

**Table 40**

**EXTENT OF DOWNWARD VARIANCES  
BY TYPE OF CRIME<sup>1</sup>  
Fiscal Year 2023**

TYPE OF CRIME	N	Mean			Median		
		Sentence In Months	Decrease In Months	Percent Decrease	Sentence In Months	Decrease In Months	Percent Decrease
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,758</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>35.1</b>
Administration of Justice	247	14	14	64.7	6	10	67.5
Antitrust	4	6	11	70.2	3	12	83.2
Arson	27	37	27	45.7	27	16	36.6
Assault	271	60	28	37.7	37	15	28.5
Bribery/Corruption	144	20	21	56.9	12	15	56.4
Burglary/Trespass	17	13	14	55.7	12	12	45.5
Child Pornography	774	85	50	38.8	72	42	36.0
Commercialized Vice	30	10	10	62.8	8	9	59.7
Drug Possession	5	2	4	82.7	0	2	97.0
Drug Trafficking	7,446	79	42	38.8	63	30	31.8
Environmental	41	5	13	84.2	0	12	100.0
Extortion/Racketeering	72	27	19	51.7	18	12	44.0
Firearms	3,110	36	20	43.1	27	12	33.2
Food and Drug	19	24	26	58.0	18	21	64.7
Forgery/Counter/Copyright	48	15	19	64.9	6	9	80.0
Fraud/Theft/Embezzlement	2,081	19	16	57.8	12	11	51.4
Immigration	1,954	12	8	46.2	8	6	37.3
Individual Rights	38	34	21	58.7	12	12	47.4
Kidnapping	25	140	83	34.1	150	59	28.1
Manslaughter	19	35	15	40.6	24	15	23.8
Money Laundering	493	52	36	48.2	30	21	41.7
Murder	105	194	68	28.0	204	60	23.4
National Defense	96	35	36	57.2	23	22	53.1
Obscenity/Other Sex Offenses	115	13	11	47.4	12	9	40.0
Prison Offenses	136	10	8	45.8	11	6	38.9
Robbery	572	91	30	27.3	84	22	20.7
Sexual Abuse	452	155	72	33.9	144	60	28.6
Stalking/Harassing	86	13	13	54.2	12	10	41.4
Tax	299	12	16	65.1	6	12	66.7
Other	32	7	10	78.5	0	6	98.2

<sup>1</sup> Of the 64,124 cases, in 19,232 the sentence was a variance below the guideline range, either due to a government motion for a variance (6,384) or a non-government variance (12,848). Due to an inability to calculate the extent of departure for cases with a guideline minimum of life, 204 sentenced individuals were excluded from this table. Also, 269 individuals were excluded due to several logical criteria. Of the remaining 18,759 cases, one was excluded due to missing sentence information. Sentences greater than 470 months and probation were included in the sentence average computations as 470 months and zero months, respectively. The information in this table includes conditions of confinement as described in USSG §5C1.1. Descriptions of variables used in this table are provided in Appendix A.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2023 Datafile, USSCFY23.