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**SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE CASES: DEGREE OF DEPARTURE
FOR OFFENDERS IN EACH PRIMARY OFFENSE CATEGORY¹
Fiscal Year 2003**

PRIMARY OFFENSE	n	Median Sentence in Months ²	DEGREE OF DECREASE FOR SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE	
			Median Decrease in Months From Guideline Minimum	Median Percent Decrease From Guideline Minimum
TOTAL	9,742	33.0	26.0	49.9
Murder	7	360.0	23.4	52.3
Manslaughter	0	--	--	--
Kidnapping/Hostage Taking	4	198.5	12.0	37.5
Sexual Abuse	7	27.0	26.0	47.4
Assault	7	14.0	7.0	56.1
Robbery	205	57.0	24.0	33.3
Arson	12	24.0	21.5	47.7
Drugs - Trafficking	6,337	48.0	37.0	45.2
Drugs - Communication Facility	55	21.0	18.0	50.0
Drugs - Simple Possession	6	12.0	22.0	80.0
Firearms	714	31.5	20.0	46.8
Burglary/B&E	2	--	--	--
Auto Theft	30	16.5	16.4	60.9
Larceny	127	2.0	9.0	80.0
Fraud	994	0.0	12.0	99.9
Embezzlement	33	0.0	9.0	100.0
Forgery/Counterfeiting	133	5.0	8.0	66.7
Bribery	28	0.0	9.5	100.0
Tax	82	0.0	11.0	100.0
Money Laundering	197	12.0	18.0	59.5
Racketeering/Extortion	164	24.0	25.0	60.0
Gambling/Lottery	25	0.0	6.0	100.0
Civil Rights	10	12.0	12.0	55.6
Immigration	325	13.0	8.6	40.0
Pornography/Prostitution	24	15.0	16.5	54.4
Prison Offenses	15	18.0	7.0	35.1
Administration of Justice Offenses	103	0.0	12.0	100.0
Environmental/Wildlife	13	0.0	12.0	100.0
National Defense	2	--	--	--
Antitrust	1	--	--	--
Food & Drug	11	0.0	12.0	100.0
Other Miscellaneous Offenses	69	8.0	14.0	66.7

¹Of the 70,258 cases, 10,360 received a substantial assistance departure. Of these, 10,052 had complete guideline application information. An additional 267 cases were excluded due to several logical criteria. Of the remaining 9,785 cases, 43 were excluded due to one or both of the following reasons: missing primary offense category (1) or missing sentence information (43).

²Cases with guideline minimums of life or probation (i.e., sentence lengths of zero months) were included in the sentence average computations as 470 months and zero months respectively, but were excluded from measures of decrease in the table.