1	7.9	77.2	20.8	2.0	14.2	85.8
<b>Other offenses</b>	47	100 %	89.4 %	10.6 %	63.8 %	31.9 %	4.3 %	29.8 %	70.2 %

**Table 5-6. Federal prison admissions, 1989: Age at time of admission, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Age at admission for Federal prison admissions								Median age at admission
		Total	Under 18	18-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54	55 or older	
<b>All offenses</b>	30,528	100 %	0.2 %	20.8 %	21.8 %	19.1 %	24.3 %	9.7 %	4.2 %	31 yrs.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	2,357	100 %	0.9 %	22.4 %	24.4 %	20.7 %	23.8 %	5.4 %	2.3 %	30 yrs.
Homicide	407	100	0.5	23.3	27.3	25.8	17.2	3.9	2.0	29
Kidnaping	47	100	2.1	27.7	23.4	21.3	19.1	6.4	0.0	29
Rape	132	100	1.5	25.0	25.0	18.2	23.5	4.5	2.3	29
Other sexual assault	117	100	6.8	29.1	21.4	16.2	16.2	9.4	0.9	28
Robbery	1,094	100	0.2	17.2	23.9	21.0	28.5	6.1	3.0	31
Assault	505	100	1.2	29.3	23.0	18.4	21.8	4.4	2.0	28
Other violent	55	100	0.0	30.9	32.7	14.5	18.2	3.6	0.0	26
<b>Property offenses</b>	5,980	100 %	0.1 %	12.4 %	19.1 %	18.3 %	28.6 %	14.7 %	6.8 %	35 yrs.
Fraud offense	3,996	100	0.0 *	9.4	16.8	17.4	30.6	17.4	8.4	36
Embezzlement	456	100	0.0	8.1	19.7	20.2	33.6	12.7	5.7	35
Fraud	2,737	100	0.0	8.2	14.7	16.0	31.2	19.7	10.2	36
Forgery	463	100	0.2	12.7	24.6	21.8	25.3	11.0	4.3	32
Counterfeiting	340	100	0.0	15.9	19.4	18.5	29.1	14.4	2.6	33
Nonfraud offense	1,984	100	0.3	18.6	23.6	20.1	24.6	9.2	3.6	31
Burglary	158	100	1.9	36.7	25.9	17.1	13.3	5.1	0.0	26
Larceny/theft	1,183	100	0.1	17.0	24.9	22.1	24.9	7.7	3.3	31
Arson	57	100	1.8	22.8	21.1	17.5	22.8	12.3	1.8	31
Motor vehicle theft	223	100	0.4	19.7	20.2	17.5	27.4	13.5	1.3	33
Other property	363	100	0.0	14.6	20.9	16.8	27.0	12.9	7.7	33
<b>Drug offenses</b>	12,249	100 %	0.2 %	17.9 %	21.5 %	20.5 %	27.0 %	9.7 %	3.2 %	32 yrs.
Possession	537	100	0.4	25.5	27.0	19.0	22.2	5.4	0.6	29
Trafficking	7,151	100	0.3	18.9	21.7	20.1	28.4	9.3	3.2	32
Other drug	4,561	100	0.1	15.5	20.4	21.4	28.4	10.8	3.5	33
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	9,774	100 %	0.1 %	29.3 %	23.2 %	17.2 %	18.5 %	7.5 %	4.2 %	29 yrs.
Regulatory offense	288	100	0.0	5.2	18.8	13.9	29.9	19.1	13.2	39
Nonregulatory public-order	9,486	100	0.1	30.0	23.4	17.3	18.2	7.1	4.0	29
Weapons	1,222	100	0.0	15.5	21.4	20.9	29.9	9.6	2.7	33
Immigration	5,888	100	0.1	40.2	27.3	17.2	12.0	2.5	0.6	26
Tax law violations	434	100	0.0	0.9	3.7	5.8	32.3	30.2	27.2	47
Racketeering and extortion	599	100	0.0	7.2	9.8	14.4	30.1	19.4	19.2	41
Other public-order	1,343	100	0.0	17.9	20.2	19.5	24.7	12.2	5.5	33
<b>Other offenses</b>	168	100 %	0.6 %	17.9 %	20.8 %	23.2 %	22.0 %	13.1 %	2.4 %	31 yrs.

Note: Data on age were reported for 99.8% of the 30,578 admissions to prison. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.  
\*Less than 0.05%.

**Table 5-7. Federal prison admissions, 1989:  
Offense, by sentence length**

Most serious offense	Federal prison admissions		
	All	Maximum sentence length <sup>a</sup>	
		12 months or less	More than 12 months
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	7.7 %	2.1 %	11.9 %
Homicide	1.3	0.1	2.3
Kidnaping	0.2	0.0 *	0.3
Rape	0.4	0.0 *	0.6
Other sexual assault	0.4	0.1	0.6
Robbery	3.6	0.7	5.8
Assault	1.7	0.9	2.2
Other violent	0.2	0.2	0.1
<b>Property offenses</b>	19.6 %	26.4 %	15.5 %
Fraud offense	13.1	18.4	10.1
Embezzlement	1.5	2.6	0.8
Fraud	9.0	11.9	7.4
Forgery	1.5	2.4	1.0
Counterfeiting	1.1	1.5	0.9
Nonfraud offense	6.6	8.0	5.5
Burglary	0.5	0.2	0.8
Larceny/theft	3.9	5.6	2.8
Arson	0.2	0.1	0.3
Motor vehicle theft	0.7	0.8	0.8
Other property	1.2	1.4	0.9
<b>Drug offenses</b>	40.1 %	15.5 %	59.2 %
Possession	1.8	3.6	0.4
Trafficking	23.4	7.6	35.7
Other drug	14.9	4.4	23.1
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	32.0 %	55.1 %	13.1 %
Regulatory offense	0.9	1.4	0.7
Nonregulatory public-order	31.1	53.7	12.4
Weapons	4.0	3.2	4.8
Immigration	19.3	41.8	1.4
Tax law violations	1.4	2.2	1.0
Racketeering and extortion	2.0	0.9	2.8
Other public-order	4.4	5.7	2.5
<b>Other offenses</b>	0.6 %	0.9 %	0.3 %
<b>Number of admissions</b>	30,578	12,056	17,466

Note: Data on offense and sentence length were reported for 96.6% of the 30,578 admissions to prison.

\*Less than 0.05%.

<sup>a</sup>Sentence length refers to the total maximum sentence that an offender may be required to served for all offenses.

**Table 5-8. Federal prison admissions, 1989: Sentence length, by offense**

Most serious offense	Maximum sentence length in months for Federal prison admissions														
	Number	Total	1-6	7-12	13-23	24-35	36-47	48-59	60-71	72-119	120-179	180-239	240-359	360 or more	Life
<b>All offenses</b>	29,522	100 %	30.7 %	10.2 %	8.6 %	9.4 %	7.4 %	4.0 %	8.9 %	7.3 %	6.4 %	2.8 %	2.1 %	1.1 %	1.0 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	2,330	100 %	6.2 %	4.6 %	4.0 %	10.7 %	11.4 %	6.0 %	6.6 %	9.2 %	10.4 %	7.1 %	7.7 %	5.6 %	10.5 %
Homicide	408	100	0.7	1.2	0.5	2.5	2.2	2.0	1.5	2.7	4.2	9.3	10.0	8.6	54.7
Kidnaping	46	100	2.2	0.0	4.3	4.3	10.9	0.0	2.2	10.9	15.2	17.4	13.0	15.2	4.3
Rape	130	100	2.3	0.8	1.5	3.1	1.5	2.3	3.1	7.7	20.8	9.2	18.5	24.6	4.6
Other sexual assault	117	100	4.3	9.4	6.0	15.4	10.3	3.4	10.3	11.1	12.8	6.0	6.8	4.3	0.0
Robbery	1,092	100	3.3	4.5	4.7	16.2	17.0	8.5	8.4	10.9	10.6	6.3	5.9	3.2	0.5
Assault	499	100	14.8	7.2	5.6	6.4	10.0	6.2	7.4	11.4	12.0	6.2	7.4	3.4	1.8
Other violent	38	100	57.9	13.2	2.6	15.8	2.6	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Property offenses</b>	5,898	100 %	34.6 %	19.4 %	12.3 %	10.5 %	7.8 %	3.5 %	5.1 %	2.7 %	2.0 %	0.8 %	0.9 %	0.4 %	0.0 %*
Fraud offense	3,977	100	35.0	20.8	12.7	11.3	7.5	3.6	5.2	2.2	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.0 *	0.0
Embezzlement	453	100	47.5	22.5	11.7	6.8	5.1	1.3	2.6	1.5	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fraud	2,723	100	34.2	18.4	11.8	12.2	8.4	4.5	6.3	2.4	1.3	0.3	0.2	0.0 *	0.0
Forgery	461	100	36.0	26.7	11.7	9.8	6.5	2.4	4.1	1.7	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Counterfeiting	340	100	24.1	29.4	22.9	12.6	4.1	1.8	1.5	2.1	1.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nonfraud offense	1,921	100	33.8	16.7	11.3	9.0	8.4	3.1	4.8	3.7	3.7	1.9	2.3	1.2	0.1
Burglary	158	100	8.9	7.0	5.7	9.5	7.6	3.2	5.7	11.4	12.7	10.1	12.0	6.3	0.0
Larceny/theft	1,164	100	39.6	18.4	11.4	9.7	7.7	2.1	3.4	2.1	2.4	0.8	1.4	0.7	0.2
Arson	55	100	14.5	5.5	1.8	3.6	12.7	5.5	18.2	10.9	14.5	7.3	3.6	1.8	0.0
Motor vehicle theft	223	100	22.9	18.4	16.6	11.2	12.1	4.9	7.6	3.6	0.9	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other property	321	100	36.1	16.2	11.5	5.3	7.8	4.7	5.0	4.4	4.0	1.2	2.5	1.2	0.0
<b>Drug offenses</b>	12,211	100 %	8.2 %	7.1 %	9.4 %	11.8 %	9.6 %	5.9 %	14.6 %	13.5 %	11.5 %	4.1 %	2.9 %	1.1 %	0.2 %
Possession	502	100	61.0	24.9	2.4	1.8	1.4	0.4	2.6	3.0	1.6	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.0
Trafficking	7,144	100	6.1	6.8	11.5	12.9	9.2	4.7	16.1	12.9	12.0	4.1	2.8	0.9	0.1
Other drug	4,565	100	5.8	5.7	6.9	11.2	11.0	8.4	13.6	15.6	11.9	4.5	3.4	1.5	0.5
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	8,927	100 %	64.7 %	9.8 %	6.3 %	5.2 %	3.3 %	1.3 %	4.4 %	1.6 %	1.3 %	1.2 %	0.5 %	0.4 %	0.1 %
Regulatory offense	280	100	41.8	16.4	12.5	10.4	7.1	2.5	3.9	1.4	1.4	0.4	1.1	0.4	0.0
Nonregulatory public-order	8,647	100	65.4	9.6	6.1	5.1	3.2	1.2	4.4	1.6	1.3	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.1
Weapons	1,216	100	15.4	16.2	14.2	10.2	6.4	2.9	19.8	3.8	2.5	6.2	1.0	1.2	0.2
Immigration	5,274	100	89.1	6.4	2.8	1.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0 *	0.0	0.0 *	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tax law violations	433	100	45.0	15.9	5.3	13.4	8.8	3.9	3.9	1.4	2.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Racketeering and extortion	594	100	13.3	5.4	7.2	13.0	12.1	5.4	12.6	10.9	9.1	3.2	4.0	3.5	0.2
Other public-order	1,130	100	44.0	17.0	12.7	10.6	5.7	1.7	3.7	1.8	1.5	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.4
<b>Other offenses</b>	158	100 %	56.4 %	14.1 %	6.4 %	2.6 %	5.8 %	1.3 %	5.8 %	0.0 %	2.6 %	1.9 %	0.6 %	1.3 %	1.3 %

Note: Detail may not add to total because of rounding.  
\*Less than 0.05%.

**Table 5-9. Federal prison admissions, 1989: Sentence length, by offense**

Most serious offense	Federal prison admissions					
	All admissions <sup>a</sup>			Total sentence of more than 12 months <sup>b</sup>		
	Number	Median <sup>c</sup>	Mean <sup>d</sup>	Number	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	29,522	24 mos.	48 mos.	17,466	60 mos.	78 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	2,330	72 mos.	115 mos.	2,079	96 mos.	130 mos.
Homicide	408	Life	227	400	Life	237
Kidnaping	46	174	296	45	180	303
Rape	130	198	237	126	228	244
Other sexual assault	117	60	93	101	60	107
Robbery	1,092	57	90	1,007	58	97
Assault	499	57	93	389	80	119
Other violent	38	4	17	11	30	49
<b>Property offenses</b>	5,898	12 mos.	27 mos.	2,714	36 mos.	51 mos.
Fraud offense	3,977	12	21	1,762	30	39
Embezzlement	453	8	15	137	24	34
Fraud	2,723	12	23	1,294	33	41
Forgery	461	12	18	173	24	36
Counterfeiting	340	12	19	158	24	31
Nonfraud offense	1,921	12	39	952	36	72
Burglary	158	82	123	133	108	144
Larceny/theft	1,164	12	27	491	35	57
Arson	55	60	79	44	64	98
Motor vehicle theft	223	18	28	131	36	43
Other property	321	12	39	153	41	75
<b>Drug offenses</b>	12,211	51 mos.	69 mos.	10,343	60 mos.	80 mos.
Possession	502	6	15	73	60	70
Trafficking	7,144	51	69	6,231	60	77
Other drug	4,565	60	76	4,039	60	85
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	8,927	4 mos.	18 mos.	2,283	36 mos.	61 mos.
Regulatory offense	280	9	22	115	30	46
Nonregulatory public-order	8,647	4	18	2,168	36	62
Weapons	1,216	24	49	835	60	68
Immigration	5,274	2	4	238	18	23
Tax law violations	433	12	20	169	36	41
Racketeering and extortion	594	46	78	483	60	94
Other public-order	1,130	10	20	443	27	43
<b>Other offenses</b>	156	6 mos.	28 mos.	47	36 mos.	84 mos.

<sup>a</sup>Excludes 1,056 admissions with an unknown total maximum sentence length.

<sup>b</sup>Includes only those admissions with a total maximum sentence length of more than 12 months.

<sup>c</sup>Includes sentences of "life."

<sup>d</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

**Table 5-10. Federal prison admissions, 1989: Sentence length, by offense, sex, race, and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	Maximum sentence length for Federal prison admissions											
	Sex				Race							
	Male		Female		White		Black		Other		Hispanic	
	Median <sup>a</sup>	Mean <sup>b</sup>	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	24 mos.	50 mos.	16 mos.	34 mos.	18 mos.	41 mos.	36 mos.	68 mos.	24 mos.	45 mos.	6 mos.	33 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	78 mos.	118 mos.	39 mos.	56 mos.	60 mos.	102 mos.	121 mos.	146 mos.	36 mos.	55 mos.	57 mos.	135 mos.
Homicide	Life	234	132	123	Life	226	Life	295	40	79	Life	--
Kidnaping	168	308	--	--	180	369	120	149	--	--	210	683
Rape	198	237	--	--	204	226	240	289	35	72	--	--
Other sexual assault	60	93	--	--	97	119	60	114	36	67	103	101
Robbery	57	93	33	43	47	76	63	112	39	44	46	88
Assault	59	96	36	53	60	102	78	110	24	33	42	90
Other violent	4	16	--	--	4	16	--	--	--	--	1	1
<b>Property offenses</b>	12 mos.	29 mos.	10 mos.	17 mos.	12 mos.	25 mos.	12 mos.	31 mos.	10 mos.	20 mos.	9 mos.	20 mos.
Fraud offense	12	22	10	16	12	22	12	18	9	20	8	16
Embezzlement	8	16	7	13	8	16	8	11	6	11	6	16
Fraud	12	24	10	17	12	24	12	19	12	25	8	17
Forgery	12	18	12	16	10	18	12	18	--	--	6	10
Counterfeiting	12	19	9	16	12	18	12	20	--	--	12	19
Nonfraud offense	14	42	11	21	13	31	12	50	12	20	13	29
Burglary	82	123	--	--	37	88	120	160	21	30	--	--
Larceny/theft	12	30	9	17	12	25	12	30	6	12	18	29
Arson	60	80	--	--	60	65	96	133	--	--	--	--
Motor vehicle theft	18	26	--	--	16	27	36	33	--	--	12	19
Other property	12	40	12	31	12	27	12	68	--	--	10	20
<b>Drug offenses</b>	55 mos.	71 mos.	36 mos.	52 mos.	48 mos.	65 mos.	60 mos.	79 mos.	48 mos.	65 mos.	58 mos.	68 mos.
Possession	6	16	6	11	6	14	6	19	--	--	6	18
Trafficking	58	71	37	54	51	66	60	76	48	63	60	67
Other drug	60	79	41	57	51	71	60	81	57	75	60	77
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	4 mos.	19 mos.	3 mos.	13 mos.	4 mos.	15 mos.	18 mos.	42 mos.	8 mos.	25 mos.	2 mos.	7 mos.
Regulatory offense	10	23	8	14	10	23	9	23	--	--	9	18
Nonregulatory public-order	4	18	2	13	3	15	18	43	12	27	2	6
Weapons	24	49	18	31	24	44	30	57	24	54	26	49
Immigration	2	4	1	3	2	4	6	8	--	--	2	4
Tax law violations	12	19	12	23	11	19	12	22	--	--	39	58
Racketeering and extortion	48	81	30	49	48	81	36	65	--	--	60	88
Other public-order	10	20	10	16	10	20	11	21	8	12	12	20
<b>Other offenses</b>	6 mos.	29 mos.	6 mos.	21 mos.	6 mos.	16	12 mos.	72 mos.	--	--	8 mos.	15 mos.
<b>Number of admissions</b>	26,367		3,155		21,445		7,545		532		9,896	

-- No mean or median was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

<sup>a</sup>Includes sentences of "life."  
<sup>b</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

**Table 5-11. Federal prison admissions sentenced to more than 12 months, 1989:  
Sentence length, by offense, sex, race, and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	Maximum sentence length for Federal prison admissions*											
	Sex				Race							
	Male		Female		White		Black		Other		Hispanic	
	Median <sup>a</sup>	Mean <sup>b</sup>	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	60 mos.	80 mos.	41 mos.	59 mos.	51 mos.	72 mos.	60 mos.	94 mos.	41 mos.	66 mos.	60 mos.	74 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	103 mos.	133 mos.	51 mos.	69 mos.	70 mos.	114 mos.	167 mos.	162 mos.	40 mos.	67 mos.	100 mos.	178 mos.
Life	242	242	162	146	Life	226	Life	298	51	92	Life	--
Kidnaping	174	316	--	--	180	381	120	149	--	--	210	683
Rape	228	244	--	--	228	232	240	289	46	85	--	--
Other sexual assault	60	107	--	--	108	125	120	147	42	76	--	--
Robbery	60	99	45	52	51	81	72	121	39	44	57	101
Assault	84	122	64	65	87	126	120	139	36	45	59	123
Other violent	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Property offenses</b>	36 mos.	53 mos.	24 mos.	38 mos.	33 mos.	44 mos.	36 mos.	63 mos.	36 mos.	41 mos.	30 mos.	41 mos.
Fraud offense	30	40	24	35	30	40	24	35	29	43	26	36
Embezzlement	24	34	24	32	27	36	20	25	--	--	--	--
Fraud	36	42	24	36	36	42	30	36	48	52	30	38
Forgery	24	37	24	34	32	38	24	35	--	--	--	--
Counterfeiting	21	31	--	--	24	31	24	32	--	--	28	34
Nonfraud offense	36	76	30	45	36	54	41	96	36	39	35	51
Burglary	108	143	--	--	82	115	144	173	36	39	--	--
Larceny/theft	36	62	24	36	33	49	36	65	--	--	30	48
Arson	70	101	--	--	60	82	131	158	--	--	--	--
Motor vehicle theft	36	43	--	--	30	42	42	47	--	--	--	--
Other property	41	76	48	65	36	49	93	136	--	--	--	--
<b>Drug offenses</b>	60 mos.	82 mos.	60 mos.	67 mos.	60 mos.	76 mos.	62 mos.	90 mos.	63 mos.	79 mos.	60 mos.	77 mos.
Possession	60	73	60	53	60	68	60	79	--	--	70	82
Trafficking	60	79	60	65	60	74	60	85	63	77	60	74
Other drug	60	87	60	71	60	80	66	100	62	81	60	82
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	36 mos.	62 mos.	30 mos.	44 mos.	36 mos.	58 mos.	48 mos.	70 mos.	30 mos.	55 mos.	24 mos.	45 mos.
Regulatory offense	30	47	--	--	30	46	29	48	--	--	21	36
Nonregulatory public-order	36	63	30	46	36	59	48	70	33	56	24	46
Weapons	60	69	24	40	47	61	60	78	60	81	60	67
Immigration	18	23	24	24	18	23	18	21	--	--	18	23
Tax law violations	36	40	30	52	36	41	36	40	--	--	--	--
Racketeering and extortion	60	97	38	65	60	97	51	84	--	--	60	94
Other public-order	27	43	30	33	27	42	27	46	--	--	24	36
<b>Other offenses</b>	42 mos.	88 mos.	--	--	36 mos.	48 mos.	60 mos.	167 mos.	--	--	26 mos.	37 mos.
<b>Number of admissions</b>	15,782		1,684		11,734		5,386		346		4,127	

-- No mean or median was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

<sup>a</sup>Includes only those admissions with a total maximum

sentence length of more than 12 months for all offenses.

<sup>b</sup>Includes sentences of "life."

<sup>c</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

**Table 5-12. Federal prison admissions, 1989: Sentence length and minimum time to be served, by offense**

Most serious offense	Federal prison admissions									
	All admissions <sup>a</sup>					Total sentence of more than 12 months <sup>b</sup>				
	Number	Maximum sentence <sup>c</sup>		Minimum time to be served <sup>d</sup>		Number	Maximum sentence		Minimum time to be served	
		Median <sup>e</sup>	Mean <sup>f</sup>	Median	Mean		Median	Mean	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	27,160	24 mos.	51 mos.	15 mos.	36 mos.	17,133	57 mos.	78 mos.	33 mos.	55 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	2,043	60 mos.	114 mos.	38 mos.	79 mos.	1,836	72 mos.	127 mos.	45 mos.	67 mos.
Homicide	190	180	227	138	166	182	190	237	143	173
Kidnaping	43	125	173	80	129	42	147	177	87	132
Rape	123	180	236	147	170	119	180	243	154	176
Other sexual assault	117	60	93	36	69	101	60	107	48	79
Robbery	1,078	53	90	32	58	999	57	97	34	62
Assault	473	60	97	38	67	382	76	119	50	82
Other violent	19	24	31	17	25	11	30	49	24	41
<b>Property offenses</b>	5,551	12 mos.	28 mos.	8 mos.	17 mos.	2,695	36 mos.	51 mos.	18 mos.	31 mos.
Fraud offense	3,749	12	22	8	13	1,750	30	39	17	22
Embezzlement	431	8	15	5	9	137	24	34	16	19
Fraud	2,562	13	24	9	14	1,286	33	41	18	24
Forgery	428	12	19	6	10	171	24	36	13	17
Counterfeiting	328	12	19	9	12	156	24	31	15	18
Nonfraud offense	1,802	15	41	8	26	945	36	72	20	46
Burglary	154	90	126	41	89	133	108	144	71	102
Larceny/theft	1,078	12	29	6	18	484	33	57	15	34
Arson	53	60	82	36	48	44	64	98	39	58
Motor vehicle theft	220	18	28	11	16	131	36	43	19	23
Other property	297	15	42	9	28	153	41	75	24	50
<b>Drug offenses</b>	11,970	51 mos.	70 mos.	34 mos.	51 mos.	10,291	80 mos.	80 mos.	42 mos.	59 mos.
Possession	410	6	18	4	12	73	60	70	33	50
Trafficking	7,064	54	69	34	51	6,208	60	78	42	57
Other drug	4,496	60	77	37	55	4,010	60	85	43	61
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	7,467	6 mos.	21 mos.	4 mos.	15 mos.	2,266	36 mos.	61 mos.	23 mos.	42 mos.
Regulatory offense	258	11	24	6	15	112	30	46	20	28
Nonregulatory public-order	7,209	6	21	3	15	2,154	36	62	23	43
Weapons	1,185	24	50	16	38	828	60	68	31	52
Immigration	4,026	3	5	2	3	236	18	23	10	12
Tax law violations	411	12	21	7	12	168	36	41	17	24
Racketeering and extortion	582	47	79	29	52	483	60	94	37	62
Other public-order	1,005	12	22	7	15	439	27	43	17	28
<b>Other offenses</b>	129	7 mos.	33 mos.	5 mos.	22 mos.	45	36 mos.	84 mos.	27 mos.	58 mos.

<sup>a</sup>Excludes 1,055 admissions with an unknown total maximum sentence length.

<sup>b</sup>Includes only those admissions with a total maximum sentence length of more than 12 months for all offenses.

<sup>c</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

<sup>d</sup>Minimum time to be served is the jurisdiction's estimate of the shortest time that each admitted prisoner must serve before becoming eligible for release. Data on minimum time to be served were reported for 92.0% of the 29,522 prison admissions with a known maximum sentence length.

<sup>e</sup>Includes sentences of "life."

<sup>f</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

## Releases from Federal prison

- In 1989, 44% of the 30,146 prisoners leaving Federal prison for the first time on a sentence were released conditionally to supervision in the community (table 6-1). Mandatory parole, a release established by statutory guidelines rather than a parole board decision, comprised nearly 40% of the conditional releases.

- The vast majority of offenders sentenced to 12 months or less, and thus ineligible for parole, were convicted of immigration violations.

- Among the first releases sentenced to more than 12 months, 17% left prison when their sentence expired, and 79% left before expiration, with conditions attached to the remainder of the sentence.

- Males constituted the majority (89%) of all releases from Federal prison (table 6-2). Whites accounted for 74% of the releases; blacks, 24%; and members of other races, 2%.

- Hispanics comprised 34% of the first releases from Federal prison. Nearly half of those with sentences of 12 months or less were Hispanic.

- About 60% of first releases from Federal prison in 1989 had served less than 12 months, and 19% had served 13 to 24 months (table 6-3). Overall, 22% of the prisoners released for the first time on a sentence had been in prison more than 2 years.

- Among first releases with sentences of 12 months or less; 58% served less than 4 months before their release. The median time served was 3 months (table 6-4). This median is relatively low

because immigration offenders served a median of 2 months. Immigration offenders accounted for 44% of first releases with sentences of 12 months or less.

- Of first releases sentenced to more than 12 months, half served 23 months or less before their release (table 6-5).

- First releases with sentences of more than 12 months served a median of 47 months in prison for violent offenses; 18 months for public-order offenses; 25 months for drug offenses; and 19 months for property offenses.

- Among individual offenses, the median time served for kidnaping was the longest, 75 months; for homicide, 63 months; for rape, 53 months; for robbery 48 months; for assault, 43 months; for drug trafficking, 24 months; and for drug possession, 21 months.

- For mean time served by first releases with sentences of more than 12 months, men served more time in prison than women for every offense.

- Overall, men served a median of 24 months, and women, 18 months. For male violent offenders the median time served was 15 months longer than that for women; for male property offenders, 4 months longer; for male drug offenders, 3 months longer; and for male public-order offenders, 2 month longer.

- For first releases sentenced to more than 12 months, little difference separated the median time served by white and black offenders, except for violent offenses (table 6-10). Black violent offenders served 11 months longer than white offenders (a median sentence of 57 months and 46 months, respectively) (See *Methodology*, page 2).

- Mandatory releases with sentences of more than 12 months served 26 months in prison, 1 month longer than discretionary releases (table 6-11).

- Prisoners released at the expiration of their term served the least amount of time, a median of 12 months.

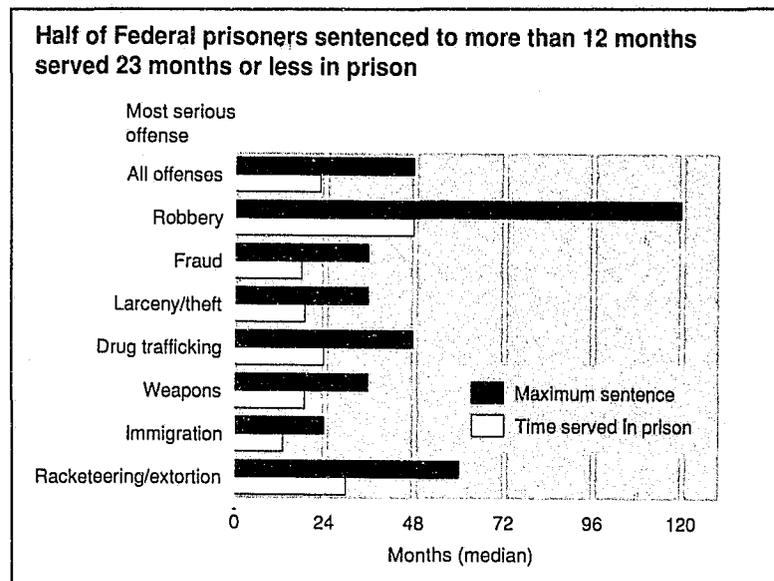


Figure 6-1. First releases from Federal prison, maximum sentence length and time served in prison, by offense

**Table 6-1. Federal prison releases, 1989: Method of release, by release type and sentence length**

Method of release	Percent of Federal prison releases			
	All	First*	First releases	
			12 months or less	More than 12 months
<b>All methods</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Conditional release</b>	43.5 %	40.1 %	0.5 %	79.4 %
Parole board decision	26.3	23.3	0.2	46.2
Mandatory parole	17.1	16.7	0.1	33.2
Other conditional	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0 **
<b>Unconditional release</b>	55.6 %	58.9 %	99.4 %	18.6 %
Expiration of sentence	54.6	57.8	98.7	17.2
Other unconditional	1.0	1.1	0.7	1.5
<b>Death</b>	0.4 %	0.4 %	0.0 %**	0.7 %
<b>Other release</b>	0.6 %	0.7 %	0.0 %**	1.3 %
<b>Number of releases</b>	30,146	27,041	12,419	13,571

Note: Data on total maximum sentence length were missing on 1,052 of the 30,146 prison releases. Sentence length refers to the total maximum sentence that an offender was required to serve

for all offenses.  
 \*First releases are persons released for the first time on their current sentence.  
 \*\*Less than 0.05%.

**Table 6-2. Federal prison releases, 1989: Selected demographic characteristics, by release type and sentence length**

Demographic characteristic	Percent of Federal prison releases			
	All	First releases	12 months or less	More than 12 months
<b>Total</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	89.4 %	89.0 %	87.8 %	89.8 %
Female	10.6	11.0	12.2	10.2
<b>Race</b>				
White	74.0 %	76.8 %	81.4 %	71.3 %
Black	24.0	21.3	17.1	26.1
Other	2.0	2.0	1.5	2.6
<b>Hispanic origin</b>				
Hispanic	33.8 %	35.8 %	49.4 %	21.5 %
Non-Hispanic	66.2	64.2	50.6	78.5
<b>Age at release</b>				
Under 18	0.0 %*	0.0 %*	0.1 %	0.0 %*
18-24	15.5	16.9	25.9	6.8
25-29	19.8	20.5	24.0	17.0
30-34	19.8	19.7	18.1	21.4
35-44	27.9	26.3	20.1	33.0
45-54	11.7	11.2	7.6	15.2
55 and older	5.3	5.3	4.2	6.7
<b>Median age</b>	33 yrs.	33 yrs.	30 yrs.	36 yrs.
<b>Education</b>				
8th grade or less	17.7 %	17.7 %	17.4 %	17.8 %
9th-11th grade	26.7	25.7	26.1	25.6
High school graduate	51.6	52.1	50.9	52.4
Some college	4.0	4.5	5.5	4.2
<b>Median education</b>	12th grade	12th grade	12th grade	12th grade
<b>Number of releases</b>	30,146	27,041	12,419	13,571

Note: Data on age were reported for 99.9% and data on education were reported for 63.2% of the 30,146 releases from Federal prison.

\*Less than 0.05%.

**Table 6-3. First releases from Federal prison, 1989: Time served in prison, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Number of months served in Federal prison										Median time served
		Total	1-6	7-12	13-24	25-36	37-48	49-60	61-84	85-119	120 or more	
<b>All offenses</b>	26,992	100 %	45.9 %	13.6 %	18.6 %	10.4 %	5.5 %	2.2 %	2.5 %	1.0 %	0.4 %	9 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,731	100 %	12.5 %	6.4 %	13.1 %	14.2 %	12.2 %	8.7 %	18.4 %	9.4 %	5.2 %	40 mos.
Homicide	134	100	4.5	4.5	14.9	11.2	9.7	5.2	20.9	17.9	11.2	60
Kidnaping	38	100	2.6	7.9	2.6	5.3	7.9	5.3	26.3	15.8	26.3	73
Rape	50	100	4.0	6.0	8.0	16.0	16.0	14.0	8.0	20.0	8.0	50
Other sexual assault	38	100	23.7	13.2	18.4	15.8	13.2	2.6	10.5	2.6	0.0	21
Robbery	955	100	6.4	3.9	13.2	16.3	14.3	11.7	20.9	8.6	4.6	45
Assault	445	100	20.4	11.9	13.5	11.7	8.5	4.9	16.2	9.0	3.8	30
Other violent	71	100	64.8	5.6	11.3	8.5	9.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
<b>Property offenses</b>	6,675	100 %	41.1 %	19.9 %	22.4 %	9.1 %	4.3 %	1.4 %	1.2 %	0.4 %	0.1 %	9 mos.
Fraud offense	4,357	100	42.2	20.7	23.2	8.4	3.4	1.1	0.8	0.2	0.0 *	9
Embezzlement	509	100	51.9	24.0	18.1	4.1	1.8	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	6
Fraud	2,914	100	41.6	20.0	23.9	9.0	3.4	1.1	0.8	0.2	0.1	9
Forgery	535	100	42.1	21.7	22.4	7.9	3.7	1.1	0.9	0.2	0.0	9
Counterfeiting	399	100	34.1	20.3	25.3	11.0	4.8	2.5	1.5	0.5	0.0	12
Nonfraud offense	2,318	100	39.1	18.5	20.9	10.3	6.1	2.1	2.0	0.9	0.2	10
Burglary	118	100	16.9	8.5	28.8	15.3	13.6	7.6	5.9	2.5	0.8	24
Larceny/theft	1,394	100	42.5	20.2	20.9	9.3	4.4	0.9	1.3	0.5	0.1	9
Arson	74	100	17.6	8.1	10.8	24.3	21.6	9.5	4.1	4.1	0.0	32
Motor vehicle theft	282	100	30.1	21.6	23.0	12.1	7.1	2.5	1.8	1.4	0.4	12
Other property	450	100	43.8	15.6	19.1	8.7	6.4	2.9	2.9	0.7	0.0	9
<b>Drug offenses</b>	8,142	100 %	20.0 %	15.0 %	29.3 %	19.6 %	9.9 %	3.2 %	2.4 %	0.5 %	0.1 %	19 mos.
Possession	547	100	78.8	12.2	3.8	2.6	2.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	4
Trafficking	4,340	100	15.8	16.8	29.9	20.5	9.6	3.8	2.6	0.6	0.3	20
Other drug	3,255	100	15.7	13.2	32.7	21.2	11.5	2.9	2.5	0.4	0.0	21
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	10,269	100 %	74.6 %	9.5 %	9.0 %	3.5 %	1.7 %	0.7 %	0.6 %	0.3 %	0.1 %	3 mos.
Regulatory offense	314	100	51.9	18.2	16.9	5.4	5.1	1.3	1.0	0.0	0.3	6
Nonregulatory public-order	9,955	100	75.3	9.2	8.7	3.4	1.6	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.1	3
Weapons	1,073	100	29.0	20.1	29.5	11.5	5.5	2.3	1.8	0.4	0.0	13
Immigration	6,534	100	91.6	4.7	2.5	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	2
Tax law violations	510	100	48.8	24.7	18.4	5.1	2.0	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.0	8
Racketeering and extortion	435	100	23.9	13.1	21.6	18.4	11.5	5.7	3.0	2.3	0.5	21
Other public-order	1,403	100	60.4	15.0	14.2	5.2	2.7	0.8	1.3	0.3	0.1	5
<b>Other offenses</b>	175	100 %	73.7 %	9.1 %	5.7 %	4.6 %	4.0 %	1.1 %	1.7 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	4 mos.

Note: Data on time served in prison were reported for 99.8% of the 27,041 first releases. All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer,

appeal, or detainer. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.  
\*Less than 0.05%.

**Table 6-4. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to 12 months or less, 1989: Time served in prison, by offense.**

Most serious offense	Number	Percent of first releases from Federal prison sentenced to 12 months or less					Median time served
		Number of months served					
		Total	1-3	4-6	7-9	10+	
<b>All offenses</b>	12,382	100 %	58.0 %	29.1 %	10.5 %	2.4 %	3 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	224	100 %	49.1 %	30.4 %	16.5 %	4.0 %	4 mos.
Homicide	8	100	25.0	50.0	12.5	12.5	--
Kidnaping	2	100	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	--
Rape	2	100	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	--
Other sexual assault	10	100	40.0	30.0	30.0	0.0	4
Robbery	64	100	31.3	50.0	15.6	3.1	5
Assault	108	100	53.7	22.2	18.5	5.6	4
Other violent	30	100	83.3	13.3	3.3	0.0	1
<b>Property offenses</b>	3,099	100 %	40.8 %	39.0 %	17.0 %	3.2 %	5 mos.
Fraud offense	2,137	100	39.2	40.4	17.0	3.4	5
Embezzlement	314	100	32.2	48.1	16.6	3.2	5
Fraud	1,402	100	40.1	40.1	17.0	2.9	5
Forgery	263	100	44.1	33.8	17.9	4.2	4
Counterfeiting	158	100	36.7	39.2	16.5	7.6	5
Nonfraud offense	962	100	44.5	35.8	16.9	2.8	4
Burglary	23	100	39.1	43.5	13.0	4.3	5
Larceny/theft	659	100	45.7	34.3	17.1	2.9	4
Arson	14	100	42.9	28.6	28.6	0.0	5
Motor vehicle theft	103	100	27.2	50.5	19.4	2.9	5
Other property	163	100	51.5	31.9	14.1	2.5	4
<b>Drug offenses</b>	1,825	100 %	34.8 %	40.2 %	19.4 %	5.6 %	5 mos.
Possession	451	100	55.0	32.2	11.1	1.8	4
Trafficking	812	100	28.1	41.9	22.0	8.0	5
Other drug	562	100	28.5	44.1	22.2	5.2	5
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	7,110	100 %	71.6 %	21.9 %	5.2 %	1.3 %	2 mos.
Regulatory offense	168	100	44.6	41.1	13.1	1.2	4
Nonregulatory public-order	6,942	100	72.2	21.4	5.0	1.3	2
Weapons	371	100	32.3	40.4	21.6	5.7	5
Immigration	5,434	100	80.4	17.2	1.7	0.6	2
Tax law violations	306	100	36.9	39.2	23.2	0.7	5
Racketeering and extortion	121	100	27.3	49.6	20.7	2.5	5
Other public-order	710	100	53.5	31.3	11.1	4.1	4
<b>Other offenses</b>	124	100 %	65.3 %	29.0 %	5.6 %	0.0 %	3 mos.

Note: All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainer. Data are reported for first releases for whom the most serious offense and time

served in prison were known. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

**Table 6-5. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to more than 12 months, 1989: Time served in prison, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Number of months served in Federal prison										Median time served
		Total	1-6	7-12	13-24	25-36	37-48	49-60	61-84	85-119	120 or more	
<b>All offenses</b>	13,563	100 %	4.1 %	15.2 %	37.1 %	20.7 %	11.0 %	4.3 %	4.9 %	1.9 %	0.9 %	23 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,483	100 %	1.0 %	4.4 %	15.2 %	16.5 %	14.2 %	10.2 %	21.4 %	11.0 %	6.1 %	47 mos.
Homicide	125	100	0.0	3.2	16.0	11.2	10.4	5.6	22.4	19.2	12.0	63
Kidnaping	36	100	0.0	5.6	2.8	5.6	8.3	5.6	27.8	16.7	27.8	75
Rape	48	100	2.1	4.2	8.3	16.7	16.7	14.6	8.3	20.8	8.3	53
Other sexual assault	28	100	7.1	7.1	25.0	21.4	17.9	3.6	14.3	3.6	0.0	31
Robbery	891	100	1.0	2.8	14.1	17.5	15.4	12.6	22.4	9.2	4.9	48
Assault	331	100	0.9	8.2	18.1	15.7	11.5	6.6	21.8	12.1	5.1	43
Other violent	24	100	0.0	12.5	33.3	25.0	29.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
<b>Property offenses</b>	3,475	100 %	4.9 %	20.3 %	42.9 %	17.4 %	8.3 %	2.8 %	2.3 %	0.8 %	0.2 %	19 mos.
Fraud offense	2,201	100	5.3	21.3	45.8	16.7	6.6	2.1	1.6	0.4	0.1	18
Embezzlement	192	100	4.7	31.3	47.9	10.9	4.7	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	15
Fraud	1,498	100	4.9	20.6	46.4	17.4	6.5	2.1	1.5	0.4	0.1	18
Forgery	270	100	6.7	21.5	44.4	15.6	7.4	2.2	1.9	0.4	0.0	18
Counterfeiting	241	100	6.6	17.8	41.9	18.3	7.9	4.1	2.5	0.8	0.0	21
Nonfraud offense	1,274	100	4.2	18.7	38.0	18.7	11.1	3.8	3.6	1.6	0.3	21
Burglary	95	100	1.1	6.3	35.8	18.9	16.8	9.5	7.4	3.2	1.1	27
Larceny/theft	714	100	6.2	20.9	40.8	18.1	8.5	1.8	2.5	1.0	0.3	19
Arson	58	100	1.7	3.4	13.8	31.0	27.6	12.1	5.2	5.2	0.0	37
Motor vehicle theft	179	100	2.8	21.2	36.3	19.0	11.2	3.9	2.8	2.2	0.6	19
Other property	228	100	0.9	18.9	37.7	17.1	12.7	5.7	5.7	1.3	0.0	23
<b>Drug offenses</b>	6,270	100 %	3.4 %	12.3 %	38.0 %	25.4 %	12.8 %	4.1 %	3.1 %	0.6 %	0.2 %	25 mos.
Possession	62	100	6.5	16.1	32.3	22.6	21.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	21
Trafficking	3,517	100	3.1	13.6	36.9	25.3	11.9	4.7	3.3	0.7	0.3	24
Other drug	2,691	100	3.8	10.3	39.5	25.6	13.9	3.5	3.0	0.5	0.0	25
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	2,296	100 %	6.6 %	22.4 %	40.0 %	15.5 %	7.8 %	3.3 %	2.8 %	1.1 %	0.4 %	18 mos.
Regulatory offense	138	100	8.0	23.9	38.4	12.3	11.6	2.9	2.2	0.0	0.7	18
Nonregulatory public-order	2,158	100	6.5	22.3	40.1	15.8	7.5	3.3	2.9	1.2	0.4	18
Weapons	696	100	5.0	16.5	45.4	17.7	8.5	3.6	2.7	0.6	0.0	19
Immigration	474	100	11.6	38.2	34.8	8.0	1.1	1.5	2.5	1.5	0.8	13
Tax law violations	202	100	6.9	26.7	46.0	12.9	5.0	2.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	17
Racketeering and extortion	311	100	2.6	9.3	30.2	25.7	16.1	8.0	4.2	3.2	0.6	30
Other public-order	475	100	5.9	21.7	41.7	15.4	8.0	2.3	3.8	0.8	0.4	19
<b>Other offenses</b>	39	100 %	0.0 %	23.1 %	25.6 %	20.5 %	17.9 %	5.1 %	7.7 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	28 mos.

Note: All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainer. Data are reported for first releases for whom the most serious

offense and time served in prison were known. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

**Table 6-6. First releases from Federal prison, 1989: Maximum sentence length and time served in prison, by offense**

Most serious offense	First releases from Federal prison*									
	Percent of releases	Sentence length of 12 months or less				Sentence length of more than 12 months				
		Maximum sentence length <sup>b</sup>		Time served <sup>c</sup>		Maximum sentence length		Time served		
		Median <sup>d</sup>	Mean <sup>e</sup>	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	4 mos.	5 mos.	3 mos.	4 mos.	100 %	48 mos.	62 mos.	23 mos.	29 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1.8 %	6 mos.	6 mos.	4 mos.	4 mos.	10.9 %	120 mos.	128 mos.	47 mos.	56 mos.
Homicide	0.1	--	--	--	--	0.9	180	190	63	70
Kidnaping	0.0 *	--	--	--	--	0.3	180	189	75	95
Rape	0.0 *	--	--	--	--	0.4	120	163	53	61
Other sexual assault	0.1	7	7	4	5	0.2	60	66	31	35
Robbery	0.5	6	7	5	5	6.6	120	123	48	55
Assault	0.9	6	6	4	4	2.4	96	125	43	53
Other violent	0.2	1	3	1	2	0.2	60	50	30	28
<b>Property offenses</b>	25.0 %	6 mos.	6 mos.	5 mos.	5 mos.	25.6 %	36 mos.	47 mos.	19 mos.	23 mos.
Fraud offense	17.3	6	6	5	5	16.2	36	43	18	21
Embezzlement	2.5	6	6	5	5	1.4	36	38	15	18
Fraud	11.3	6	6	5	5	11.0	36	43	18	22
Forgery	2.1	6	7	4	5	2.0	36	43	18	21
Counterfeiting	1.3	6	7	5	5	1.8	36	47	21	24
Nonfraud offense	7.8	6	6	4	5	9.4	36	54	21	26
Burglary	0.2	6	7	5	4	0.7	60	83	27	36
Larceny/theft	5.3	6	6	4	5	5.3	36	48	19	23
Arson	0.1	6	6	5	5	0.4	60	85	37	40
Motor vehicle theft	0.8	6	7	5	5	1.3	36	50	19	26
Other property	1.3	6	5	4	4	1.7	38	56	23	28
<b>Drug offenses</b>	14.7 %	6 mos.	7 mos.	5 mos.	5 mos.	46.2 %	48 mos.	61 mos.	25 mos.	27 mos.
Possession	3.6	5	6	4	4	0.5	48	59	21	24
Trafficking	6.6	6	8	5	6	25.9	48	61	24	28
Other drug	4.5	6	8	5	6	19.8	48	61	25	27
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	57.4 %	3 mos.	4 mos.	2 mos.	3 mos.	16.9 %	36 mos.	44 mos.	18 mos.	24 mos.
Regulatory offense	1.3	6	6	4	4	1.0	36	50	18	23
Nonregulatory public-order	56.1	3	4	2	3	15.9	36	43	18	24
Weapons	3.0	6	7	5	5	5.1	36	41	19	23
Immigration	43.9	2	3	2	3	3.5	24	28	13	19
Tax law violations	2.5	6	6	5	5	1.5	36	40	17	19
Racketeering and extortion	1.0	6	7	5	5	2.3	60	74	30	34
Other public-order	5.7	5	5	4	4	3.5	36	42	19	24
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.0 %	4 mos.	4 mos.	3 mos.	3 mos.	0.3 %	54 mos.	65 mos.	28 mos.	29 mos.
<b>Number of releases</b>	12,378					13,563				

Note: Data on maximum sentence length were reported for 95.9% of the 27,041 first releases.

-- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

\*Less than 0.05%.

\*First releases are persons released for the first time

on their current sentence. All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainer.

<sup>b</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

<sup>c</sup>Data on time served in prison are based on all first releases for whom the most serious offense and time served were reported.

<sup>d</sup>Includes sentences of "life."

<sup>e</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

**Table 6-7. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to 12 months or less, 1989: Time served in prison, by offense and sex**

Most serious offense	First releases from Federal prison					
	Percent of releases	Male		Percent of releases	Female	
		Time served			Time served	
		Median	Mean		Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	3 mos.	4 mos.	100.0 %	4 mos.	4 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1.9 %	4 mos.	4 mos.	1.3 %	7 mos.	6 mos.
Homicide	0.1	--	--	0.0	--	--
Kidnaping	0.0 *	--	--	0.0	--	--
Rape	0.0 *	--	--	0.0	--	--
Other sexual assault	0.1	4	5	0.0	--	--
Robbery	0.5	4	5	0.7	6	5
Assault	0.9	3	4	0.5	--	--
Other violent	0.3	1	2	0.1	--	--
<b>Property offenses</b>	22.3 %	5 mos.	5 mos.	44.9 %	5 mos.	5 mos.
Fraud offense	15.0	5	5	33.3	5	5
Embezzlement	1.6	5	5	9.5	5	5
Fraud	10.4	5	5	17.6	5	5
Forgery	1.7	4	5	5.0	4	5
Counterfeiting	1.3	5	5	1.2	4	5
Nonfraud offense	7.2	4	5	11.6	4	4
Burglary	0.2	5	5	0.2	--	--
Larceny/theft	4.7	4	5	9.9	4	4
Arson	0.1	5	5	0.1	--	--
Motor vehicle theft	0.9	5	5	0.2	--	--
Other property	1.3	4	4	1.2	3	4
<b>Drug offenses</b>	13.5 %	5 mos.	5 mos.	23.5 %	5 mos.	5 mos.
Possession	3.5	4	4	5.0	3	4
Trafficking	6.1	5	6	10.0	5	6
Other drug	4.0	5	5	8.5	5	6
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	61.3 %	3 mos.	3 mos.	29.4 %	2 mos.	3 mos.
Regulatory offense	1.4	4	4	0.7	5	5
Nonregulatory public-order	59.9	3	3	28.7	2	3
Weapons	3.3	5	5	0.8	6	6
Immigration	47.0	2	3	21.1	2	2
Tax law violations	2.6	5	5	1.6	5	5
Racketeering and extortion	1.0	5	5	1.1	5	5
Other public-order	6.0	4	4	4.1	4	4
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.0 %	3 mos.	3 mos.	0.9 %	3 mos.	4 mos.
<b>Number of releases</b>	10,873			1,509		

Note: Data are based on all releases for whom the most serious offense, method of prison release, and time served were reported.

-- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

\*Less than 0.05%.

**Table 6-8. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to more than 12 months, 1989: Time served in prison, by offense and sex**

Most serious offense	First releases from Federal prison					
	Percent of releases	Male		Percent of releases	Female	
		Time served			Time served	
		Median	Mean		Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	24 mos.	30 mos.	100 %	18 mos.	22 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	11.5 %	48 mos.	57 mos.	6.2 %	33 mos.	40 mos.
Homicide	0.9	66	72	0.8	53	43
Kidnaping	0.3	72	93	0.2	--	--
Rape	0.4	53	61	0.0	--	--
Other sexual assault	0.2	31	35	0.0	--	--
Robbery	6.9	50	56	3.7	33	37
Assault	2.6	45	54	1.4	16	33
Other violent	0.2	27	28	0.1	--	--
<b>Property offenses</b>	24.3 %	20 mos.	24 mos.	37.6 %	16 mos.	18 mos.
Fraud offense	15.1	18	22	28.2	16	17
Embezzlement	1.0	16	19	5.4	14	17
Fraud	10.5	18	22	15.5	16	17
Forgery	1.8	19	23	4.1	16	16
Counterfeiting	1.8	21	24	1.2	17	19
Nonfraud offense	9.2	22	27	11.5	17	21
Burglary	0.7	29	36	0.5	--	--
Larceny/theft	4.8	20	24	9.3	15	20
Arson	0.5	37	40	0.0	--	--
Motor vehicle theft	1.4	19	27	0.3	--	--
Other property	1.7	23	28	1.4	24	26
<b>Drug offenses</b>	46.2 %	25 mos.	28 mos.	46.5 %	21 mos.	23 mos.
Possession	0.5	22	24	0.5	--	--
Trafficking	26.0	25	28	25.2	21	23
Other drug	19.7	25	28	20.8	21	23
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	17.8 %	18 mos.	24 mos.	9.6 %	16 mos.	17 mos.
Regulatory offense	1.0	18	23	1.0	13	14
Nonregulatory public-order	16.7	19	24	8.6	17	18
Weapons	5.6	19	24	0.8	13	13
Immigration	3.7	13	19	1.4	14	15
Tax law violations	1.5	17	20	1.1	16	18
Racketeering and extortion	2.4	31	34	1.5	22	22
Other public-order	3.5	19	24	3.8	17	18
<b>Other offenses</b>	0.3 %	23 mos.	28 mos.	0.1 %	--	--
<b>Number of releases</b>	12,184			1,379		

Note: Data are based on all first releases with a sentence of more than a year for whom the most serious offense, method of prison release were reported, and time

served were reported.

-- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

**Table 6-9. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to 12 months or less, 1989:  
Time served in prison, by race and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	First releases from Federal prison								
	Percent of releases	Race <sup>a</sup>						Hispanic <sup>b</sup>	
		White		Black		Hispanic <sup>b</sup>		Percent of releases	Time served
		Median	Mean	Percent of releases	Median	Mean	Percent of releases	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	3 mos.	4 mos.	100 %	4 mos.	5 mos.	100 %	2 mos.	3 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1.0 %	3 mos.	4 mos.	3.4 %	4 mos.	4 mos.	0.5 %	2 mos.	2 mos.
Homicide	0.0	--	--	0.1	--	--	0.0	--	--
Kidnaping	0.0 *	--	--	0.0	--	--	0.0	--	--
Rape	0.0	--	--	0.0	--	--	0.0	--	--
Other sexual assault	0.0 *	--	--	0.2	--	--	0.0 *	--	--
Robbery	0.4	5	5	1.0	5	5	0.1	--	--
Assault	0.3	2	3	1.9	3	4	0.1	--	--
Other violent	0.3	1	2	0.1	--	--	0.3	1	1
<b>Property offenses</b>	18.8 %	5 mos.	5 mos.	53.9 %	4 mos.	5 mos.	4.9 %	3 mos.	4 mos.
Fraud offense	13.9	5	5	33.1	5	5	3.8	3	4
Embezzlement	2.0	5	5	5.1	5	5	0.3	5	5
Fraud	9.5	5	5	19.7	5	5	2.7	3	3
Forgery	1.1	4	4	7.0	5	5	0.4	3	3
Counterfeiting	1.3	5	5	1.3	5	6	0.5	4	4
Nonfraud offense	4.9	4	5	20.7	4	5	1.1	4	4
Burglary	0.1	5	4	0.3	--	--	0.1	--	--
Larceny/theft	2.8	4	5	16.9	4	5	0.6	4	4
Arson	0.1	5	5	0.0 *	--	--	0.0	--	--
Motor vehicle theft	0.8	5	5	0.9	5	5	0.2	4	5
Other property	1.0	4	4	2.5	4	4	0.2	3	4
<b>Drug offenses</b>	13.4 %	5 mos.	5 mos.	21.7 %	5 mos.	5 mos.	8.1 %	5 mos.	5 mos.
Possession	3.4	4	4	5.0	4	4	2.7	4	4
Trafficking	6.0	5	6	9.6	6	6	4.1	5	5
Other drug	4.1	5	6	7.1	5	5	1.2	5	6
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	65.9 %	2 mos.	3 mos.	19.4 %	4 mos.	5 mos.	86.0 %	2 mos.	3 mos.
Regulatory offense	1.4	4	4	1.0	5	5	0.4	4	4
Nonregulatory public-order	64.5	2	3	18.4	4	5	85.6	2	3
Weapons	2.5	5	6	5.4	5	5	0.8	5	5
Immigration	53.2	2	3	2.7	3	3	83.4	2	3
Tax law violations	2.8	5	5	1.3	5	6	0.0 *	--	--
Racketeering and extortion	0.9	5	5	1.3	5	6	0.1	--	--
Other public-order	5.2	3	4	7.6	4	4	1.2	4	5
<b>Other offenses</b>	0.8 %	3 mos.	3 mos.	1.7 %	3 mos.	4 mos.	0.5 %	3 mos.	3 mos.
<b>Number of releases</b>	10,085			2,113			6,120		

Note: All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainer. Data on are based on all first releases for whom the most serious offense, race or Hispanic origin, and time served were reported.

-- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

\*Less than 0.05%.

<sup>a</sup>Race includes persons of Hispanic origin.

<sup>b</sup>Hispanic releases include persons of all races.

**Table 6-10. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to more than 12 months, 1989:  
Time served in prison, by offense, race, and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	First releases from Federal prison								
	Race <sup>a</sup>								
	Percent of releases	White		Percent of releases	Black		Percent of releases	Hispanic <sup>b</sup>	
Median		Mean	Median		Mean	Median		Mean	
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	23 mos.	28 mos.	100 %	23 mos.	31 mos.	100 %	22 mos.	26 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	7.5 %	46 mos.	54 mos.	17.0 %	57 mos.	62 mos.	5.8 %	49 mos.	51 mos.
Homicide	0.5	72	79	1.1	85	81	0.7	62	57
Kidnaping	0.3	73	90	0.3	87	109	0.1	--	--
Rape	0.2	48	63	0.3	93	90	0.1	--	--
Other sexual assault	0.1	38	38	0.2	--	--	0.1	--	--
Robbery	5.0	46	52	11.3	52	58	3.1	53	53
Assault	1.3	44	53	3.8	66	64	1.7	36	44
Other violent	0.2	33	29	0.0*	--	--	0.1	--	--
<b>Property offenses</b>	23.4 %	20 mos.	24 mos.	32.1 %	18 mos.	22 mos.	9.9 %	17 mos.	21 mos.
<b>Fraud offense</b>	15.7	18	22	18.3	17	19	6.5	15	18
Embezzlement	1.4	16	18	1.3	13	16	0.4	13	14
Fraud	11.1	18	23	11.6	17	19	3.6	15	18
Forgery	1.2	19	23	4.4	18	20	0.8	18	21
Counterfeiting	2.1	21	25	1.1	16	19	1.5	14	19
<b>Nonfraud offense</b>	7.7	22	26	13.8	20	27	3.5	24	25
Burglary	0.5	23	31	1.1	38	43	0.5	24	26
Larceny/theft	3.6	20	24	9.9	18	23	2.3	23	23
Arson	0.7	38	40	0.2	--	--	0.1	--	--
Motor vehicle theft	1.4	20	26	1.0	18	29	0.2	--	--
Other property	1.7	22	27	1.6	27	33	0.4	19	28
<b>Drug offenses</b>	49.6 %	25 mos.	27 mos.	39.7 %	24 mos.	27 mos.	62.1 %	24 mos.	27 mos.
Possession	0.3	22	25	0.4	18	20	0.7	29	28
Trafficking	27.8	25	28	22.0	23	27	37.6	22	27
Other drug	21.1	24	27	17.4	25	28	23.9	25	27
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	19.3 %	19 mos.	24 mos.	10.8 %	18 mos.	22 mos.	21.7 %	15 mos.	21 mos.
Regulatory offense	1.1	18	21	0.7	22	28	0.8	16	18
<b>Nonregulatory public-order</b>	18.2	19	24	10.1	18	21	20.9	15	21
Weapons	5.1	20	24	5.3	18	21	2.8	18	22
Immigration	4.6	13	19	0.9	12	15	13.9	13	20
Tax law violations	1.8	17	19	0.7	19	22	0.2	--	--
Racketeering and extortion	2.9	30	35	0.7	23	26	1.1	24	31
Other public-order	3.8	19	24	2.5	18	23	2.8	15	21
<b>Other offenses</b>	0.3 %	18 mos.	26 mos.	0.4 %	38 mos.	35 mos.	0.4 %	15 mos.	19 mos.
<b>Number of releases</b>	9,676			3,539			2,913		

Note: All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainer. Data are based on all first releases for whom the most serious offense, race or Hispanic origin, and time served were reported.

-- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

<sup>a</sup>Race includes persons of Hispanic origin.

<sup>b</sup>Hispanic releases include persons of all races.

**Table 6-11. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to more than 12 months, 1989:  
Time served in prison, by offense and method of prison release**

Most serious offense	Method of release for Federal prison releases														
	Percent of releases	Total			Conditional release			Mandatory			Unconditional release, expiration of sentence				
		Time served	Median	Mean	Percent of releases	Time served	Median	Mean	Percent of releases	Time served	Median	Mean	Percent of releases	Time served	Median
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	26 mos.	32 mos.	100 %	25 mos.	31 mos.	100 %	26 mos.	33 mos.	100 %	12 mos.	14 mos.			
<b>Violent offenses</b>	11.5 %	53 mos.	59 mos.	10.9 %	58 mos.	64 mos.	12.2 %	45 mos.	54 mos.	4.8 %	14 mos.	17 mos.			
Homicide	0.6	63	75	0.5	98	97	0.8	52	53	0.2	--	--			
Kidnaping	0.3	84	103	0.4	103	118	0.2	--	--	0.1	--	--			
Rape	0.3	52	61	0.2	60	77	0.5	39	51	0.1	--	--			
Other sexual assault	0.2	33	37	0.1	--	--	0.3	27	30	0.2	--	--			
Robbery	7.4	53	58	7.6	51	56	7.2	56	59	1.9	14	17			
Assault	2.4	56	59	2.0	72	73	2.9	36	45	2.0	13	15			
Other violent	0.2	34	31	0.1	--	--	0.3	36	34	0.2	--	--			
<b>Property offenses</b>	25.1 %	22 mos.	26 mos.	27.3 %	19 mos.	24 mos.	22.1 %	25 mos.	29 mos.	27.7 %	13 mos.	13 mos.			
Fraud offense	15.9	21	24	17.2	18	22	14.1	24	27	18.8	13	13			
Embezzlement	1.3	18	20	1.7	15	18	0.8	22	23	1.9	13	13			
Fraud	11.1	21	24	11.6	18	22	10.3	24	26	11.7	12	13			
Forgery	1.8	20	24	2.1	19	21	1.4	25	29	2.8	13	15			
Counterfeiting	1.7	24	27	1.7	22	25	1.6	26	31	2.4	12	13			
Nonfraud offense	9.3	24	29	10.2	21	26	8.0	27	32	8.9	12	13			
Burglary	0.6	32	38	0.6	32	36	0.6	32	41	0.2	--	--			
Larceny/theft	5.1	22	25	6.1	20	23	3.6	26	30	5.8	12	14			
Arson	0.5	38	41	0.4	39	44	0.5	37	39	0.3	--	--			
Motor vehicle theft	1.3	25	29	1.4	19	25	1.3	32	35	1.3	13	13			
Other property	1.8	25	31	1.7	25	31	1.9	25	31	1.3	11	12			
<b>Drug offenses</b>	48.9 %	26 mos.	30 mos.	49.5 %	27 mos.	29 mos.	48.0 %	26 mos.	31 mos.	37.7 %	12 mos.	13 mos.			
Possession	0.4	32	28	0.5	32	30	0.3	27	25	0.8	14	13			
Trafficking	26.9	27	30	28.5	27	30	24.7	26	31	23.7	12	13			
Other drug	21.6	26	29	20.5	26	28	23.1	26	30	13.3	13	13			
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	14.3 %	24 mos.	28 mos.	12.0 %	20 mos.	25 mos.	17.4 %	25 mos.	30 mos.	29.5 %	12 mos.	15 mos.			
Regulatory offense	1.0	20	25	1.1	16	23	0.9	25	28	1.1	10	14			
Nonregulatory public-order	13.2	24	28	10.9	20	25	16.5	25	30	28.4	12	15			
Weapons	4.3	24	28	2.7	22	25	6.6	26	30	9.0	13	14			
Immigration	1.9	19	21	1.7	16	19	2.1	21	24	10.7	11	17			
Tax law violations	1.5	19	21	1.7	17	20	1.1	24	25	1.6	13	13			
Racketeering and extortion	2.5	32	36	2.4	33	37	2.6	31	34	1.5	13	14			
Other public-order	3.0	23	28	2.3	18	22	4.0	25	33	5.7	12	13			
<b>Other offenses</b>	0.2 %	30 mos.	30 mos.	0.2 %	13 mos.	22 mos.	0.3 %	36 mos.	36 mos.	0.3 %	--	--			
<b>Number of releases</b>	10,769			6,265			4,503			2,525					

-- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

## Entries to parole from Federal prison

- Men made up 90% of the 10,807 entries to parole from Federal prison in 1989 (table 7-1).

- White offenders comprised 72% of all parole entries; black offenders, 26%; and offenders of other races, 3%. Hispanic entries, who could be of any race, were 19% of the total.

- The median age for parolees at the time of their release from prison was 36 years.

- On average, parole entries had graduated from high school. Sixteen percent had completed eight grades or less.

- Among first releases from Federal prison to parole, 58% had been released by a parole board, and 42% were mandatory releases (table 7-3).

- A higher percentage of public-order offenders than of other offenders was

released from prison and entered parole as a result of mandatory guidelines. Sixty-four percent of weapons violators were mandatory entries.

- Among parole entries for whom complete data exist on maximum sentence and time served in prison, half served 26 months or less in prison on a median maximum sentence of 60 months (table 7-4).

- Violent and drug offenders on average served a smaller proportion of their maximum sentences than other types of offenders. The median time served in prison by violent offenders, 53 months, was 44% of the median maximum sentence; the median time served by drug offenders, 26 months, was 43% of the median maximum sentence. The median time served by property offenders was 22 months and 56% of the median sentence and by public-order offenders, 24 months or 67%.

- Among first releases, the median time served in prison before a discretionary release was 25 months, and before a mandatory release, 26 months (table 7-5).

- Among violent offenders, discretionary releases had served 13 months longer on average than mandatory releases (a median of 58 months compared to 45).

- For all offenses among parole entries for whom complete data exist on mean maximum sentence length and mean time served in prison, whites served a greater percentage of their sentence in prison before being released (47%) than did blacks (44%). The mean maximum sentence of white parolees was 64 months and mean time served was 30 months. The mean sentence of black parolees was 77 months, and time served, 34 months (table 7-6).

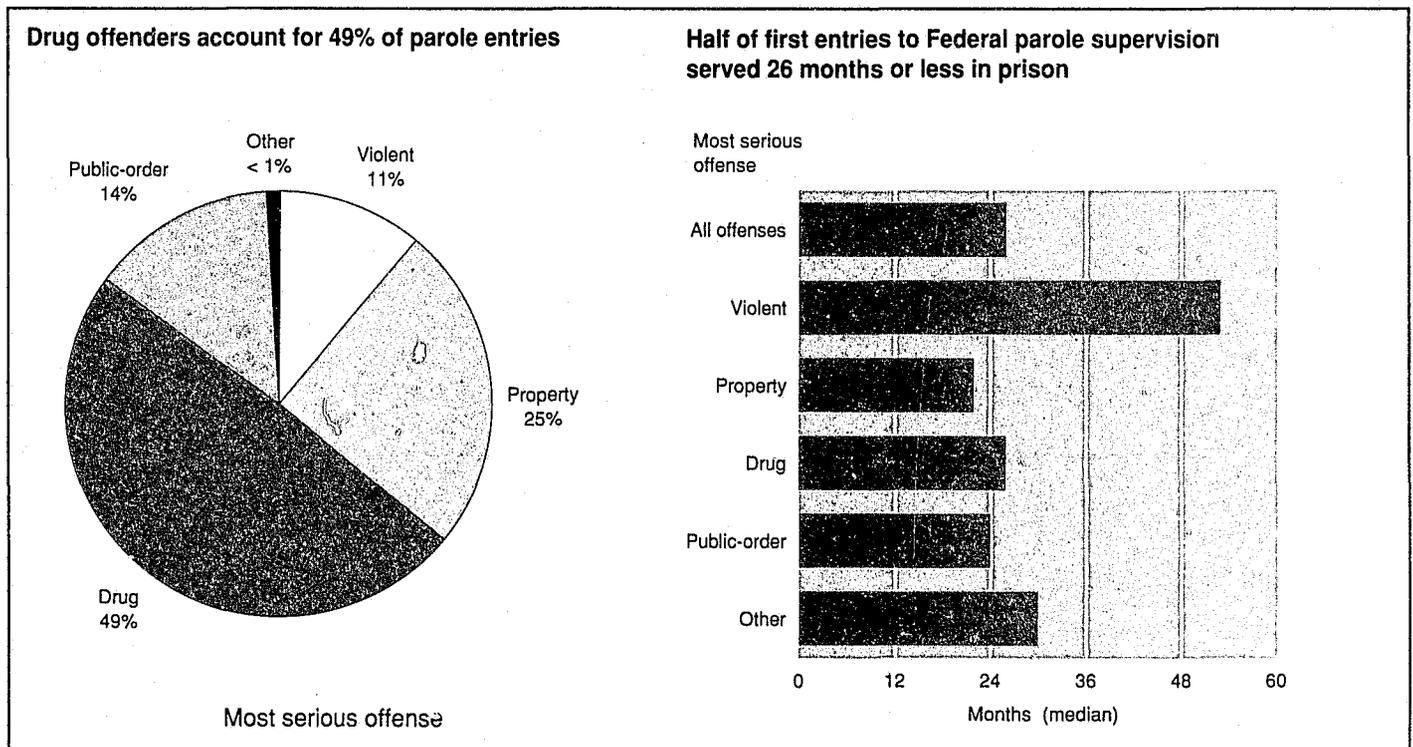


Figure 7-1. First releases from Federal prison: Method of release and type of conditional release

**Table 7-1. First entries to parole supervision from Federal prison, 1989: Selected demographic characteristics, by method of prison release**

Demographic characteristic	First entries to parole supervision		
	All	Method of prison release	
		Discretionary	Mandatory
<b>Total</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	90.2 %	89.2 %	91.5 %
Female	9.8	10.8	8.5
<b>Race</b>			
White	71.5 %	70.0 %	73.5 %
Black	25.9	28.5	22.3
Other	2.6	1.5	4.2
<b>Hispanic origin</b>			
Hispanic	19.1 %	18.6 %	19.7 %
Non-Hispanic	80.9	81.4	80.3
<b>Age at entry</b>			
Under 18	0.1 %	0.0 %	0.1 %
18-24	5.4	5.0	5.9
25-29	15.5	14.8	16.5
30-34	21.2	21.6	20.7
35-44	34.5	35.4	33.3
45-54	18.4	18.3	18.4
55 and older	7.0	6.8	7.1
<b>Median age</b>	36 yrs.	36 yrs.	36 yrs.
<b>Education</b>			
8th grade or less	16.0 %	16.4 %	15.4 %
9th-11th grade	23.8	22.7	25.3
High school graduate	52.1	53.1	50.7
Some college	4.3	4.2	4.5
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Median education</b>	12th grade	12th grade	12th grade
<b>Number of parole entries</b>	10,807	6,295	4,512

Note: Data on education were reported for 96.2% of the 10,807 Federal parole first entries.

**Table 7-2. First entries to parole supervision from Federal prison, 1989:  
Offense, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	First entries to parole supervision						
	All	Sex		Race			Hispanic
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	11.4 %	12.0 %	6.1 %	7.8 %	18.5 %	41.2 %	5.4 %
Homicide	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.2	0.8	12.0	0.0*
Kidnaping	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.1
Rape	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.3	6.3	0.0*
Other sexual assault	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.1
Robbery	7.4	7.8	4.1	5.6	12.8	3.9	3.5
Assault	2.4	2.6	0.8	1.2	4.1	17.6	1.5
Other violent	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1
<b>Property offenses</b>	25.3 %	23.8 %	38.9 %	23.4 %	31.1 %	19.4 %	8.9 %
Fraud offense	16.0	14.7	27.3	15.7	17.5	8.1	6.1
Embezzlement	1.4	0.9	5.4	1.4	1.1	2.5	0.4
Fraud	11.1	10.5	17.1	11.3	11.4	4.6	3.2
Forgery	1.8	1.6	3.6	1.0	4.1	0.4	0.8
Counterfeiting	1.7	1.7	1.2	2.0	0.9	0.7	1.6
Nonfraud offense	9.3	9.0	11.7	7.7	13.5	11.3	2.9
Burglary	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.3	1.1	4.2	0.0*
Larceny/theft	5.1	4.6	9.1	3.5	9.7	3.9	2.3
Arson	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.0*
Motor vehicle theft	1.4	1.4	0.5	1.6	0.9	0.7	0.2
Other property	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.8	0.2
<b>Drug offenses</b>	48.8 %	49.1 %	46.0 %	52.4 %	41.1 %	26.1 %	69.5 %
Possession	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.7
Trafficking	26.8	27.1	24.5	28.9	22.2	15.8	40.0
Other drug	21.6	21.6	21.2	23.0	18.6	10.2	28.8
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	14.3 %	14.8 %	8.9 %	16.2 %	9.1 %	13.0 %	15.8 %
Regulatory offense	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.7	1.1	0.8
Nonregulatory public-order	13.2	13.8	8.0	15.0	8.4	12.0	15.1
Weapons	4.3	4.7	0.7	4.4	4.1	3.5	2.7
Immigration	1.9	2.0	1.0	2.4	0.6	0.4	8.2
Tax law violations	1.5	1.5	1.1	1.8	0.7	0.4	0.2
Racketeering and extortion	2.5	2.6	1.6	3.1	0.8	2.1	1.4
Other public-order	3.0	3.0	3.6	3.3	2.2	5.6	2.5
<b>Other offenses</b>	0.2 %	0.3 %	0.0 %	0.2 %	0.3 %	0.4 %	0.3 %
<b>Number of parole entries</b>	10,807	9,744	1,063	7,724	2,799	284	2,064

\*Less than 0.05%.

**Table 7-3. First entries to parole supervision from Federal prison, 1989: Method of prison release, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	First entries to parole supervision		
		Total	Method of release	
			Discretionary	Mandatory
<b>All offenses</b>	10,807	100 %	58.2 %	41.8 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,236	100 %	55.6 %	44.4 %
Homicide	69	100	49.3	50.7
Kidnaping	33	100	75.8	24.2
Rape	35	100	40.0	60.0
Other sexual assault	19	100	28.3	73.7
Robbery	801	100	59.6	40.4
Assault	259	100	49.0	51.0
Other violent	20	100	25.0	75.0
<b>Property offenses</b>	2,732	100 %	63.4 %	36.6 %
Fraud offense	1,727	100	63.1	36.9
Embezzlement	147	100	74.1	25.9
Fraud	1,203	100	61.3	38.7
Forgery	195	100	68.2	31.8
Counterfeiting	182	100	61.0	39.0
Nonfraud offense	1,005	100	63.9	36.1
Burglary	68	100	57.4	42.6
Larceny/theft	549	100	69.9	30.1
Arson	49	100	51.0	49.0
Motor vehicle theft	146	100	59.6	40.4
Other property	193	100	55.4	44.6
<b>Drug offenses</b>	5,274	100 %	58.9 %	41.1 %
Possession	43	100	72.1	27.9
Trafficking	2,901	100	61.7	38.3
Other drug	2,330	100	55.3	44.7
<b>Public--order offenses</b>	1,540	100 %	49.0 %	51.0 %
Regulatory offense	110	100	61.8	38.2
Nonregulatory public--order	1,430	100	48.0	52.0
Weapons	465	100	36.3	63.7
Immigration	205	100	53.2	46.8
Tax law violations	162	100	69.1	30.9
Racketeering and extortion	269	100	56.1	43.9
Other public--order	329	100	44.4	55.6
<b>Other offenses</b>	25	100 %	48.0 %	52.0 %

**Table 7-4. First entries to parole supervision from Federal prison, 1989: Sentence length and time served, by offense**

Most serious offense	First entries to parole supervision				
	All	Maximum sentence length <sup>a</sup>		Time served in prison	
		Median <sup>b</sup>	Mean <sup>c</sup>	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	60 mos.	67 mos.	26 mos.	32 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	11.4 %	120 mos.	127 mos.	53 mos.	58 mos.
Homicide	0.6	120	128	63	62
Kidnaping	0.3	180	195	84	84
Rape	0.3	84	119	52	57
Other sexual assault	0.2	60	61	33	37
Robbery	7.4	120	125	53	57
Assault	2.4	120	135	55	59
Other violent	0.2	60	56	34	31
<b>Property offenses</b>	25.3 %	39 mos.	52 mos.	22 mos.	25 mos.
Fraud offense	16.0	36	48	21	24
Embezzlement	1.4	36	44	18	19
Fraud	11.1	36	47	21	24
Forgery	1.8	36	50	20	24
Counterfeiting	1.7	48	56	24	27
Nonfraud offense	9.3	48	58	24	28
Burglary	0.6	30	80	32	38
Larceny/theft	5.1	48	52	22	25
Arson	0.5	66	82	38	41
Motor vehicle theft	1.4	48	55	25	29
Other property	1.8	48	62	25	31
<b>Drug offenses</b>	48.8 %	60 mos.	66 mos.	26 mos.	30 mos.
Possession	0.4	60	76	32	28
Trafficking	26.9	60	67	27	30
Other drug	21.6	60	64	26	29
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	14.2 %	36 mos.	52 mos.	24 mos.	28 mos.
Regulatory offense	1.0	36	50	20	25
Nonregulatory public-order	13.2	42	53	24	28
Weapons	4.3	48	50	24	28
Immigration	1.9	36	41	19	21
Tax law violations	1.5	36	44	19	21
Racketeering and extortion	2.5	60	75	32	36
Other public-order	3.0	36	49	23	28
<b>Other offenses</b>	0.2 %	54 mos.	58 mos.	30 mos.	30 mos.
<b>Number of parole entries</b>	10,804	10,804		10,804	

<sup>a</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

<sup>b</sup>Includes sentences of "life."  
<sup>c</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

**Table 7-5. First entries to parole supervision from Federal prison, 1989:  
Time served, by offense and method of prison release**

Most serious offense	First entries to parole supervision					
	Discretionary release			Mandatory release		
	Percent of release	Time served		Percent of release	Time served	
	Median	Mean		Median	Mean	
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	25 mos.	31 mos.	100 %	26 mos.	33 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	10.9 %	58 mos.	65 mos.	12.2 %	45 mos.	54 mos.
Homicide	0.5	98	97	0.8	52	53
Kidnaping	0.4	103	118	0.2	--	--
Rape	0.2	60	77	0.5	39	51
Other sexual assault	0.1	--	--	0.3	27	30
Robbery	7.6	51	58	7.2	56	59
Assault	2.0	72	73	2.9	36	45
Other violent	0.1	--	--	0.3	36	34
<b>Property offenses</b>	27.5 %	19 mos.	24 mos.	22.2 %	25 mos.	29 mos.
Fraud offense	17.3	18	22	14.1	24	27
Embezzlement	1.7	15	18	0.8	22	23
Fraud	11.7	18	22	10.3	24	26
Forgery	2.1	19	21	1.4	25	29
Counterfeiting	1.8	22	25	1.6	26	31
Nonfraud offense	10.2	21	26	8.0	27	32
Burglary	0.6	32	36	0.6	32	41
Larceny/theft	6.1	20	23	3.7	25	30
Arson	0.4	39	44	0.5	37	39
Motor vehicle theft	1.4	18	25	1.3	32	35
Other property	1.7	25	31	1.9	25	30
<b>Drug offenses</b>	49.4 %	27 mos.	29 mos.	48.0 %	26 mos.	31 mos.
Possession	0.5	32	30	0.3	27	25
Trafficking	28.4	27	30	24.6	26	31
Other drug	20.5	26	28	23.1	26	31
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	12.0 %	20 mos.	25 mos.	17.4 %	25 mos.	31 mos.
Regulatory offense	1.1	16	23	0.9	25	28
Nonregulatory public-order	10.9	20	25	16.5	25	32
Weapons	2.7	22	25	6.6	26	33
Immigration	1.7	16	19	2.1	21	24
Tax law violations	1.8	16	19	1.1	24	25
Racketeering and extortion	2.4	33	37	2.6	31	34
Other public-order	2.3	18	22	4.1	25	33
<b>Other offenses</b>	0.2 %	13 mos.	22 mos.	0.3 %	36 mos.	38 mos.
<b>Number of parole entries</b>	6,295			4,512		

-- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

**Table 7-6. First entries to parole supervision from Federal prison, 1989:  
Sentence length and time served, by offense and race**

Most serious offense	First entries to parole supervision											
	Maximum sentence length						Time served in prison					
	White			Black			White			Black		
	Percent	Median <sup>a</sup>	Mean <sup>b</sup>	Percent	Median	Mean	Percent	Median	Mean	Percent	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	50 mos.	64 mos.	100 %	60 mos.	77 mos.	100 %	25 mos.	30 mos.	100 %	27 mos.	34 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	7.8 %	96 mos.	118 mos.	18.5 %	126 mos.	150 mos.	7.8 %	50 mos.	55 mos.	18.5 %	61 mos.	64 mos.
Homicide	0.2	180	--	0.8	264	208	0.2	99	--	0.8	92	81
Kidnaping	0.3	180	188	0.4	180	--	0.3	77	80	0.4	92	--
Rape	0.1	--	--	0.3	--	--	0.1	--	--	0.3	--	--
Other sexual assault	0.1	60	63	0.1	--	--	0.1	36	36	0.1	--	--
Robbery	5.6	96	115	12.8	120	138	5.6	48	54	12.8	57	61
Assault	1.2	120	136	4.1	156	170	1.2	57	59	4.1	68	69
Other violent	0.3	60	56	0.0	--	--	0.3	34	31	0.0	--	--
<b>Property offenses</b>	23.4 %	42 mos.	52 mos.	31.1 %	36 mos.	51 mos.	23.4 %	22 mos.	26 mos.	31.1 %	21 mos.	25 mos.
Fraud offense	15.7	36	50	17.5	36	44	15.7	22	25	17.5	19	21
Embezzlement	1.4	36	45	1.1	36	43	1.4	18	20	1.1	14	17
Fraud	11.3	36	49	11.4	36	42	11.3	22	25	11.4	19	21
Forgery	1.0	48	50	4.1	36	49	1.0	21	25	4.1	19	22
Counterfeiting	2.0	48	57	0.9	48	48	2.0	24	28	0.9	20	22
Nonfraud offense	7.7	48	57	13.5	48	60	7.7	24	28	13.5	24	29
Burglary	0.3	48	61	1.1	90	109	0.3	22	29	1.1	39	48
Larceny/theft	3.5	48	54	9.7	45	51	3.5	22	25	9.7	21	25
Arson	0.5	63	77	0.3	--	--	0.5	39	41	0.3	--	--
Motor vehicle theft	1.6	48	53	0.9	39	65	1.6	25	28	0.9	25	34
Other property	1.8	48	59	1.7	60	74	1.8	25	29	1.7	34	36
<b>Drug offenses</b>	52.4 %	60 mos.	65 mos.	41.1 %	60 mos.	70 mos.	52.4 %	26 mos.	30 mos.	41.1 %	26 mos.	30 mos.
Possession	0.5	60	82	0.3	--	--	0.5	32	29	0.3	--	--
Trafficking	28.9	60	67	22.2	60	67	28.9	27	30	22.2	25	30
Other drug	23.0	60	62	18.6	60	74	23.0	25	29	18.6	28	31
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	16.2 %	40 mos.	53 mos.	9.1 %	36 mos.	49 mos.	16.2 %	24 mos.	28 mos.	9.1 %	23 mos.	26 mos.
Regulatory offense	1.1	36	48	0.7	36	53	1.1	19	24	0.7	24	29
Nonregulatory public-order	15.0	42	53	8.4	36	49	15.0	24	28	8.4	23	26
Weapons	4.4	48	50	4.1	48	48	4.4	24	29	4.1	23	26
Immigration	2.4	36	41	0.6	33	41	2.4	19	22	0.6	12	18
Tax law violations	1.8	36	42	0.7	42	54	1.8	19	21	0.7	24	25
Racketeering and extortion	3.1	60	77	0.8	54	65	3.1	33	37	0.8	26	28
Other public-order	3.3	36	50	2.2	36	47	3.3	24	28	2.2	22	27
<b>Other offenses</b>	0.2 %	42 mos.	51 mos.	0.3 %	--	--	0.2 %	18 mos.	26 mos.	0.3 %	--	--
<b>Number of parole entries</b>	7,722			2,798			7,722			2,798		

-- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

<sup>a</sup>Includes sentences of "life."

<sup>b</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

- Among the 9,865 individuals discharged from Federal parole, 77% were successful in leaving supervision and reentering the community, 21% were returned to prison, and 1% died (table 8-1).

- Women were slightly more likely to complete parole successfully than were men (84% and 77%, respectively). White parolees (84%) were more likely than blacks (61%) to have successfully completed parole.

- Among Federal parole discharges, violent offenders were the most likely to be returned to prison (table 8-3). Forty-five percent of the violent offenders were returned to prison, compared to 23% of the property, 15% of the drug, and 16% of the public-order offenders.

- Overall, drug offenders were the largest group discharged from Federal parole (43%) (table 8-4). Property offenders were second largest at 28%, followed by violent and public-order offenders at 14%.

- Among those successfully discharged from parole, 47% were drug offenders; 27% were property offenders; 15% were public-order offenders; and 9% were violent offenders. Drug trafficking was the largest individual offense group (46%), followed by larceny/theft (7%).

- For those persons unsuccessfully discharged from parole and returned to prison, 30% were property offenders; 28% violent offenders; 30% drug offenders; 11% were public-order offenders. Drug trafficking was the largest individual offense group (29%), followed by robbery (26%) and larceny/theft (12%).

- The median time served on parole for all offenses was 14 months (table 8-5). The median time on parole for violent offenses was 22 months; for property, drug, and public-order offenses, 14 months.

**Federal discharges successfully completing parole served on average 53 months under correctional supervision; those unsuccessfully completing parole, 82 months**

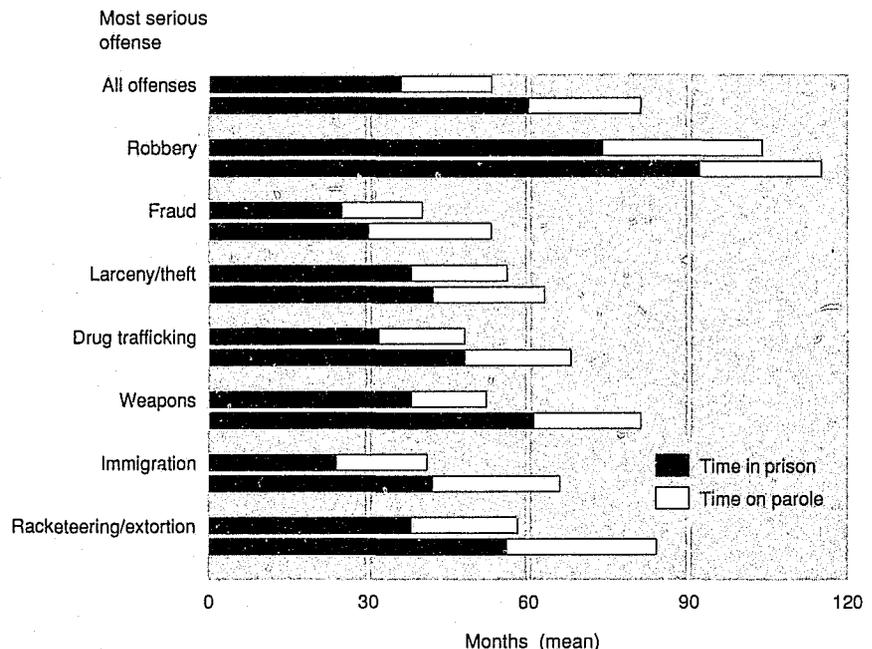


Figure 8-1. Successful Federal parole discharges, maximum sentence length, and time served in prison and on parole

- Among those who successfully completed parole, whites had longer median time served on parole than blacks, except for public-order offenders (table 8-6). Overall, whites spent 2 more months on parole than did blacks. Among violent offenders the median time on parole was 9 months longer for whites than for blacks; among drug offenders the median time was 4 months longer for whites.

- Among parolees returning to prison, the median time served on parole for blacks was one month longer than for whites (17 versus 18 months) (table 8-7). Among violent offenders returned to prison, black parolees had been on parole for a median of 20 months and

white parolees for a median of 16 months.

- Successful parole discharges for whom data were reported on both time in prison and on parole served a median of 26 months in prison and 13 months on parole (table 8-8). Unsuccessful parole discharges served a median of 44 months in prison and 17 months on parole.

**Table 8-1. Federal parole discharges, 1989: Method of parole discharge, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin**

Method of parole discharge	Federal parole discharges						
	All	Sex		Race <sup>a</sup>			Hispanic <sup>c</sup>
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other <sup>b</sup>	
<b>Total</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Successful</b>	77.3 %	76.5 %	84.2 %	84.1 %	61.4 %	78.7 %	84.5 %
<b>Unsuccessful, returned to prison*</b>	21.4 %	22.1 %	15.1 %	14.7 %	36.9 %	20.5 %	14.7 %
<b>Death</b>	1.3 %	1.4 %	0.7 %	1.2 %	1.7 %	0.8 %	0.8 %
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	9,865	8,959	905	6,694	2,900	254	1,568

Note: Data on race were reported for 99.8% of the 9,865 Federal parole discharges, and data on Hispanic origin for 99.8%. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.  
 \*Includes those returned to prison with a new sentence, technical parole violators, and those returned pending parole revocation.

<sup>a</sup>Includes persons of Hispanic origin.  
<sup>b</sup>Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.  
<sup>c</sup>Includes persons of all races.

**Table 8-2. Federal parole discharges, 1989: Selected demographic characteristics, by method of parole discharge**

Characteristic	Federal parole discharges		
	All*	Method of parole discharge	
		Successful	Unsuccessful
<b>Total</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	90.8 %	89.9 %	93.5 %
Female	9.2	10.1	6.5
<b>Race</b>			
White	68.0 %	73.8 %	46.7 %
Black	29.4	27.6	50.8
Other	2.6	2.7	2.5
<b>Hispanic origin</b>			
Hispanic	15.9 %	16.8 %	10.8 %
Non-Hispanic	84.1	83.2	89.2
<b>Age at admission</b>			
Under 18	0.0 %**	1.4 %	4.2 %
18-24	3.8	3.9	2.8
25-29	14.8	14.6	15.2
30-34	19.9	18.5	23.2
35-44	38.6	35.5	38.2
45-54	18.5	17.3	12.0
55 and older	8.3	8.8	4.4
<b>Median age</b>	37 yrs.	38 yrs.	36 yrs.
<b>Education</b>			
8th grade or less	17.6 %	17.0 %	19.9 %
9th-11th grade	29.1	27.0	36.3
High school graduate	31.0	31.3	30.1
Some college	21.8	24.2	13.5
Other	0.5	0.5	0.2
<b>Median education</b>	12th grade	12th grade	9th-11th grade
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	9,865	7,621	2,114

Note: Data on age were reported for 98.0% of all Federal parole discharges, data on education were reported for 99.1%. Detail may not total because of rounding.

\*All parole discharges includes 130 who died while on parole.

\*\*Less than 0.05%.

**Table 8-3. Federal parole discharges, 1989:  
Method of parole discharge, by offense**

Most serious offense	Federal parole discharges				
	Number	Total	Successful completion of term	Unsuccessful completion of term	Death
<b>All offenses</b>	9,865	100 %	77.3 %	21.4 %	1.3 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,329	100 %	53.0 %	44.8 %	2.3 %
Homicide	13	100	100.0	0.0	0.0
Kidnaping	51	100	56.9	41.2	2.0
Rape	46	100	87.0	13.0	0.0
Other sexual assault	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Robbery	1,086	100	47.9	49.8	2.3
Assault	114	100	76.3	21.1	2.6
Other violent	19	100	78.9	15.8	5.3
<b>Property offenses</b>	2,756	100 %	75.4 %	23.4 %	1.3 %
Fraud offense	1,603	100	80.3	18.4	1.2
Embezzlement	576	100	89.8	9.4	0.9
Fraud	437	100	81.7	16.0	2.3
Forgery	488	100	66.9	32.1	1.1
Counterfeiting	122	100	82.8	17.2	0.0
Nonfraud offense	1,153	100	68.4	30.3	1.3
Burglary	143	100	51.0	46.2	2.8
Larceny/theft	812	100	68.8	30.3	0.9
Arson	7	100	85.7	14.3	0.0
Motor vehicle theft	172	100	79.7	18.0	2.3
Other property	19	100	73.7	26.3	0.0
<b>Drug offenses</b>	4,277	100 %	84.1 %	14.7 %	1.2 %
Possession	62	100	90.3	9.7	0.0
Trafficking	4,200	100	84.1	14.7	1.2
Other drug	15	100	66.7	33.3	0.0
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	1,416	100 %	82.5 %	16.5 %	1.0 %
Regulatory offense	21	100	95.2	4.8	0.0
Nonregulatory public-order	1,395	100	82.3	16.7	1.0
Weapons	504	100	78.8	20.4	0.8
Immigration	263	100	84.8	14.8	0.4
Tax law violations	135	100	94.8	3.0	2.2
Racketeering and extortion	192	100	83.3	15.6	1.0
Other public-order	301	100	79.7	18.9	1.3
<b>Other offenses</b>	87	100 %	85.1 %	14.9 %	0.0 %

Note: Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

**Table 8-4. Federal parole discharges, 1989:  
Offense, by method of parole discharge**

Most serious offense	Federal parole discharges		
	All*	Successful	Unsuccessful
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	13.5 %	9.2 %	28.1 %
Homicide	0.1	0.2	0.0
Kidnaping	0.5	0.4	1.0
Rape	0.5	0.5	0.3
Other sexual assault	0.0	0.0	0.0
Robbery	11.0	6.8	25.6
Assault	1.2	1.1	1.1
Other violent	0.2	0.2	0.1
<b>Property offenses</b>	27.9 %	27.3 %	30.5 %
Fraud offense	16.2	16.9	14.0
Embezzlement	5.8	6.8	2.6
Fraud	4.4	4.7	3.3
Forgery	4.7	4.1	7.1
Counterfeiting	1.2	1.3	1.0
Nonfraud offense	11.7	10.4	16.5
Burglary	1.4	1.0	3.1
Larceny/theft	8.2	7.3	11.8
Arson	0.1	0.1	0.0 **
Motor vehicle theft	1.7	1.8	1.5
Other property	0.2	0.2	0.2
<b>Drug offenses</b>	43.4 %	47.2 %	29.7 %
Possession	0.6	0.7	0.3
Trafficking	42.6	46.3	29.2
Other drug	0.2	0.1	0.2
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	14.4 %	15.3 %	11.1 %
Regulatory offense	0.2	0.3	0.0 **
Nonregulatory public-order	14.1	15.1	11.0
Weapons	5.1	5.2	4.9
Immigration	2.7	2.9	1.8
Tax law violations	1.4	1.7	0.2
Racketeering and extortion	1.9	2.1	1.4
Other public-order	3.1	3.1	2.7
<b>Other offenses</b>	0.9 %	1.0 %	0.6 %
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	9,865	7,621	2,114

\*Includes 130 parolees who died while on parole.

\*\*Less than 0.05%.

**Table 8-5. Federal parole discharges, 1989: Time served on parole, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Federal parole discharges										Median time served
		Total	Time served on parole in months									
			1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	13-18	19-24	25-30	31-36	Over 36	
<b>All offenses</b>	9,865	100 %	14.2 %	13.5 %	9.6 %	8.7 %	14.9 %	12.5 %	7.3 %	4.0 %	15.4 %	14 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,329	100 %	9.3 %	9.2 %	8.2 %	8.2 %	11.7 %	8.3 %	7.7 %	4.6 %	32.8 %	22 mos.
Homicide	13	100	53.8	7.7	23.1	0.0	0.0	7.7	0.0	0.0	7.7	3
Kidnaping	51	100	11.8	2.0	3.9	2.0	5.9	17.6	3.9	7.8	45.1	34
Rape	46	100	8.7	17.4	4.3	13.0	19.6	8.7	6.5	6.5	15.2	15
Other sexual assault	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	--
Robbery	1,086	100	7.4	7.9	8.4	8.3	11.7	8.0	8.4	4.2	35.7	24
Assault	114	100	19.3	17.5	7.0	7.9	14.0	7.0	5.3	7.0	14.9	13
Other violent	19	100	26.3	31.6	15.8	15.8	5.3	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	5
<b>Property offenses</b>	2,756	100 %	13.0 %	12.8 %	10.1 %	10.4 %	16.4 %	13.4 %	7.1 %	4.3 %	12.5 %	14 mos.
Fraud offense	1,603	100	13.7	13.7	10.4	11.6	16.5	14.2	5.9	3.9	10.0	13
Embezzlement	576	100	15.8	14.1	10.4	9.4	16.0	15.1	6.6	4.7	8.0	13
Fraud	437	100	13.7	14.4	9.6	13.7	16.2	14.4	5.7	3.2	8.9	13
Forgery	468	100	11.5	12.2	10.9	13.7	16.0	14.5	4.9	3.8	12.4	14
Counterfeiting	122	100	11.5	15.6	11.5	6.6	22.1	7.4	7.4	3.3	14.8	14
Nonfraud offense	1,153	100	12.1	11.5	9.6	8.7	16.2	12.3	8.8	4.9	16.0	15
Burglary	143	100	6.3	11.2	8.4	10.5	16.8	11.2	11.2	4.9	19.6	18
Larceny/theft	812	100	13.1	11.9	9.6	9.5	15.8	13.2	8.1	3.9	14.9	15
Arson	7	100	0.0	14.3	28.6	28.6	14.3	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	--
Motor vehicle theft	172	100	12.2	10.5	9.9	2.9	18.6	9.3	9.9	8.7	18.0	17
Other property	19	100	15.8	5.3	10.5	5.3	10.5	15.8	10.5	5.3	21.1	20
<b>Drug offenses</b>	4,277	100 %	15.6 %	14.7 %	9.7 %	8.3 %	14.5 %	13.0 %	7.9 %	3.8 %	12.5 %	14 mos.
Possession	62	100	12.9	4.8	6.5	3.2	8.1	24.2	6.5	6.5	27.4	24
Trafficking	4,200	100	15.7	14.8	9.7	8.4	14.6	12.9	7.9	3.8	12.2	14
Other drug	15	100	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	26.7	13.3	6.7	0.0	26.7	18
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	1,416	100 %	16.7 %	14.1 %	10.1 %	7.1 %	15.8 %	13.5 %	5.4 %	3.5 %	13.7 %	14 mos.
Regulatory offense	21	100	9.5	9.5	4.8	14.3	19.0	19.0	4.8	4.8	14.3	17
Nonregulatory public-order	1,395	100	16.8	14.2	10.2	7.0	15.8	13.4	5.4	3.4	13.7	14
Weapons	504	100	20.2	17.7	9.3	7.3	15.7	8.1	5.8	3.4	12.5	11
Immigration	263	100	15.2	9.9	11.0	6.8	13.7	23.6	3.8	3.4	12.5	15
Tax law violations	135	100	17.8	17.0	11.1	6.7	10.4	17.0	6.7	5.9	7.4	11
Racketeering and extortion	192	100	10.9	9.9	8.9	8.3	17.2	12.5	6.3	1.6	24.5	16
Other public-order	301	100	15.9	13.6	11.3	6.0	19.3	12.3	5.3	3.7	12.6	14
<b>Other offenses</b>	87	100 %	12.6 %	28.7 %	9.2 %	8.0 %	18.4 %	10.3 %	4.6 %	1.1 %	6.9 %	10 mos.

Note: Detail may not add to total because of rounding.  
 -- No median was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

**Table 8-6. Successful Federal parole discharges, 1989:  
Time served on parole, by offense and race**

Most serious offense	Successful Federal parole discharges					
	White			Black		
	Percent	Median <sup>a</sup>	Mean <sup>b</sup>	Percent	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	14 mos.	18 mos.	100 %	12 mos.	18 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	6.3 %	33 mos.	34 mos.	14.9 %	24 mos.	32 mos.
Homicide	0.1	--	--	0.1	--	--
Kidnaping	0.4	36	38	0.5	--	--
Rape	0.1	--	--	0.3	--	--
Other sexual assault	0.0	--	--	0.0	--	--
Robbery	5.1	37	37	12.6	27	33
Assault	0.4	18	25	1.3	13	17
Other violent	0.2	5	7	0.1	--	--
<b>Property offenses</b>	24.1 %	14 mos.	18 mos.	37.9 %	11 mos.	16 mos.
Fraud offense	15.7	13	16	21.6	11	14
Embezzlement	7.3	13	16	5.4	12	15
Fraud	4.4	13	15	6.0	10	13
Forgery	2.6	15	18	9.2	10	15
Counterfeiting	1.4	13	16	1.1	12	18
Nonfraud offense	8.4	18	20	16.3	13	18
Burglary	0.7	21	23	1.6	18	25
Larceny/theft	5.7	18	20	12.2	11	16
Arson	0.1	--	--	0.1	--	--
Motor vehicle theft	1.7	18	21	2.1	12	18
Other property	0.2	18	18	0.2	--	--
<b>Drug offenses</b>	51.4 %	14 mos.	17 mos.	36.8 %	10 mos.	16 mos.
Possession	0.7	22	23	1.0	24	25
Trafficking	50.7	14	17	35.5	10	15
Other drug	0.1	--	--	0.3	--	--
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	16.9 %	12 mos.	16 mos.	10.2 %	14 mos.	19 mos.
Regulatory offense	0.3	15	19	0.1	--	--
Nonregulatory public-order	16.6	12	16	10.1	14	18
Weapons	5.3	9	15	5.1	10	14
Immigration	3.5	14	16	0.8	24	24
Tax law violations	2.1	10	15	0.5	--	--
Racketeering and extortion	2.5	16	21	1.1	15	23
Other public-order	3.2	11	16	2.6	15	24
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.2 %	9 mos.	13 mos.	0.3 %	--	--
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	5,631			1,781		

-- No mean or median was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

<sup>a</sup>Includes sentences of "life."

<sup>b</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

**Table 8-7. Unsuccessful Federal parole discharges, 1989:  
Time served on parole, by offense and race**

Most serious offense	Unsuccessful Federal parole discharges					
	White			Black		
	Percent	Median <sup>a</sup>	Mean <sup>b</sup>	Percent	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	17 mos.	27 mos.	100 %	18 mos.	24 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	24.2 %	16 mos.	27 mos.	31.5 %	20 mos.	28 mos.
Homicide	0.0	--	--			
Kidnaping	1.1	33	40	0.9	23	32
Rape	0.0	--	--	0.2	--	--
Other sexual assault	0.0	--	--	0.0	--	--
Robbery	22.0	16	27	29.5	20	28
Assault	0.7	--	--	0.9	29	25
Other violent	0.3	--	--	0.0	--	--
<b>Property offenses</b>	28.0 %	18 mos.	27 mos.	33.0 %	18 mos.	22 mos.
Fraud offense	13.5	18	27	14.9	15	20
Embezzlement	2.9	19	30	2.3	12	14
Fraud	3.7	18	23	3.1	16	22
Forgery	5.5	15	27	8.8	16	21
Counterfeiting	1.4	24	36	0.7	--	--
Nonfraud offense	14.5	17	26	18.1	17	23
Burglary	1.7	14	22	4.4	21	27
Larceny/theft	10.5	16	23	12.5	15	22
Arson	0.0	--	--	0.1	--	--
Motor vehicle theft	2.1	28	41	0.9	15	23
Other property	0.2	--	--	0.2	--	--
<b>Drug offenses</b>	34.1 %	16	26	26.5 %	18	22
Possession	0.4	--	--	0.2	--	--
Trafficking	33.7	16	26	25.8	18	23
Other drug	0.0	--	--	0.5	--	--
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	12.6 %	22 mos.	27 mos.	8.8 %	18 mos.	23 mos.
Regulatory offense	0.1	--	--	0.0	--	--
Nonregulatory public-order	12.5	22	27	8.8	18	23
Weapons	5.0	16	24	4.9	17	20
Immigration	2.4	22	25	0.7	--	--
Tax law violations	0.4	--	--	0.0	--	--
Racketeering and extortion	1.9	27	33	1.0	13	19
Other public-order	2.7	17	26	2.2	19	28
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.1 %	15	16	0.2 %	--	--
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	985			1,069		

-- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

<sup>a</sup>Includes sentences of "life."

<sup>b</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

**Table 8-8. Successful and unsuccessful Federal parole discharges, 1989: Time served in prison and on parole, by offense and method of parole discharge**

Most serious offense	Months served by Federal parole discharges									
	Number	Successful discharges				Unsuccessful discharges				
		In prison		On parole		In prison		On parole		
		Median <sup>a</sup>	Mean <sup>b</sup>	Median	Mean	Number	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	7,518	26 mos.	38 mos.	13 mos.	17 mos.	2,017	44 mos.	60 mos.	17 mos.	21 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	652	49 mos.	67 mos.	24 mos.	27 mos.	552	81 mos.	93 mos.	17 mos.	23 mos.
Homicide	12	25	24	4	10	0	---	---	---	---
Kidnaping	25	53	69	24	32	19	126	141	25	30
Rape	38	43	57	15	18	6	---	---	---	---
Other sexual assault	0	---	---	---	---	0	---	---	---	---
Robbery	477	57	74	29	30	500	80	92	17	23
Assault	85	37	43	10	16	24	67	77	17	21
Other violent	15	45	45	5	7	3	---	---	---	---
<b>Property offenses</b>	2,059	25 mos.	33 mos.	13 mos.	16 mos.	623	35 mos.	44 mos.	16 mos.	21 mos.
Fraud offense	1,283	24	29	12	15	263	31	41	15	20
Embezzlement	514	23	26	12	15	51	36	43	13	18
Fraud	356	22	25	12	15	70	23	30	16	23
Forgery	312	27	37	12	16	143	33	45	15	19
Counterfeiting	101	26	32	12	16	19	33	48	19	27
Nonfraud offense	776	29	40	15	18	340	37	46	16	22
Burglary	69	41	58	16	19	65	52	63	18	23
Larceny/theft	552	28	38	14	18	241	35	42	15	21
Arson	6	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---
Motor vehicle theft	135	27	40	16	19	28	37	45	20	25
Other property	14	38	43	19	19	5	---	---	---	---
<b>Drug offenses</b>	3,576	28 mos.	33 mos.	13 mos.	17 mos.	601	36 mos.	48 mos.	17 mos.	20 mos.
Possession	56	23	25	24	24	5	---	---	---	---
Trafficking	3,510	26	32	12	16	591	35	48	16	20
Other drug	10	85	111	20	27	5	---	---	---	---
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	1,157	25 mos.	34 mos.	12 mos.	16 mos.	228	42 mos.	61 mos.	19 mos.	23 mos.
Regulatory offense	20	26	28	17	20	1	---	---	---	---
Nonregulatory public-order	1,137	25	34	12	16	227	42	61	19	23
Weapons	394	28	38	9	14	99	42	61	16	20
Immigration	222	18	24	15	17	39	24	42	22	24
Tax law violations	128	23	26	10	15	4	---	---	---	---
Racketeering and extortion	158	33	38	15	20	30	51	56	24	28
Other public-order	235	24	37	12	16	55	45	79	17	23
<b>Other offenses</b>	74	24 mos.	24 mos.	9 mos.	14 mos.	13	24 mos.	26 mos.	13 mos.	15 mos.

Note: Data are based on persons discharged from parole supervision to no other criminal justice status and for whom time served in prison and time served on parole were reported for most serious offense. Data on time served in prison were reported for 98.0% of the 9,734 successful and unsuccessful parole discharges. Parolees who died were not included.

--- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

<sup>a</sup>Includes sentences of "life."

<sup>b</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

**Table 8-9. Successful and unsuccessful Federal parole discharges, 1989:  
Time served under correctional supervision, by offense  
and method of parole discharge**

Most serious offense	Federal parole discharges, time served in prison and on parole					
	Successful			Unsuccessful		
	Percent	Median <sup>a</sup>	Mean <sup>b</sup>	Percent	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100 %	42 mos.	53 mos.	100 %	68 mos.	82 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	8.7 %	81 mos.	94 mos.	27.4 %	104 mos.	115 mos.
Homicide	0.2	31	33	0.0	--	--
Kidnaping	0.3	98	102	0.9	166	172
Rape	0.5	73	75	0.3	--	--
Other sexual assault	0.0	--	--	0.0	--	--
Robbery	6.3	94	104	24.8	103	114
Assault	1.1	53	59	1.2	91	98
Other violent	0.2	54	51	0.1	--	--
<b>Property offenses</b>	27.4 %	39 mos.	50 mos.	30.9 %	55 mos.	65 mos.
Fraud offense	17.1	37	44	14.0	52	62
Embezzlement	6.8	37	41	2.5	56	61
Fraud	4.7	35	40	3.5	43	53
Forgery	4.2	41	53	7.1	53	64
Counterfeiting	1.3	40	49	0.9	71	75
Nonfraud offense	10.3	50	58	16.9	57	68
Burglary	0.9	66	77	3.2	80	87
Larceny/theft	7.3	46	56	11.9	53	63
Arson	0.1	--	--	0.0 *	--	--
Motor vehicle theft	1.8	49	59	1.4	58	70
Other property	0.2	58	62	0.2	--	--
<b>Drug offenses</b>	47.6 %	40 mos.	49 mos.	29.8 %	55 mos.	68 mos.
Possession	0.7	50	48	0.2	--	--
Trafficking	46.7	40	49	29.3	55	68
Other drug	0.1	116	138	0.2	--	--
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	15.4 %	38 mos.	50 mos.	11.3 %	65 mos.	84 mos.
Regulatory offense	0.3	40	48	0.0 *	--	--
Nonregulatory public-order	15.1	36	50	11.3	65	84
Weapons	5.2	41	52	4.9	63	81
Immigration	3.0	34	41	1.9	58	66
Tax law violations	1.7	34	41	0.2	--	--
Racketeering and extortion	2.1	52	58	1.5	81	85
Other public-order	3.1	38	53	2.7	77	102
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.0 %	32 mos.	38 mos.	0.6 %	40 mos.	40 mos.
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	7,518			2,017		

-- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

\*Less than 0.05%.

<sup>a</sup>Includes sentences of "life."

<sup>b</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

**Table 8-10. Successful and unsuccessful Federal parole discharges, 1989: Time served under correctional supervision and percent of time served in prison and on parole, by offense and method of parole discharge**

Most serious offense	Federal parole discharges					
	Successful			Unsuccessful		
	Total mean time under correctional supervision	Mean percent of total time served		Total mean time under correctional supervision	Mean percent of total time served	
	In prison	On parole	In prison	On parole		
<b>All offenses</b>	53 mos.	67.4 %	32.6 %	82 mos.	73.8 %	26.2 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	94 mos.	71.4 %	28.6 %	115 mos.	80.4 %	19.6 %
Homicide	33	71.2	28.8	--	0.0	0.0
Kidnaping	102	68.2	31.8	172	82.3	17.7
Rape	75	75.9	24.1	133	86.5	13.5
Other sexual assault	--	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	0.0
Robbery	104	71.0	29.0	114	80.3	19.7
Assault	59	72.2	27.8	98	78.5	21.5
Other violent	51	86.8	13.2	32	65.1	34.9
<b>Property offenses</b>	50 mos.	66.9 %	33.1 %	65 mos.	67.5 %	32.5 %
Fraud offense	44	65.2	34.8	62	66.9	33.1
Embezzlement	41	62.9	37.1	61	71.0	29.0
Fraud	40	63.3	36.7	53	57.3	42.7
Forgery	53	69.4	30.6	64	69.8	30.2
Counterfeiting	49	66.5	33.5	75	63.6	36.4
Nonfraud offense	58	69.0	31.0	68	67.9	32.1
Burglary	77	75.2	24.8	87	73.0	27.0
Larceny/theft	56	68.4	31.6	63	66.9	33.1
Arson	45	67.5	32.5	49	78.0	22.0
Motor vehicle theft	59	67.5	32.5	70	64.9	35.1
Other property	62	69.0	31.0	59	43.2	56.8
<b>Drug offenses</b>	49 mos.	66.3 %	33.7 %	68 mos.	70.5 %	29.5 %
Possession	48	50.7	49.3	68	51.0	49.0
Trafficking	49	66.4	33.6	68	70.6	29.4
Other drug	136	80.2	19.8	96	80.7	19.3
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	50 mos.	67.6 %	32.4 %	84 mos.	72.9 %	27.1 %
Regulatory offense	48	58.0	42.0	78	78.2	21.8
Nonregulatory public-order	50	67.8	32.2	84	72.9	27.1
Weapons	52	72.4	27.6	81	75.6	24.4
Immigration	41	59.4	40.6	66	63.8	36.2
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Racketeering and extortion	58	64.9	35.1	85	66.5	33.5
Other public-order	53	70.4	29.6	102	77.2	22.8
<b>Other offenses</b>	38 mos.	63.9 %	36.1 %	40 mos.	63.6 %	36.4 %
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	7,518			2,017		

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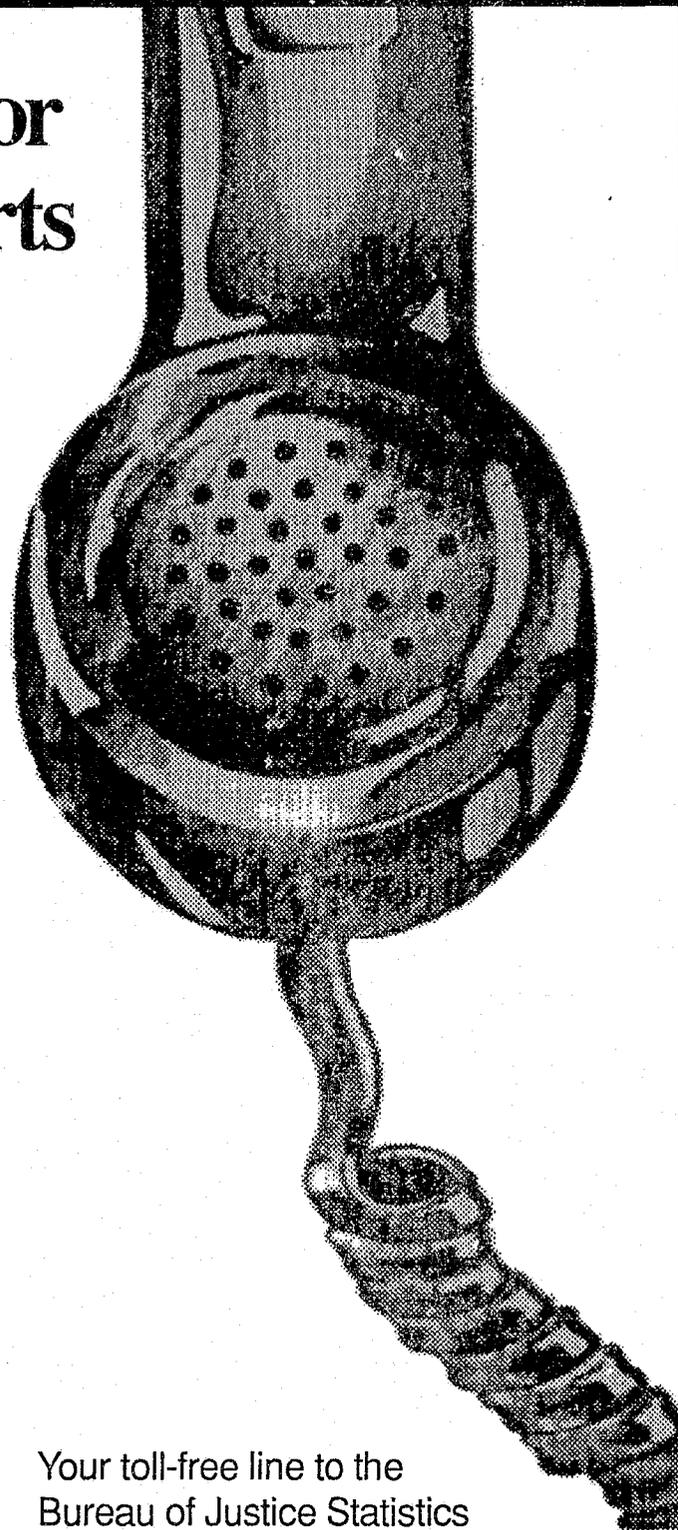
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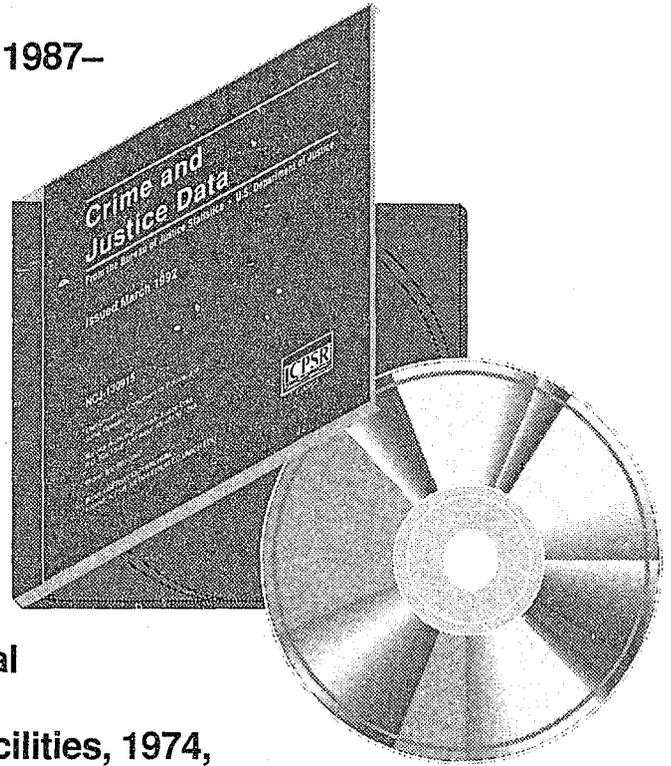
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