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**SENTENCE LENGTH FOR DEFENDANTS IN
APPEALS CASES IN EACH PRIMARY OFFENSE CATEGORY
Fiscal Year 2015**

PRIMARY OFFENSE	APPELLATE COURT CASES ¹				DISTRICT COURT CASES ²			
	N	%	Mean Mths	Median Mths	N	%	Mean Mths	Median Mths
TOTAL	4,623	100.0	136	97	71,002	100.0	43	21
Murder	9	0.2	247	240	93	0.1	285	300
Manslaughter	0	0.0	--	--	52	0.1	78	60
Kidnapping/Hostage Taking	12	0.3	257	237	43	0.1	235	240
Sexual Abuse	73	1.6	223	200	528	0.7	127	120
Assault	43	0.9	88	60	757	1.1	29	15
Robbery	90	1.9	147	135	739	1.0	77	63
Arson	8	0.2	142	87	59	0.1	82	60
Drugs - Trafficking	1,456	31.5	183	156	20,038	28.2	67	50
Drugs - Communication Facility	4	0.1	62	60	316	0.4	28	24
Drugs - Simple Possession	2	0.0	--	--	2,277	3.2	5	6
Firearms	800	17.3	169	147	7,069	10.0	77	58
Burglary/B&E	2	0.0	--	--	36	0.1	25	14
Auto Theft	14	0.3	147	98	62	0.1	84	42
Larceny	41	0.9	60	30	914	1.3	11	2
Fraud	618	13.4	89	66	7,420	10.5	26	14
Embezzlement	5	0.1	66	51	342	0.5	10	1
Forgery/Counterfeiting	28	0.6	34	29	511	0.7	16	12
Bribery	10	0.2	50	44	217	0.3	27	18
Tax	32	0.7	50	36	561	0.8	13	10
Money Laundering	50	1.1	112	81	669	0.9	29	18
Racketeering/Extortion	62	1.3	245	184	1,006	1.4	79	51
Gambling/Lottery	1	0.0	--	--	77	0.1	5	4
Civil Rights	2	0.0	--	--	48	0.1	31	11
Immigration	824	17.8	45	41	20,771	29.3	14	9
Child Pornography	210	4.5	222	180	1,903	2.7	130	96
Prison Offenses	23	0.5	34	30	485	0.7	13	11
Administration of Justice Offenses	97	2.1	47	27	1,174	1.7	17	12
Environmental/Wildlife	10	0.2	23	21	158	0.2	4	0
National Defense	11	0.2	70	60	100	0.1	60	36
Antitrust	0	0.0	--	--	15	0.0	42	15
Food & Drug	3	0.1	26	0	147	0.2	6	0
Other Miscellaneous Offenses	83	1.8	134	87	2,415	3.4	15	0

¹ Based on 4,902 appeals cases with sentencing as at least one of the reason for appeal. These cases were merged with the U.S. Sentencing Commission's Monitoring Datafiles from 1989-2015 (MONFY89, MONFY90, USSCFY91 - USSCFY15). Of the 4,625 matched cases, two were excluded due to missing information on sentence (1) and missing information on type of offense (1).

² All guideline cases sentenced in Fiscal Year 2015. Of the 71,003 cases, one was excluded due to indeterminable sentencing information. Descriptions of variables used in this table are provided in Appendix A.